

Friday 18th June 2021



Yr4 on their residential trip to Braeside



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Diary Dates

Summer

21 & 22/06/21 - Yr 6 bikeability

24/06/21 - Ash class guided walking tour of Box

29/06/21 - Beech class trip to Stonehenge

13/07/21 - KS2 production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'

23/07/21 - last day of term

Vision and school motto

Before half term classes spent time exploring the school's new vision and what it means. The article on the next page, written by one of our governors, for the Parish Magazine and Corsham Matters, explains it beautifully.

Water bottles/sun hats

It's been so lovely to enjoy sunny days again, but with that comes a request for children bring in sun hats to protect them at break and lunch times and, very importantly, to have their own water bottle in school each day as the water fountains can't be used during the Covid pandemic.

Sports Day

With the current government guidance for schools we are unable to gather as a school for our traditional Sports Day on the rec. this year. We are planning an alternative Sports Day with the children competing in classes with accumulative, whole school team scores and an overall winning team. Each class has chosen the races they would like to participate in and will be cheered on by one of the other classes.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's Summer Reading Challenge has a nature-theme, 'Wild World Heroes' and is running in Wiltshire Libraries from 10th July to 4th September. Children can sign up online or at local libraries to take part <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> To complete the challenge children will need to read at six books.

Plant, Nurture, Flourish, Serve - Box Primary School's New Motto.

By Claire Dimond Mills, School Governor



Since its creation in 2010, the Willow Garden has become a central part of Box Primary School. Not just a place for the pupils to play, it provides a fantastic learning resource where children can explore nature and grow their own produce. So, when we were charged by the Diocese to come up with a school motto, the Willow Garden seemed the obvious source of inspiration.

After some deliberation, *Plant, Nurture, Flourish, Serve* was chosen based on the following Bible quote from Luke 13:19 – ‘It’s like a mustard seed that man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree and the birds in the sky nested in its branches’.

The school garden is a very special and unique part of our school and is enjoyed for its beauty as well as a place to play and learn. On their journey through the school the children are taught gardening jobs and are responsible for areas of the garden. There are many opportunities for them to plant seeds, nurture plants and watch them flourish. During our work on the vision the children were helped to explore how ‘plant, nurture, flourish, serve’ is a metaphor that can be applied to many aspects of their life.

The school wanted to provide the children with opportunity to creatively explore the vision over a three day period. During this time, they discussed what the bible quote and motto meant to them, both personally and as a school; planted their own seeds to take home and nurture; and created beautiful pieces of artwork.

They also researched how famous people like Florence Nightingale served their communities. Woody, aged 8, said, ‘I enjoyed learning about Martin Luther King junior and his role in the Montgomery Bus Boycott. We then made a poster about him in a comic book style which was fun because I love comics’.

Laura, one of the parents enthused, ‘My daughter and her friends have loved participating in these project days. It has really ignited a renewed sense of interest and kept the love of learning topped up!’.

For me as a School Governor, after all the school, staff and pupils have been through in the last 18months, it has been wonderful, now restrictions are lifting and school is returning to some normality, to take this opportunity to come together as a school to think about what our ethos is and how our school community will continue to thrive.

