



St George's C of E School
FRIDAY NEWS
16th September 2022

Following the announcement last Thursday evening regarding the death of Queen Elizabeth II we have spent the time in our assemblies this week reflecting on her death and rejoicing about her life. We have remembered how she dedicated her life to serving others – and often with a smile on her face and with a wonderful sense of humour. We watched this short video, which made us smile, and I hope it does for you too.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=queen+and+paddington+bear+youtube&docid=20781282755338&mid=64A2BCF6B274E8146B6B64A2BCF6B274E8146B6B&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>

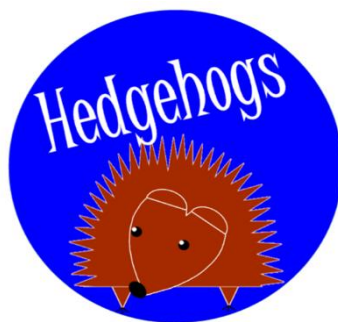
We have set up our book of condolences in the school corridor. If you would like to add a message, please let us know.

The school will be closed on Monday 19th September.

This week we also welcomed many of you into school for our “Meet the Teacher” sessions. Thank you to everyone who came along. Hopefully you enjoyed spending time in the classrooms, seeing where your children spend their days and hearing about the classroom systems and routines.

Finally, this afternoon we welcome parents into school for our weekly Achievement Assembly. A time to come together to see how our children truly SHINE and celebrate their weekly achievements. Remember if you would like to join us for assembly on a Friday afternoon please come to the main gate before 2:40pm where Mrs Goodman will let you in to the hall. As our assembly starts at 2:40pm the gate will be locked at this time, this is part of our School Safeguarding measures.

Jill Farndale



Well done to our Reception Children who have been working hard with Mrs Ramage carrying out their Reception Baseline Assessments.

The RBA is a short, interactive and practical assessment of a child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school, using materials that most children of that age will be familiar with.

It is statutory for all schools to carry out the RBA.

Well Done!

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 16/9/2022

Milo (Hedgehogs) – For rising to the challenge of being a Year 1.

Orla (Squirrels) – for settling in so quickly

Ernest (Badgers) – For rising to the challenge of being a Year 4 and showing such a mature attitude to his learning

Lydia (Foxes) - for having a great attitude to all her learning

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards

Week ending: 16/9/2022



Joey for being a Reasoning Robin

Halle for being a Concentrating Camel

Charlie for being a Concentrating Camel



Millie for being a Concentrating Camel

Sophie for being a Teamwork Tiger



Thea for being a Teamwork Tiger

Joanna – for being a Persevering Penguin

Lucy – for being a Concentrating Camel

Well Done!

Pupil of the week

Week ending: 16/9/2022

Hedgehogs: **Hector**

Squirrels: **Charlotte**

Badgers: **Lilly**

Foxes: **Sonny**

Birthdays



**Ben (7), Chloe (10),
Noah (11)**

Many Happy Returns

Attendance

Week ending 16/9/22

Hedgehogs – 89.3%

Squirrels – 100%

Badgers – 98.8%

Foxes – 98%

This week the winners are

Squirrels



Achievements Out of School

Each week we celebrate the children's achievements outside of school. Please let us know if you would like a mention in the newsletter.

Dulcie I (Y3) - completed her 3rd park run. It was 5k and achieved per personal best of 31 minutes

Amy S (Y5) - completed her Stage 6 in swimming

Well done!



House Point Scores

Sandways

167

Chaffeymoor

115

Queen Oak

149

Have your details changed?

Our priority in school is to keep all our children safe whilst they are at school.

Therefore, please inform the office of your contact details, home time arrangements or if your child's medical needs have changed so we can update our records.

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 Peanut Allergies.



WhatsApp Reminder for Parents

WhatsApp certainly has its place and we know that parents can find it a useful tool to touch base with others in our busy lives. HOWEVER, please remember that WhatsApp does not replace communicating with school.

If you have a question – ask us. We will be able to answer your question and it will prevent any confusion for other parents. You can email, ring or speak to a member of staff on the gate.

Thank you for your support with this. Any questions – please ask.

