

Boorley Park News and Updates

8th December 2023



Boorley Park School

OpenBox Pantomime

On Wednesday, OpenBox theatre came into school to perform Sleeping Beauty and the Nativity to us. It was funny and they made us laugh lots. They had really funny costumes, puffy clothes and funky shoes. It was a great treat and it helped us to see what a real performance looks like (with only 2 actors). Thank you to the PTA for paying for the performance for us.



By Darcie W and Darcie K, Year 2

Parent Governors

Thank you to everyone who voted in our parent governor elections.

We are delighted to welcome Matt Bennett as a new governor and Rosemary Dawson-Edwards has been re-elected for a second four-year term. She will continue in her role as Chair of our Local Governing Body, Thank you to all of the candidates who stood for election; we appreciate you putting yourselves forward to support the school.

Spotlight On... Our Core Values

Our 'Core Values' underpin everything we do at Boorley Park. They form the whole ethos of our school and much of the term is spent revisiting what the core values mean, why they are important life skills, how we can show them and the kind of things we can do to improve in them.

The children learn about them every day through both the formal curriculum with planned, taught activities and day-to-day interactions within school.

Our core values are:

- Courage—we are enthusiastic and willing to try new things.
- Determination— we always try to achieve our best and never give up.
- Generosity—we work together with kindness and understanding.
- Integrity—we always tell the truth. We do what is right.
- Pride—we look after our school and everything and everyone in it.
- Respect— we are kind, helpful and respectful.



These values also underpin our behaviour system. We award certificates linked to each of the core values every Friday afternoon in our celebration assembly. The children can earn a certificate for showing one of the core values and there is no limit to how many certificates each child can get over the course of the year. When things occasionally go wrong, we also reflect on which of the core values we struggled with and what we could do differently next time.

Our Assembly Theme This Week

This week we focused on why we celebrate Christmas.

We talked about all our different ideas of what Christmas means to us and then focused on why Christians celebrate Christmas. We watched an animation of the story of the Nativity and who the main characters were.

We then thought about the symbols that we see at Christmas that are linked to the Nativity and the children came up with lots of great links:

- stars or angels on the Christmas tree or in decorations;
- some people have Nativity scenes in their houses and you see them when you are out and about;
- presents like those the Three Wise Men gave to Jesus.

We set the children the challenge of looking for as many symbols of the nativity as they could this week. The children have been telling their teachers lots of the things they have spotted.



School Disco Reminder - Thursday 14th December

Year R & 1: 4.15pm-5pm

Year 2,3,4 & 4: 5.15pm-6.15pm

Year R, 1 & 2 - Drop off and pick up from the classrooms

Year 3 & 4 - Drop off and collect from the hall

All children require a named water bottle

Christmas Jumper Day Reminder - Friday 15th December

The children are invited to come into school on this day in non-school uniform. A Christmas jumper is optional (please make sure they are wearing clothes suitable for the weather, including footwear and a coat!) in exchange for a donation to Save the Children.



School Christmas Lunch Reminder - Friday 15th December

Christmas Lunch Orders are now closed.

If you haven't pre-ordered your child a Christmas lunch you will need to provide them with a **packed lunch** on this day.

Uniform

Please can we remind you that children should be coming into school in full school uniform every day.

Boots and leggings are not part of our uniform.

If you need support with purchasing any new uniform, please let us know and we will do our best to help you.

Dates for Your Diaries—2023-2024

Whole School

Autumn Term 2023

- Thursday 14th December—PTA Christmas Neon Disco (Year R and Year 1 4:15pm—5pm; Years 2-4 5:15pm-6:15pm)
- Friday 15th December—Last Day of Autumn 2 Half Term

Spring Term 2024

- Tuesday 2nd January—First Day of Spring 1 Half Term
- Friday 26th January—After School—Messy Church in our school hall
- Thursday 1st February—4:30pm—6pm—PTA Film Night for KS1 Pupils
- Monday 5th February—3:30pm—7pm-Parents' Evening
- Thursday 8th February—3:30pm—5:30pm—Parents' Evening
- Friday 9th February—Last Day of Spring 1 Half Term
- Monday 12th—Friday 16th—Half Term
- Monday 19th February—INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- Thursday 7th March—World Book Day (dress up as a book character)
- Friday 15th March—Comic Relief (non uniform day)



Year R

- Friday 8th December—Christmas Craft Workshop—2:30pm
- Year R Christmas Play—Tuesday 12th December—2:15pm
- Year R Christmas Play —Thursday 14th December—9:15am
- Friday 12th January—Little City Play Visit (in school)
- Friday 9th February—2:30pm—Year R Afternoon Tea for Someone Special
- Thursday 28th March—2:30pm—Year R Community Rocks!
- Friday 21st June—9am-12pm-Mill Cottage Farm Experience in school

Year 1

- Tuesday 23rd January—2:30pm—Sewing Workshop with parents
- Thursday 14th March—2:45pm—Recorder Concert for Parents
- Tuesday 19th March—Trip to Marwell Zoo - more details to follow
- Thursday 6th June—Trip to Portchester Castle - more details to follow

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Year 2

- Wednesday 24th January—Year 2 Trip to Portsmouth Aquarium and Beach
- **Hedgehog Class**—Tuesday 30th January—2:30pm—Science Experiment with Parents
- **Fox Class**—Wednesday 31st January—2:30pm—Science Experiment with Parents
- Wednesday 17th April—Trip to Sea City Museum -more details to follow

Year 3

- Monday 29th January—2:45pm—Share a Book with an adult
- Wednesday 13th March—2:45pm—Portrait Gallery for Parents
- Thursday 21st March—Trip to Staunton Country Park - more details to follow

Year 4

- Thursday 1st February—2:50pm—Art Exhibition for Parents
- Friday 23rd February — Trip to Winchester Cathedral - more details to follow
- Wednesday 20th March—2:45pm—Volcano Workshop for Parents

Christmas Wellbeing Advent Calendar

Enjoy these activities with an adult.

1

Have a snuggly story on the sofa.

8

Make a thank-you card for a friend.



15

Dance to your favourite Christmas song.

22

Invite a friend round to play a game.

7

Wake up in time to see the sun rise.

14

With an adult, look outside in the early evening and try to spot some stars.

21

Watch your favourite Christmas film with someone special.

6

Arrange to see a friend for a chat and a giggle.

13

Sit in a quiet area outside and listen to all the sounds you can hear.

20

Create ice art. Collect leaves or petals and put them in a pot of water and then freeze it. Take your ice sculpture out of the pot and display it.

5

Create a piece of art using natural materials.

12

Use sequins, glitter or colouring pens to make a seasonal craft.

19

Close your eyes and breathe deeply. Think of five things you are grateful for.

4

Go for a sound walk. Listen to all the natural sounds you can hear.

11

Go for a winter picnic with family. Enjoy some hot chocolate and cake.

18

Plant some spring flowering bulbs like daffodils or tulips.

25

Wrap up warm and go for a walk outside.

3

Make some Christmas biscuits.



10

Listen to your favourite Christmas song.



17

Create a senses box. Place smells and textures that remind you of Christmas inside it.

24

Learn how to make a new seasonal craft.



2

Do something kind for someone else.

9

Get creative! Use paint to create a winter scene.

16

Make a bird feeder from a pine cone, soft butter and bird seed.

23

Wrap up a gift for a family member.

