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Friday 4th September 2026

From Mr Chappell Welcome back to a new academic year at Box CE. I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. Firstly I want to say a huge thank you for the very warm welcome I have received this week- it has been great to start to get to know the children and the community of Box. This is the first of a fortnightly school newsletter that I will be developing and will contain a range of information from week to week. Indeed we are in the process of looking at the levels of communication in school, so that we can forge really strong partnerships between school and home and share some of the great things going on. In the alternative weeks between the newsletter, we will also be developing a children's achievement newsletter to celebrate all the great achievements of our children outside of school. (Please note this newsletter will not always be this long- normally two pages – but as it is the first newsletter of the year – there is more information than normal!)

As the new term begins I wanted to extend a very warm welcome to all our new parent/carers in EYFS, new children and new staff and we look forward to a great year at Box. The children have returned to school in such a positive way and there has been a real buzz of enjoyment and learning right across the school. It has been great to see the children come back with our ethos of 'Plant, Nurture Flourish Serve.' and all staff have been very impressed by the attitude and effort that our children have started the year with. As always, we will be encouraging the children to aim for their best and with your continued support, I am sure that we can make it a very successful year, so please continue to support us in line with our school vision: **Plant, Nurture, Flourish, Serve**

I want to reiterate that we know as a school, we won't always get everything right, but please remember that if you ever have any worries or concerns, you can always contact us so that we can work things through together. Over the years, one of the greatest strengths of my previous schools has been the partnership between children, parents/carers and staff, and I am excited to continue to develop this at Box.

Have a great weekend!

Staffing Update: We are very sad to say that over the summer we have said goodbye to Mrs Wieland in the office. On the days that I was in school before the summer, she was an amazing help to me, and has been a mainstay of the office juggling many, many different roles for many years. We wanted to say a huge thank you to her for everything that she has done. At the moment we have an advert out to recruit for the office admin role and in the meantime Miss Smith, will be in school on Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays and we are delighted to say that Miss McGarry from Neston Primary, will be joining us on Mondays and Wednesday mornings. We will also have Mrs Morgan the SBM at Neston, supporting the office at times. This may change and be fluid over the next term – so please be mindful of this. Thanks in advance.

PE Kits Over the next few months with fresh eyes there may be some quick tweaks, that as a staff we would like to introduce to Box. One that we are pleased to introduce immediately and is an exciting new change to our school day: children can now come to school wearing their PE kits on the days they have PE. As someone who is passionate about PE, exercise and sport, I want to ensure that we maximise the time and opportunities given to PE across the curriculum. Wearing PE kits will help us maximise curriculum time by reducing time spent getting changed, avoid the challenges and disruption of changing in classrooms, and allow children to be active and ready to participate straight away. It will also create more opportunities for active moments throughout the day, helping children to stay active, energised and ready to learn. We hope this simple change will make a real difference to our children and help us continue to promote a positive and active school culture.

Our teachers have confirmed the following times for class PE sessions.

Ash – Wednesday and Thursday afternoons

Oak – Monday afternoon 2:30pm and Thursday afternoon 1:20pm

Beech – Monday afternoon 2pm and Friday afternoon 2pm

Chestnut – Wednesday afternoon 2pm and Friday afternoon 1:15pm
Sycamore – Tuesday afternoon 1pm and Wednesday afternoon 2pm

Lunchtimes: One key aspect of school that we are eager to continue and evolve is the sense of community in the school and beyond. That is why I am delighted to say that we have already moved school lunches back into the hall. Sycamore class (the oldest children) and Ash class (the youngest) have started to eat at the same time, before children 'free flow' out to play. Speaking to the children over the last couple of days this has been a really positive experience and we will continue to review the processes that we have.



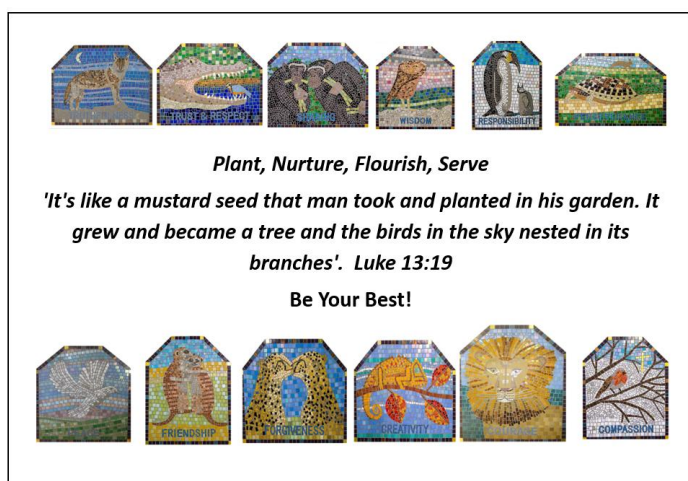
Children's achievements: We are really proud of all our children's achievements inside and outside school, and that is why I would like to introduce our new children's newsletter that will be in the alternative weeks to this one. All you have to do is send in a photo of your child/children that you are happy to have in a newsletter and sent out, and a few words to accompany it. This will then showcase your child's outside of school success and hopefully capture other children's attention to try new things that they see.