Open Afternoon

Is your child due to start school in September 2023? Please come along to see what our school has to offer during our Open Afternoon. Wednesday 21st September 1:15pm – 3pm

After School Clubs:

Start next week (except Monday).

If you have not heard from us, then your child has a place in the club you have requested. There are still places, if you have not yet sent in your form.

Board Games club on a Monday, will involve games, crafts and other activities and is now open to **ALL** children from Yr 1 - 6. This is the same for Drawing on a Tuesday.

Forest School Volunteers

We offer forest school sessions every week to all our children in school and we often need volunteers. Even if you can only commit to one session, it really does benefit the children and supports Ms Rankin. It does not have to be your child's class - you are welcome to help at any session. You do however need to already have a DBS with the school.

If you are able to help at all, please contact the school office or Ms Rankin via the forest school email address ASAP and we will be in touch with you. If you do not have a DBS but feel you will be able to commit time, please also get in touch as we

MacMillan Coffee morning – Friday 23rd September 9am in the school hall.

Next week the PTFA are inviting you to come along to our MacMillan Big Coffee Morning event in the school hall.

In preparation for next week's coffee morning please can we ask for donations of cake on Friday morning. Please do come along and enjoy a hot drink, time to chat and a slice of cake. It is a good opportunity to meet new parents – everyone is welcome to attend.

Entrance will be through the rear hall doors only from 9am.



Phonic Information Session

On Wednesday 21st September at 6pm Mrs Toy and Mrs Ramage are leading an Early Reading and Phonics Workshop for parents. Everyone is welcome to attend especially if your child is in Reception or Year 1. The session aims to explain how we teach phonics and reading to the children and will give you information on how you can best support your child at home.

Current Vacancy

We have current vacancy for a Midday Kitchen Assistant.

The role is 2 hours per day, 5 days a week, during term time only.

If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Scarecrow Trail Half term



Can you help? The PTFA are holding a Scarecrow trail in the village this Half Term and they are looking for families to make a scarecrow.

The theme for the scarecrows is Television. So scarecrows based on a television programme are needed.

If you don't live in the village but would be happy to make a scarecrow, please let us know as we have plenty of space to display them around school or there could possibly be people in the village who are happy to display them in their gardens us.

If you can make a scarecrow please email the Kim via the PTFA email:

PTFA@bourton.dorset.sch.uk letting her know the Scarecrow you will be making, and where you live to display it by Monday 26th Sept.

The scarecrows will need to be ready and displayed by Saturday 22nd October for the trail to start.

School Council



This week we elected by public vote our new School Council leadership team. Those who were keen to stand for a leadership position spoke to the whole school sharing their vision. The whole school then voted.

Congratulations to

Chair: **Ruby**

Vice Chair: **Phoebe P & Lydia**

Scribe: **Alfie-Jack**

Mr Abbott and I are looking forward to working with them this year. A big well done to everyone who stood for a post – they all had fantastic speeches and were very worthy candidates

Each class then held a separate vote to choose representatives for their class.

Foxes Rep:

Y5 - **Annella**

Y5 - **Bluebell**

Badgers Reps:

Y4 - **Harry F**

Y3 - **Joanna**

Squirrels Reps:

Y2 - **Seb**

Y1 - **Imogen**

Hedgehogs Reps:

Y1 - **Lucy S**

Rec - **Charlie M**

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

We have received messages from the neighbours of our school this week who are unfortunately unhappy with the way some of our parents have been parking.

As a reminder the parking in **CHURCH CLOSE** is for residents parking only!

Please see some of the message we received below:

The residents of the close are getting extremely frustrated at the lack of thought some parents show. There have been several incidents already this term where residents have been blocked into their spaces whilst people are to and from the school.

The entrance to the close is particularly hazardous around school times and due to the inconsiderate parking, it's extremely difficult some days to safely manoeuvre in or out of the close.

I've personally had children run out in front of my moving car, between parked cars that are obstructing the dropped kerbs and on 2 occasions I have had to ask people not to park up on the grass!

Please can everyone take note and be considerate of our school neighbours when dropping / picking up from school.

Yesterday, a resident was also shouted at for attempting to turn into Church Track from the main road (their right of way) as parents were driving the wrong way out of the one-way system by the church.

