



Kindness, Thankfulness, Perseverance

On Tuesday we all enjoyed a visit from Nico, the North Dorset School Games Organiser. He brought along an inflatable football disco pitch. Each class bubble took part (separately of course). The day was filled with lots of goals, plenty of dancing, a few song requests and a great deal of fun!



School Council

On Monday we were treated to some excellent speeches from our Foxes children as they put themselves forward for one of our school council leadership roles. The whole school listened to their speeches, over TEAMS, then voted. Representatives for each class were then voted in throughout the week in individual classes. Well done to everyone who themselves forward for a position and congratulations to our elected members:



Chair = Lillianna

Vice-chair = Daisy D

Scribe = Honie-May

Foxes Reps = Elsie SR & Jasper

Badgers Reps = Annella & Jacob

Squirrels Reps = Arthur H & Eliza

Hedgehogs Reps = Arabella & Alice M

Our first school council task is to work with their classmates to choose new play equipment they would like for their "bubbles" to play with at playtimes then to put a shopping list together for Mr Abbott!

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 20/11/2020

Jemima (Hedgehogs) – for her enthusiasm towards writing.

Thea (Squirrels) – for great problem solving in Mathematics.

Barnaby (Badgers) – for demonstrating excellent focus and improvement in his writing.

Ollie R (Foxes) for working so hard and enthusiastically, and always doing his best!

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 20/11/2020

Lilly for being a Persevering Penguin

Harry F for being a Concentrating Camel

Alexander for being an Imagining Iguana

Evie for being a Persevering Penguin



Bronze Star Awards



Week ending 20/11/20

Victoria Y2, Evie Y6, Dolly Y2, Ivy Y1, James Y1, Alice Y1, Isla Y1, Oliver Y1, Elsie Y1, Charlie Y1, Phoebe S Y4, Daisy D Y5, Bryony Y6, Lillianna Y6, Freda Y1, Robyn Y2, Bert Y4, Annabel Y3 and Ernie Y2

Congratulations

Attendance

Week ending 20.11.20

Hedgehogs – 97.7%

Squirrels – 100%

Badgers – 99%

Foxes – 98.1%

This week the winners are

Squirrels



Pupil of the week

Week ending: 20/11/2020

Hedgehogs: Joanna

Squirrels: Madison

Badgers: Sonny

Foxes: Arthur R

Well done

Happy Birthday

Arthur H (7),
and Miss Frewer

*Many Happy
Returns*



TT Rockstar Leader Board

Week ending 20/11/2020

Oscar Y5 Rock Hero Speed 0.70

Arthur Y6 Rock Hero Speed 0.72

Joshua Y5 Rock Hero Speed 0.76

Ollie Y6 Rock Hero Speed 0.95

Bertie Y5 Rock Hero Speed 0.97



House Point Scores

Sandways

285

Chaffeymoor

260

Queen Oak

267

Hedgehogs News

In Hedgehogs this week, we have started our Towers and Turrets topic. The classroom has lots of castle enhancements, like a castle role play with a throne and banquet table, a castle small world play area and plenty of crown making. We have also practised our cutting skills in DT by cutting slots and castellations in card to make a standing castle. In English we have been learning lots of new vocabulary about the different parts of the castle and what they were used for. We all wrote some labels for a castle picture, working hard on sounding out all the way through the words. The Year 1s then wrote a piece of factual writing explaining more about the different parts of the castle. In History we looked at how castles have changed through the years and in Science we have explored floating and sinking linked to moats. On Tuesday we had a fun session playing inflatable football with disco music!

Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff



Squirrels News

Another busy week in Squirrels! This week the children started their new topic of "Towers and Turrets". They have learnt all about the different parts of a castle and labelled a diagram with key features such as the portcullis, moat and the bailey. Then in their Art session with Ms Rankin, they painted pictures of castles using a range of 2D shapes.

In Science, the children have been investigating which things can change shape. They made predictions before carrying out tests in small groups. They tried to twist, stretch and squash different objects and recorded their results in a table, before writing conclusions of what they found out. They worked well in their groups and were all "Teamwork Tigers".

Finally, in Maths the children have been going on Mathletics Live to hone their rapid recall of number facts. Lots of children achieved new high scores and some even achieved a certificate. Well done Squirrels.



Badgers News

This week Badgers have been focusing on skin colour in our topic of Diversity. We've discussed the history of racism, talked about the sad fact of slavery and enjoyed the inspiring outlook of Martin Luther King. The children have been mature and interested. Badgers have also been doing some Manga style drawing in their sketch books during Art. In English, we have been completing our epic Blue Umbrella story, ready to write our own version next week.

In Music we are looking at Blackbird - a Beatles civil rights protest song. We are enjoying getting out to play and mostly avoiding the drizzly patches.

Ms Rankin and Mrs McGinty

Foxes News

This week in Foxes we started to find out about the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus and then later, the journey of the Spanish Conquistadors 500 years ago and their surprise of uncovering the remains of Mayan cities. We imagined we were one of the explorers and wrote a diary extract in the role of one of the crew. We also continued with our sentence stacking in English, writing adventure stories about being stranded in the rainforest. We used some great metaphors and similes and also focused on inserting and punctuating dialogue into our stories. We moved on to short division in Maths and Year 6 even managed some long division - definitely a class of persevering penguins but we have achieved and are very proud of ourselves. We agreed that if they can teach an adult at home then you both deserve a star learner! We are enjoying our French sessions revising simple introductions and even did some French Maths!

