

Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to let you know that in addition to taking on the role of head of school in the summer term, Mrs Braybrook has been appointed acting headteacher from September for the duration of the 2022-23 academic year. As you know, Mrs Braybrook is a very experienced school leader. She has been at Boston West for 17 years and knows the children, their families, the staff and wider school community extremely well. She is passionate about our school and is committed to leading it into the next phase of its journey. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Braybrook. I have no doubt that, under her leadership, the school will continue to thrive.

After the Easter break, I will begin my new role as associate education director for Anthem and, during the summer term, will also be executive headteacher here at Boston West. And, in September, although I won't be the executive headteacher anymore, I will continue to work closely with our school.

As I have said previously, I have thoroughly enjoyed being headteacher at Boston West since joining the school in September 2017. It is a wonderful school with a passionate, talented and caring team of staff, supportive and friendly parents and carers, a highly effective local governing body and, above all else, amazing children who make the school the special place that it is.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your enduring support since I became headteacher; I have deeply appreciated it. I now look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you, albeit in a different way.

Yours sincerely,



Simon Morley
Headteacher

Staffing update

In the summer term, there will be several changes to our staffing you need to be aware of:

- Mrs Pickwell will become Deputy Head of School
- Mr Lawson will become designated safeguarding lead (DSL) whilst Mrs Braybrook will be deputy DSL.
- Miss Cooper has been appointed general teaching assistant in years 5 & 6.
- We will warmly welcome a new member of staff to our school, Mrs Wilson, who will join us as a special educational needs teaching assistant.
- We're delighted that Mrs Gadd will return from her maternity leave.
- Mrs Collett has been appointed as our new nurture mentor.
- Mrs Epton will be working in year 3, in addition to her work in year 5.

Forthcoming key dates

March

- 31 Achievement assembly
End of term 4

April

- 27 Young Voices

May

- 9 Key stage 2 test week
- 20 Year 4 to Snipe Dales
- 24 Mr Wilson's class to Harry Potter
- 25 Mr Scrupps' class to Harry Potter
- 26 Jubilee picnic – Farm Kitchen
- 27 Class photos

Please ensure that you do not take holidays during term time.

To see a full list of term and holiday dates, visit our website or click [here](#)

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Children in our art and craft club enjoyed making art in our beautiful school grounds.

Parent/ carer questionnaire - deadline this Friday!

We are constantly trying to improve the education that we offer the children in our school and are now at a stage in the school year where we need you to tell us how well you think we are doing and how we can improve the things that are important to you.

Please spare 10 minutes to complete a questionnaire by going to:
<https://survey.gl-assessment.co.uk/s/4C7T2V/>

You will need to log in using the password which has been sent to you via Parent Hub. **The deadline for completing the survey is Friday this week.** By completing the questionnaire, you will be telling us how you think we should be spending our time and resources to make our school the best that it can be for your child.

We are aiming for 100% of parents to complete the survey. Each completed questionnaire is vital in finding out what parents and carers think. Your answers will be treated in the strictest confidence and will make a difference to how we run the school and plan for the future.

Supporting Ukraine

As the shocking and deeply distressing events in Ukraine continue to unfold, we would like to thank everyone who contributed to the collection of items that were donated (pictured on the right). If you would like to support Ukraine further, you may wish to donate to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal by clicking on the following:
<https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

Who's Your Mummy?



Many congratulations to the children in year 4 for their fabulous production of "Who's Your Mummy?" – it was a triumph!

We were delighted to be able to welcome parents into school for the first time since the start of the pandemic to watch the show. Many thanks to the parents and carers who have supported their child by learning lines and providing costumes. Huge thanks to the staff who have worked so hard with the children to create such a great show.

Farewell Mrs Chain



This week, we will be saying farewell to the amazing Mrs Chain. After over 25 years of dedicated service to our school, Mrs Chain will take her retirement. Over the years, Mrs Chain has undertaken a number of different roles in school. Most recently though, she has worked with children and staff in year 5 and 6.

Mrs Chain has inspired many children with her amazing eco clubs and gardening groups. She has promoted a love of the outdoors and has played a huge part in developing our brilliant outdoor learning curriculum.

Mrs Chain's last day in school is tomorrow. I'm sure you will join me in thanking her for all of the incredible work she has done for our school.



Children in foundation stage enjoyed a trip to Boston Library



Thank you for your donations to support Ukraine.

Foundation stage news

The children have enjoyed the continuation of the traditional tales topic. They have busy writing shopping lists to bake lots of delicious gingerbread men, creating a raft to help him across the river and putting on lots of fabulous shows in the class puppet theatre. They have been learning lots of facts about goats for the Three Billy Goats Gruff and have developed their team work skills to build them a bridge.

Key stage 1 news

The children in year 1 had a very exciting visit from Animals UK recently. They had the opportunity to hold a snake, skunk, meerkat, tortoise and a tarantula whilst learning interesting facts about each animal.

The children in year 2 have enjoyed a visit from Mr Todd and his two owls Merlin and Miranda. They learnt lots about owls and created their own craft owls showcasing the facts they had learnt. The children have also been learning how to follow and write instructions in English. We hope you enjoyed the Mother's Day crafts they created following the instructions independently.

Key stage 2 news

Year 3 have continued to thoroughly enjoy their robot topic. Recently they made fantastic robots in their D&T lessons, taking great care with their initial designs and then putting into practice using different joins as well as creating a working pneumatic system. The teachers were blown away by how brilliant each robot looked and how well the children worked independently. Fantastic job year 3!

Year 4 have been incredibly busy preparing for their play: "Who's Your Mummy?" and are very excited to share it with the school and their families. They have also been learning about fractions in maths and writing a factual tour of the water cycle in English. In RE, they have been learning about Islam and next term shall be focusing on Hinduism.

Year 5 have been investigating reactions between different liquids and solids. They investigated different variables including more liquid, different temperatures of liquid and by using vinegar. They were super excited to see the reactions and see their rockets take off!

Year 6 have enjoyed researching animals of the rainforest and creating their own individual non-chronological reports about them. Furthermore, they have taken inspiration from this in order to design their own lino prints in their art lessons.



A big thank you to everyone who donated bags of clothes for our British Heart Foundation collection.

Thank you

At a time when we are all feeling the pinch and the cost of living is going through the roof, we would like to thank everyone who has recently donated to the charities we have been supporting.

We recently raised over £100 for the Greenfingers Charity and £220.90 for Comic Relief. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.



Children in year 2 enjoyed learning meeting some owls!

Happy Easter

The spring term ends tomorrow and the children will return to school on **Wednesday 20 April** for the start of the summer term. We would like to wish all of our families a very happy Easter and hope all of our children stay safe and enjoy the holiday.