We appreciate the road closure on the West Bourton Road is not helping matters this week but please do use the roads around school safely and responsibly this will not only keep everyone safe but also happy. Please don't forget there is space to safely park further down into the village towards the village hall and then walk up to school.

Thank you.

A Service of Harvest Praise & Celebration of our Pets



Sunday September 25th 2022 - 10 am

at

Home Farm, Stourton, BA12 6QL

Donations of Harvest Gifts will be graciously received

Do come along and enjoy this special celebration service of harvest praise and all creatures great & small, whether they have fur, feathers or scales. For those who no longer have a pet, please bring a treasured photo and share your memories with us. This service is suitable for all ages.

MONETARY DONATIONS FOR CINNAMON TRUST & R.A.B.I WOULD BE WELCOMED.

FOLLOWED BY PET TREATS LIGHT REFRESHMENTS & AUCTION OF HARVEST GIFTS

This is a working farm please follow the directions for parking and venue. Please be responsible and keep your pet under control & clean –up after your pet where appropriate

Contacts: Barbara 01747 840141

Hedgehogs News

We have had a much busier week this week! The children are starting to experience more aspects of St. George's and what the year ahead will look like. We have started our letter sounds and some children have already started using these in their work which is amazing! Receptions have been focusing on patterns this week in maths, while the Year 1s have been representing objects, counting on and finding more. For science this week we have looked at our bodies. The Year 1s loved drawing around their bodies and naming their body parts. In Art we have been drawing more food based foods, this time a bowl of fruit! The pictures were really good. We look forward to a full day week for the Receptions next week and watching the Year 1s become excellent role models all day.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Ramage, Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Monksummers



Squirrels News

This week in Squirrels we have started our new topic of 'Food, Glorious, Food' and will be learning about food around the world. This week we made sure we knew the names of all the continents and used puzzles to help us locate them on maps. In Art, we identified shapes in food packets, fruit and vegetables and drew a still-life of a pile of food packets, trying hard to place the shapes alongside each other! In maths we have been consolidating our number knowledge by reading and writing number names. We have also sorted, matched and identified numbers represented in different ways. The Year 2s are working on numbers up to 100, counting in tens and ones. In English we have started our writing unit based on Wishing Tales and story-mapped the Ugly Duckling story this week, learning key vocabulary too. We are continuing to learn our phonics every day and also walk our daily mile! Have a lovely weekend everyone and we will see you on Tuesday.

Mrs Toy and Mrs Tyler 😊



PS: Could we please ask that if you have a pizza, would you save the round cardboard base that they come on. They are needed for our science work. Thank you.

Badgers News

This week saw Badgers venture into the Library for our first computing lesson this term. We started by logging on and looking at the programming tool Scratch where we could experiment with changing sprites and trying to get them to move on the screen.

In History, we were spies for the Roman army. We used pictures and texts to find-out what life was like in Britain before the Roman arrived including settlements and homes. We then considered how this would impact on The Romans trying to invade.

In Science, we looked at our food diaries that we completed over the previous week and answered questions thinking scientifically about what we had eaten.

In Maths we used mirrors to find lines of symmetry in shapes and patterns and compared angles to right-angles. We are also looking at the value of the digits in numbers up to 1,000 (Year 3) and up to 10,000 (Year 4); in particular, how they can be represented in pictorial form and how we partition them using a part, part, whole model.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman

Foxes News

It has been another busy week in Foxes. In English we have been looking at the structure of Journey Tales, focussing on the story by Rob Biddulph: Sunk! After listening to the story, the children broke it up into key parts before creating a story map. Finally, they used adjectives and similes to introduce and describe the main character.

In Maths this week we have been looking at numbers up to 10 million. The children have made the numbers using place value counters, ordered numbers from smallest to biggest, compared numbers as well as solved problems involving 5-, 6- and 7- digits. We have had lots of "Persevering Penguins" in class as they came across challenges they were unsure about but didn't give up.

Finally, in Forest School with Ms Rankin the children used their new conker clamps and palm drills to prepare conkers for traditional conker contests. They devised a way of standing at right angles to each other to avoid injury. Everyone had fun.

Mr. Abbott

