



Positive Covid Cases this Week

As you know, we have unfortunately had confirmed positive cases this week in school. Thank you to those families and staff who took a PCR test to check, even if your child did not have symptoms.

A reminder from the letter we sent out on Monday:

If your child is awaiting a PCR test result and has **NO SYMPTOMS** - they **DO NOT** need to isolate and **SHOULD** attend school as normal while awaiting the result.

If your child is awaiting a PCR test result and **DOES HAVE SYMPTOMS** or is feeling unwell – they **DO** need to isolate until they receive a negative result and **SHOULD NOT** attend school as normal.

I absolutely understand that the ever-changing guidance can be very confusing, but we are working closely with Public Health Dorset to ensure that we have the most up to date information and guidance.

Please remember our priority is, as it always has been, to keep our children, staff and families safe. We have a lot of children with coughs, snuffles and illnesses at the moment and the positive cases we have had, have not shown any of the main symptoms identified as COVID.

If you have any concerns, please do contact the School Office where we are very happy to talk it through with you. In the meantime, sending hugs (albeit virtual) to the members of our school community who are isolating at home and looking forward to seeing you soon!

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Phonics and Early Reading Evening

Mrs Toy and Mrs Ramage will be explaining Early Reading, Phonics and the Phonics Screening tests on **Monday 11th October at 6.30pm**

Please let us know if you can attend if you haven't already

Harvest Festival

Please join us on Thursday 14th October 2:15pm in St George's Church to celebrate Harvest Festival. Each Class will be taking part and we are also going to be joined by Pre School this year.

We welcome donations for the Gillingham Food Bank this year as well as fresh produce.

Following on from the service in Church, Foxes will be holding a Market Stall on the playground at 3:10pm selling all the fresh produce which has been donated. The donated money will go towards a charity which the school council have chosen.

The Foodbank has asked for donations of: · SPONGE PUDDINGS, RICE PUDDING, BISCUITS, TOMATO KETCHUP, TINNED POTATOES, SAVOURY TREATS, JAM

NOT CURRENTLY NEEDED

PASTA, BEANS, SOUP, TOMATOES, PASTA SAUCE, VEGETABLES, CEREAL



Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 08/10/2021

Madeleine (Hedgehogs) – for pushing herself to do well in maths – She was listening carefully in the lesson and used her knowledge to complete part-part wholes in lots of different ways.

Jemima (Squirrels) – for working hard and giving everything her best effort.

Isabelle (Badgers) – for trying her best at everything she does and sharing some fantastic ideas in English.

Elsie (Foxes) - for an imaginative and creative piece of story writing.

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards

Week ending: 08/10/2021



Michael for being a Persevering Penguin

Ivy for being a Concentrating Camel

Vita for being a Persevering Penguin

Madison for being a Persevering Penguin

Ollie for being a Reasoning Robin



Dexter for being an Imagining Iguana



Well Done



Pupil of the week

Week ending: 08/10/2021

Hedgehogs: **Hector**

Squirrels: **Hazel**

Badgers: **Victoria**

Foxes: **Lydia**

Well done

Birthdays



Harry (8)

Eliza (7)

Many Happy Returns

Attendance

Week ending 08/10/21

Hedgehogs – 98%

Squirrels – 97.3%

Badgers – 100%

Foxes – 97%

This week the winners are

Badgers



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.

Sports Ambassadors

Congratulations to Bert, Dexter, Hollie & Phoebe S who attended a Sports Ambassador training day at Gillingham School on Monday.

Thank you to Mrs Moores for accompanying the children for the day.

These children now join our Sports Ambassadors from last year; Albert, Billy, Connie, Daisy, Elsie, Honie-May, Joshua, Maisie-Grace, Oscar and Paddy.

We look forward to seeing them leading and supporting sport across the school.

House Point Scores

Sandways

847

Chaffeymoor

659

Queen Oak

780

Hedgehogs News

This week in Hedgehogs we have been looking at part-part whole in Maths. The children were very good at identify what a part and a whole was (especially when we linked it to food!). In English, we have been carrying on our Traction Man journey story. This week we have been thinking about the "Fat Fingers" coming to get the scrubbing brush. We had a mission to find the fat fingers around school and print the pictures, just like Traction Man and the Mysterious Toes. For PE, we have continued thinking about what exercise does to our body to stay fit and healthy. We have been feeling our heart beat before PE, doing star jumps, jumping side to side, skipping and throwing and catching balls, then comparing it. They were beating very fast!

In Forest School Hedgehogs made stick people. They tried really hard to use wire and rubber bands to fix on the hair, clothing and leaves. They whittled the sticks with vegetable peelers to create faces and drew them on with felt tips.