Clubs: In my first letter to you in June, I shared how important curriculum enrichment is to me. With this in mind I am delighted that alongside this newsletter you will find information from FOBS about our clubs offer for this term. We are delighted to see some returning clubs, for example Kate Courage, running choir club and some new clubs that have not run before. Sign up for the clubs will be via the FOBS sign up link (in their newsletter). We will endeavour to notify everyone by Friday 11th September, what club you

may have been accepted into. Please note where demand exceeds capacity, we will develop priority lists for the next term. There are a range of different clubs available, and I cannot wait to hear the beautiful singing, great football, drama acting and more!

School Rules: The school has always had three very easy rules to remember, Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe. This week as part of our Inset Day work, we have tweaked them a little so that they encapsulate our lovely school vision. Please talk to your children to see what they know about our three rules as we try to embed this across our school, so that we see the best behaviour we can. Alongside our vision, we are also introducing our ethos: Be Your Best! All our staff ever want- is that children try their best (rule number one) and this is what we want to instil in our children. Box – Be Your Best!



Over the new few weeks we will also be reviewing our behaviour policy and considering the way we reward our children for showing all our school values, our school vision and our school rules! One thing that we would like to introduce is a range of Box Postcards. This is something I introduced to children this morning in assembly. I would love them to design on a A4 piece of paper a drawing or writing – something related to school. For example, it could be one of our school values in action, it could be a drawing linked to our vision, anything that they feel represents Box. When staff feel that one of their children have gone above and beyond, they will then have a postcard sent home. We are also considering other rewards so that children can feel proud of their achievements in school. Please ensure that any postcards designed have the children's name and class on the back and then we will select some from right across the school to have printed out.



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Prospective Parents 2027: If you have any younger siblings due to start school in September 2027, or if you know any parents/carers, who are considering our lovely school please pass on the website link and encourage them to look at our school website. The tour dates for prospective parent/ carers are: **Tours are available from 11:15 pm to 12:15 pm on the following dates:**

Monday 5th October 2026
Monday 12th October 2026
Monday 19th October 2026
Monday 9th November 2026
Monday 16th November 2026

Please email the school office to book a place on the tour.

Garden Works: A huge thank you to James Weymouth for his work on the school garden over the summer – the work to transform into a useable area has been amazing. On Saturday September 26th I will be leading a working party on the grounds of the school - which will enable you to meet me and also help with a few jobs in our outdoor provision but maybe inside as well. Please see the link in the FOBS newsletter.

Value for this Term: Please find alongside this newsletter the home school values sheet to discuss with your children. This term our value is **Friendship**. Across the children in whole school collective and class worship, we will look at the value of friendship before finally answering our reflection question for this term which is: *A friend loves at all times – Proverbs 7:17* *What does this mean? What have we learnt about Friendship?*

Back to School Session: On September 16th we will host a Back to School meeting, from 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm where you will have an opportunity to meet your children's teacher. You will have approximately 25 minutes with a class teacher, before we swap sessions for those parents/ carers who have more than one children. We appreciate that for those families with more than two children, this will mean you can only attend two sessions, but we will send out all information the next day. In this meeting staff will share updates needed for the year ahead and key curriculum messages. On the evening at 5 pm I will also host, a meet the head teacher evening from 5 pm to 5:30 pm. On this evening – you will find out a little more about myself and more importantly our plans for the school moving forwards.

Our target for school attendance this year!

As with all areas of school life, including pupil achievement, we want to set ambitious targets for the year ahead and are setting the high target of 97% for whole school attendance. Again, this year, we will be working with our EWO (Educational welfare Officer) to help support all families, with attendance. For more information about attendance – from Monday you will be able to our attendance website page to access our attendance policy and important information including our attendance leaflet about the importance of attendance. A reminder we will not be able to authorise absences from school, for example birthday holidays, weddings, etc. Please note everything we do with attendance is supportive and the aim is to support children to be in school as much as possible.



Key Dates for the year. (Please note this will be added to as and when.)

Term	Starts	Ends	Inset Days
Term 1	1 st September	21 st October	1 st September / 12 th October
Term 2	2 nd November	18 th December	
Term 3	4 th January	12 th February	4 th January / 12 th February
Term 4	22 nd February	25 th March	
Term 5	12 th April	28 th May	28 th May
Term 6	7 th June	23 rd July	23 rd July

Key Dates: Term 1 and 2: Please note these will be added to:	
9 th September	SEND Parent Meeting 1
16 th September	Back to School Meetings from 3:45 pm. Meet the Headteacher 5 pm.
Week Beginning 9 th November	Parents evenings number 1
Key Statutory Dates 2027	
Monday 10 May to Thursday 13 May 2027:	Year 6 SATs assessments week
Monday 14 June 2027 to Friday 18 th June	Year 1 Phonics Tests and Year 2 Phonics Re-tests
Monday 7 June 2027 to Friday 18 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check



Be Your Best Certificate winners:

Ash Class:

Oak Class:

Beech Class:

Chestnut Class:

Sycamore Class:

Please look out for our first celebration certificate awards next week in assembly.

Next newsletter: It has been a lovely first week, and I am enjoying my time already at Box- if you have any thoughts about the types of items you would like to see in future newsletters, please feel free to see me on the playground or to contact me, through the office.



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