

Boxgrove Primary School

September Newsletter 1



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Welcome back!

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year here at Boxgrove Primary School. It has been so



nice to welcome back parents, carers and children back to school! I do hope you have all had a safe and enjoyable summer break.

We welcome new children to our school, many of which in our Nursery and Reception classes that will be starting over the next few weeks. We also welcome a number of children to our school that are new to the area.

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*Best wishes,
Mr Rae*

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome further new members of staff to the official Boxgrove family!



Ms Aboagye
Class Teacher
RLA



Mr Cavendish
Class Teacher
2JC



Mr Hartshorne
Class Teacher
6AH



Ms Balogun
Year 3
Support Staff



Ms Aggarwal
EYFS
Support Staff



Ms Lawrence
Class Teacher
3AL



Ms Tomlin
Class Teacher
5KT



Ms Rufai
Year 2
Support Staff



Ms Agese
Year 4
Support Staff



Ms Vaiphei
Year 1
Support Staff

Attendance

Children attending school on a regular basis is crucial to allowing them to achieve their full potential. At Boxgrove, we aim for at least 97% attendance for all children, as we want the best for our children.

Once children reach the age of 5 years old, it is a government expectation that children are in school every day and if attendance does drop below the threshold, then attendance meetings will take place to explore why this is not the case. If the situation does not improve, then parents can be fined by the local authority for poor attendance. We obviously don't want this to happen and will look to work with families as much as possible to support the children coming into school.

To ensure that the children get the opportunity to maximise their learning, the bell will ring in the morning at 8:55am. This allows the children to be in class and starting their learning at 9:00am. At the end of the day, the children will be ready to collect (or walk home if they are in Year 6 and have permission) at 3:30pm. This allows them to have a full school day of learning. Please ensure that you are punctual for both dropping off in the morning and collection at the end of the day.



Secondary Transfer Meeting

As part of our transition programme with local secondary schools, we have arranged a transition



evening at Boxgrove Primary School. The purpose of this meeting is to explain the secondary transfer process and the necessary steps required when applying for a secondary place for your child. This meeting will take place on:

Tuesday 13th September 6pm-7pm

Hopefully at this meeting, you will have the opportunity to hear from, and ask questions, to local secondary school representatives and discuss with staff any questions that you may have about the transition process.

Please take time to look at the Greenwich Secondary School admission booklet which is available online from the Royal Borough of Greenwich Website at the following address:

<https://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&edid=de474c7b-188f-467e-bab1-41c9ebe2f9ae>

This booklet contains information on school open days and a section on how to apply for a secondary place.

We advise parents to visit a variety of schools, if possible, in order to make an informed decision about where your child will attend secondary school. All visits to secondary schools will be entered in the register as an approved absence. We ask that children return to Boxgrove Primary School after visiting prospective schools during school times.

Reception Applications for September

As some of you may be aware, the applications for Reception places have opened. If you are interested or know someone that is, in your child attending Boxgrove Primary School then please use the following link:



https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200286/apply_for_a_school_place/458/apply_for_a_primary_school_place

All applications are made via the borough and not the school directly. If you have a child the attends our Nursery, you will also need to complete an application form, as Nursery children are not automatically allocated a space in our Reception classes.

Stage of process	Date
Application period starts	1 September 2022
Closing date for applications	15 January 2023
Outcome of applications	17 April 2023
Deadline for accepting the offer	2 May 2023
Appeal hearings	June and July 2023

The closing date for applications is: 15th January 2023

Please look out for further information, regarding parent information meetings and school tours.

Street Tag

A huge well done and congratulation



to everyone who has downloaded and has been actively using the Street Tag app. Last term, Boxgrove were awarded 3rd place 3, 226, 830.

With 17 schools involved across the Greenwich borough, we have collectively achieved:

Over 73 million steps

Over 66 thousand active miles covered

Over 85 thousand virtual street tags collected

Medication/No Nuts!

A reminder to all parents that medication for children should be handed into the office. You will be asked to complete a form, in order for the school to administer medication. Please ensure that you are aware of expiry dates so you can request new medications in plenty of time.



Boxgrove Primary is a 'No Nuts'.

This includes items in packed lunches that contain nuts such as chocolate spread, biscuits, etc.

Thank you for your support and cooperation with this.

Celebration Assemblies

We are excited to announce the return of 'Celebration Assemblies' at its brand new time of 9am, every Friday morning!

If you are attending the weekly celebration assembly, please drop your child/ren off, in the playground as usual, then make your way round to the main office where office staff will direct you through the school.

In these assemblies, we will celebrate the learning that has taken place in one class. If your child's class is not listed in this half term's dates, then worry not, they will be scheduled for later in the school year. Please keep checking ParentMail and we look forward to seeing you there.



Date:	Event:
16 th September at 9am	6LP Class Assembly
23 rd September at 9am	1KB Class Assembly
30 th September at 9am	4SP Class Assembly
7 th October at 9am	2SR Class Assembly
14 th October at 9am	5HF Class Assembly
21 st October at 9am	1SO Class Assembly

Well done MSE Play!

At the end of the summer term, MSE were visited by OFSTED and met all requirements for an after school childcare provision.

OFSTED reported, 'Children are happy and eager to attend the club' and 'Children show the warm relationships that they develop with staff.'

Also reported was the links that MSE Play make with the children's education, saying, 'Children build on their communication and language skills as they discuss what they experienced during the school day. Children enjoy opportunities to further develop their mathematical awareness.'

Feedback from parents was also extremely positive, 'They notice the play and social skills that their children develop.'

A huge well done to all of the staff in MSE Play. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.



Year 6 Secondary Transition Meeting - Tuesday
13th September 6pm-7pm

Year 5 Class TBC start swimming - Friday 16th
September

Jeans for Genes Day - Friday 23rd September

Book fair - Friday 23rd September to Wednesday
28th September (3.30-4.15pm)

October half term - Monday 24th October to Friday
28th October

INSET Day - Monday 31st October

Children return Tuesday 1st November