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TO: ALL YEAR 4 PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: SPRING TERM TRIPS AND STAFFING

STAFFING UPDATE

This term we are delighted to welcome Penny Bush (Lowry class teacher) and Olivia Sharp (Teaching Assistant) to our Year 4 team. Penny returned to Boxgrove last term after working here several years ago and has already spent time getting to know the children in preparation for this term. Olivia has also worked at Boxgrove before, and joins us fresh from her travels in the Southern Hemisphere.

As a reminder, the staff in Year 4 are:

- Mr Ben Stevenson – Cook class teacher, Lower KS2 Phase Leader.
- Mrs Christine Robinson – Earhart class teacher (Tue-Fri), Year Group Leader.
- Mrs Jules Hall - Earhart class teacher (Mon).
- Mrs Penny Bush – Lowry class teacher.
- Mr Tom Hunt – Trainee Teacher.
- Mrs Debbie Cadge – Higher Level Teaching Assistant.
- Mrs Alison Kulczyk – Teaching Assistant.
- Mrs Carol Frost - Teaching Assistant.
- Miss Olivia Sharp - Teaching Assistant.
- Mrs Tess Lees - Teaching Assistant.

This term, Mr Hunt will move into Earhart class to continue his teacher training. He will teach some lessons in Earhart class (and across the year group), mentored and supported by Mrs Robinson.

INDIAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP – Wednesday 13 February 2019

As part of our Spring topic on India, Year 4 will be taking part in an Indian drumming workshop. The children will explore Indian music and learn to play Indian drums. In the workshops the children will use a range of Dhol drums and other percussion instruments to create a whole class sound. At the end of the day, each class will perform a piece they have learned to the rest of the year group. **You are warmly invited to join us in the Bull Hall from 2:40pm to share these performances.**

NOWER WOOD – Thursday 9 May 2019

In the Summer term, as part of our 'Great Outdoor' topic, we have arranged for the children to visit Nower Wood in Leatherhead, Surrey. The children will experience a variety of activities at Nower Wood including two workshops: 'Minibeasts' and 'Pond Dipping'. The children will explore the different creatures that can be found in these habitats, investigating why they can be found in varying conditions and how animals are adapted accordingly.

We aim to leave school at 9:15am and will arrive back at school by the end of the school day. We would therefore ask that you provide your child with a named packed lunch (no flasks/cans/glass bottles please) in a disposable bag. We also ask that the children come in their own clothes with a raincoat and wellies or trainers as they may get muddy.



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We are really looking forward to this exciting trip and hope that it will be a memorable day for your child. If you are able to help on the day, please email the school on info@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk. If we have too many offers of help, we will 'pull names from a hat'.

In order to cover the cost of the Indian Drumming Workshop, Nower Wood coach travel and workshops we would be grateful if you could make a voluntary contribution of **£20.50**. Please make cheques payable to *Boxgrove Primary School*. Alternatively you may pay using our online payment system at www.scopay.com/boxgrove. Pupils will not be excluded from the visit because parents are not in a position to contribute, but as we are not able to fund the activity in any other way it will be cancelled unless we cover costs. If you are experiencing financial difficulty and would like to discuss payment for this trip please contact Mr Stevenson, Lower KS2 Phase Leader, via the School Office.

Housekeeping

We would be grateful if you could please ensure that your child is fully equipped for school each day. In KS2 the children are expected to have their own pens and pencils and to be responsible for these items. As a reminder, your child is expected to have the following items in school **every day**:

- A small pencil case – at a minimum this should contain a blue handwriting pen, a pencil, a rubber and a glue stick.
- A water bottle.
- Trainers: the children are expected to wear these at break and lunchtime to help keep the classrooms clean. We also have several lessons outside each week.
- PE kit: our PE day is Thursday, but we occasionally have extra lessons on other days of the week.
- Reading record.

In Year 4, we encourage the children to be independent and to understand that it is their responsibility (and not their parents'!) to be prepared each day with this equipment and to take care of it. We appreciate that to start with, some children will need your support to be prepared each day, but we would be very grateful for your help with this.

Yours sincerely



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