



Plant, Nurture, Flourish, Serve
*'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'. Luke 13:19*



Newsletter 2

Friday 18th September 2026

From Mr Chappell It has been another very busy couple of weeks, and I'm delighted to see how well the children are settling into their new classes - especially our EYFS children in Ash Class. Already, I have seen some great examples of work across the school, which for some, are put up on our new entrance display, where children are selected as writer or mathematician of the week from their class - have a look at this, the next time you are in school!

Many of our children continue to follow our 'Be Your Best' ethos every single day, and all staff continue to support every child in making the right choices to help them learn and grow. We have high standards for all our children – both in their behaviour and their academic work – and those expectations will never drop. Of course, we recognise that some children can sometimes find it difficult to regulate their emotions and behaviour but what I have seen already, is how relentlessly positive our staff are in supporting every child to succeed and how children are aspiring to be their best!

I have really enjoyed my time at Box so far and the children are doing really well, but as they are beginning to see- the staff and I, will still want more! Aspire high – is the best way! Have a great weekend and as always – please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns.

PE Kits It has been great to see so many children coming to school in their PE kits on their PE days. The feedback I have received has been very positive, and it is lovely to see the children ready and prepared for their PE lessons. Please can I remind everyone that children should wear the school PE kit, rather than branded sports shirts or alternative sportswear. A plain white T shirt will suffice. This helps us to maintain consistency and ensure that our expectations around school uniform are clear for everyone. If there are any difficulties with providing the correct PE kit, please do not hesitate to contact me. We are very happy to support families wherever we can. Hopefully in a very short time you will also see school staff in their Box PE kits!

Children's achievements newsletter next Friday! We had our first photograph and text into school this week to fill our new children's newsletter. I am hearing from children every day about swimming achievements, goals being scored at football, running clubs... the list goes on! Any child's achievements – please share with us, to celebrate our great children!

Clubs: We would like to say a **huge thank you to all of our volunteers** for giving their time, energy and enthusiasm to make the first week of clubs such a success. It has been wonderful to see so many children getting involved, trying new activities, developing their interests and, most importantly, enjoying themselves. We have a fantastic range of clubs on offer this term, with a mixture of returning favourites and exciting new opportunities. I am looking forward to seeing our children continue to discover new talents, build confidence and have fun through the weeks ahead. If there are any other parents/ volunteers who would like to start a club, please contact Mr Chappell or Matt Graham at FOBS- we are particularly looking to start a chess club and would love to see if there was someone who could do this! We have the chess pieces and boards- we just need a volunteer!

Thank you to everyone who has helped make our first week of clubs such a brilliant start. Your time, commitment and support are hugely appreciated.



Forest Club



Choir



Drama



Art Club



Meet the Teacher: It was wonderful to see many of you at our Meet the Teacher sessions this week. Our class teachers really enjoyed meeting you and sharing some of the key expectations and messages for the year ahead. I would also like to say a huge thank you to those who attended my 'Meet the Head teacher' session, where I outlined my leadership ethos and shared our plans and priorities for the school this year. Thank you for your continued support and for recognising the important role we all play in helping our children to

succeed. A key message for this year is to continue to get the basics right. As parents and carers, you can support us enormously by working with your children at home in short, regular bursts, and particularly on **reading and maths skills**. Little and often can make a significant difference to children's confidence, fluency and progress. One of the ways we support children in developing their number facts is through **Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots**. Please encourage your children to use these platforms regularly, alongside their other games and activities. Next week we will be sending home all children their log in details (even if they know them) so that we can start afresh. As the children are beginning to see – I love times tables and I have already challenged a number of children to see if they can beat my TTRS record! Our Year 4 children achieved will look to 'be their best' in their statutory **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** in June next year and this success is built on the strong foundations developed across the school, with many children knowing their multiplication facts securely before they reach Year 4. Your support at home is an important part of this success.



Introducing Class Dojo: Over the next few weeks we are really excited to be introducing **Class Dojo** as a new way for school and home to stay connected. Class Dojo will give you a window into your child's learning and life at school, allowing us to share celebrations, exciting moments, important updates and key information with you. We

hope it will strengthen the partnership between home and school and help you feel even more connected to what is happening in your child's classroom. We can't wait to share all the wonderful things our children are achieving! Please keep an eye out for emails next week to show you how to download this app, which will help us to continue to build links in school. This app is frequently used in school and is something that I loved in my old school, as meant we were able to show videos, photos of children working and playing and share messages when needed to do so.

Ball Court Supervision: I love to see the children playing together on the Rec with parents nearby, but one thing staff have seen recently is children playing in the ball court without supervision and parents a very long distance away. I get that this is a long standing enjoyable activity for the children, but we need to make sure that the children are being supervised in case of any accidents. (Indeed one staff member caught a number of children climbing the fence this week!) With a number of clubs taking part, sometimes the ball court will not be accessible for example on a Thursday when it is Forest Club or today for my netball club. Please ensure that children are being supervised for the time that the court is available.

Sign In system: You will notice starting today, that we have introduced a new sign in system for staff, volunteers, and contractors, indeed anyone who visits Box. Any children who are being dropped in late or being collected during the day, will need parent/ carers to sign in and out at the office on our IPAD sign in system. This ensures that we are more efficient and also fulfils safeguarding regulations.

Our target for school attendance this year!



Be Your Best Certificate winners: Congratulations to the children below!



Ash Class: Bea and Effie
Oak Class: Jack and Ada
Beech Class: Matilda and Freddie
Chestnut Class: Rueben and Alessia
Sycamore Class: Rory and Iris