Our highlight however, definitely has to be our America's Day today. We all came dressed as various people and characters across America and have celebrated these different cultures. Thank you so much to all our parents who helped with the costumes: the children looked fabulous. We made our own pinatas, played various games including spinning tops, marbles and from racing and tried some lovely salsa. We also had a go at salsa dancing.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman



Parent Survey – Thank you to everyone who has completed our Parent Survey – if you'd still like to share your view of our school please complete by Monday.

Reading Please listen to your child read as regularly as you can. Remember we do not have helpers in school at the moment, so one to one reading opportunities are limited. Reading in school is mainly taught by group and whole class reading lessons.

Microsoft Teams

In the case of a bubble closure due to Covid we will be using Teams for all our home learning.

NEXT WEEK all spellings and Mental Math's will be shared on Teams instead of paper.

Please help your child log on to access their spellings and mental math's.

When you are next logging into your child's teams account you may be prompted to change the password. It doesn't accept common passwords so please choose a selection of capital/lower case letters as well as numbers and symbols. When you change this please make a note of it on the sticker, they have in their reading record/workbook so that it isn't forgotten.

South West Carol Concert – SAVE THE DATE:

We have been chosen to represent Salisbury Diocese in the South West region carol service. The event will take place on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December 2020, from 7-8pm each evening. It will be repeated each night and will be broadcast at www.southwestcarols.com and also on YouTube.

The event is an online event for all ages and our children will be playing a small part along with other schools across the South West region. Save the date and hopefully you will see some of our children.

School Website

We are currently in the process of updating our school website.

WE ARE NOT ALL
IN THE SAME BOAT



BUT WE ARE IN THE SAME STORM

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember we are a NUT FREE school. Please ensure your child does not have any nut products in their lunchbox—this includes Chocolate/nut spread in sandwiches and cereal bars which contain nuts. We have children in school with severe Nut Allergies.



Applying for a school place September 2021 – moving from Nursery to Reception

If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 they are due to start school in September 2021. The deadline for applications via your home county is 15th January 2021. Normally at this time of year we would be welcoming visits to school and holding open days. Due to Covid restrictions this is not possible, however we have added further information on our website under the parent tab and are available to answer any questions you may have via a phone call or email.

School Twitter Page:

@StBourton 

Be strong now
because things
will get better.
It might be
stormy now, but
it can't rain
forever.

Amazon Smile: If you have an Amazon account, please sign up to "Amazon Smile" and search for **St Georges School Bourton Parents And Teachers And Friends Association**. Then with every qualifying purchase you make on Amazon they will donate 0.5% to us. This is at no extra cost to you. Amazon Smile is a great scheme, simple to set up and with more of us shopping online in this current climate it is a great way to make funds from Amazon.

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with every purchase

Christmas at St George's School

This year Christmas will be different at school however we are determined to make it special for everyone.

This year Christmas will arrive at St George's on Tuesday 1st December. Each class will have their own Christmas tree and Advent Calendar. The Christmas trees will need decorating and therefore on Tuesday 1st December we are planning a Christmas Decoration making day. The children can come to school in their Christmas jumpers/clothes and they will spend the day in their class bubbles making decorations to decorate their Christmas tree and classrooms.

Christmas Cards

Everyone loves to send and receive Christmas Cards. Usually, we have our lovely School Christmas Post box in the corridor where children can post their Christmas cards for their friends in school. This year we've made changes due to Covid restrictions and decided that each classroom will have their own post box for cards. We are asking that ALL cards need to be in school no later than Monday 7th December so that we can quarantine them before sorting and delivering during the week beginning Monday 14th December. Unfortunately, any cards received in school after 7th December will NOT be delivered.

Christmas Class Party – Thursday 17th December

Children to come to school in Christmas Party clothes ready for a Christmas Party day in each class bubble. More details to follow.

Christmas Play

This year we are still planning to put on a Christmas Show for you all "remotely". Together we are going to retell the Christmas Story with each class taking part, the teachers are busy getting creative and planning their class part; there will be acting, sign language songs, artwork, storytelling and much more. All parts will be filmed and then put together to share with you all.

If anyone can help us out with a "green screen" or an extra-large piece of green fabric so we can add backgrounds to our movie we would be grateful.



A MENTAL HEALTH GUIDE TO COPING WITH LOCKDOWN IN THE WINTER

 @BELIEVEPHQ



LIGHTING

On dark mornings wake up gradually with increasing light. Try out a SAD light or lumie bodyclock.



LIMIT NEWS

Limit the amount of time you spend on social media and checking news.



TAKE TIME FOR YOURSELF

Plan time into your week where you can engage in activities that are relaxing. It is important to have time for yourself where you engage in some self care.



STAY CONNECTED

Even though it might be difficult to see friends and family it is important that you stay connected to them on a regular basis.



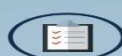
COPING STRATEGIES

Identify some positive strategies you can engage in that help you to deal with stress, worry or anxiety.



PLAN YOUR WEEK

Organise your week and plan in activities that provide you with a sense of pleasure and achievement.



POSITIVE HABITS

Write down a list of 5 - 10 positive mental health habits you can engage with on a regular basis to maintain your mental fitness.



HELP OTHERS

Whether it is helping around the house or supporting your brother or sister, helping others can help provide you with positive emotions.



CONNECT TO YOUR VALUES

Reconnect with things that are important to you and try to engage with them on a regular basis.



STAY ACTIVE

Throughout the day try and be active. Take a break from your work and walk around. Regular exercise can also be great for reducing stress and boosting mood.



ASK FOR HELP

If you notice yourself struggling reach out to family, friends, your doctor or a local mental health charity for help.