Mrs Ramage and Mrs Nicholls



Squirrels News

Squirrels have been very excited about planning their own version of the journey story, Traction Man, in English this week. We worked out our main characters, our evil enemies and the journey the characters took through the classroom. The children have started writing their stories, trying to follow their plan and we will continue these next week. In maths, we have consolidated our understanding of tens and ones, continuing to use part-part whole models and reasoning. Our Rugby session this week helped us focus on kindness and remembering to be aware of our values in everything we do. We also completed some artwork, linking our rugby sessions to our school values and faith. In topic, we made kites with Mrs Shean and were very excited as we walked home and the wind caught them! In Science, we have been learning about how humans adapt to different seasons as well as the different foods available across each season. In RE we have looked artists representations of the creation story and we have started learning our harvest song ready for next Thursday afternoon's Harvest Festival celebration in church. We hope to see you there. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff



Badgers News

In Badgers this week we went to the Ancient Technology Centre near Cranborne to find out more about life during the Viking and Anglo-Saxon times. We had a fabulous day making wattle and daube, weaving textiles and shooting arrows. We also enjoyed going inside a Viking longhouse and learning how to make a fire. Thank you to all the adults who helped make this trip possible for us. It was also exciting for the children going on a coach after not being able to do school trips for such a long amount of time. In Science we made our own compasses by charging a paperclip with a magnet and floating it on top of a leaf in water. We edited and improved our quest stories this week in English with a focus on descriptive phrases. We enjoyed sharing our ideas with each other and trying to imagine different scenes.

In maths we practised adding a single-digit number by making another ten. We had lots of persevering penguins but also 'Proud Puffins' when we finally managed to do it - well done Badgers.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman



Foxes News

This week the children in Foxes have been Coding in our computing lesson. They all enjoyed using Code.org to debug programmes by giving clear and precise instructions, as well as identifying errors in pre-written codes. We are going to continue this over the next few weeks, with the children moving on to creating sequential algorithms.

In Maths the children have been solving addition and subtraction problems using the column methods. They had to answer questions involving 4 and 5-digit numbers, look for mistakes in questions, draw bar models to represent calculations as well as explaining how they got their answers. We had lots of "Reasoning Robins" in class.

Finally, it was another exciting session of Forest School with Ms Rankin on Tuesday. This week the children made wooden mallets. They safely used bow saws to cut part way through the wood, before using a whittling knife to finish it off. A BIG thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came in and supported the children.

Mr Abbott





Service of Harvest Praise

Sunday 10th October at 3pm
All Age Service with Scarecrow Competition
Prizes include best Junior and Senior exhibitor

Some of our children will be acted out the story of "How Dorothy saved the Scarecrow"
at Home Farm, Stourton BA12 6QL
by kind permission of Harry & Jane Parker
Harvest gifts will be welcomed; auction following the Service
Proceeds to RABI (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute)

Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

As the government has designated an extra bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, schools have been asked to designate a day in lieu for this extra bank holiday, which falls in the May half term.

Therefore, in order to make holiday planning easier for parents, our school has designated

Monday 6th June 2022

as our Jubilee Bank Holiday. Therefore, you will return to school after the May half term on Tuesday 7th June 2022.

Change of date – INSET DAY

During the school year we have 5 days set aside for Teacher Training (INSET).

We have 3 INSET days left for this year:

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Friday 8th April 2022
(NOTICE THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE 25th APRIL)

Friday 22nd July 2022

Reminder Lost property:

Name it, name it, name it! Please ensure your child's uniform, shoes/trainers etc. are named, we can only return it to its rightful peg if it is named! Any uniform that is not named will go into a small lost property box and will be left out each Friday for you to look through. If you are reusing uniform, please make sure it has the current owners name in it.

Please send your child in with a coat as they will go out at playtime and lunchtime rain or shine!

Newsletters are available on the school website

www.bourton.dorset.sch.uk

If you have missed one, please check on there Also on the website you will find our calendar, we are adding events to this regularly so please check for holiday dates and events allowing you to plan ahead.

We can also send Newsletters to other email addresses please send us an email with details of addresses to be added

Class Email contact addresses Please use these email addresses to contact the class teachers:

Hedgehogs — hedgehogs@bourton.dorset.sch.uk Squirrels — squirrels@bourton.dorset.sch.uk

Badgers — badgersclass@bourton.dorset.sch.uk Foxes — foxes@bourton.dorset.sch.uk

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember we are a FREE school. Please 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.



Have your details changed?

Our priority in school is to keep all our children safe whilst they are at school. A pack of forms was sent home last week, on coloured paper. Please check the data we hold for your child and update us with any changes.



Please contact the office if home time arrangements change.

School Starters 2022

Apply online:

Dorset residents @
www.dorsetforyou.com/school-admissions or call
01305 221060. Closing Date for Starting school
applications is: **15th January 2022.**

Secondary School Starters 2022

Apply online now: Dorset residents @
www.dorsetforyou.com/school-admissions or call
01305 221060.
Closing Date for Transfer to Secondary school is:
31st October 2021

Parent Consultations: Parent Consultations have
been planned for Tuesday 2nd November and
Thursday 4th November and will follow the same
format as last year, video consultations via
TEAMS. Further information on how to book will
follow next week.

Dates for your Diary

11 th Oct	Phonics/Reading Evening
14 th Oct	Harvest Festival
20 th Oct	NO Archery Club
21 st Oct	Foxes class visit
22 nd Oct	PTFA Spooky Disco
25 th – 29 th Oct Half Term	
31 st Oct	Deadline for Secondary School Applications
w/c 1 st Nov	NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS (Archery & FS will go ahead)
2 nd Nov	Open Afternoon for 2022 intake 4-7pm Parents' Evening
4 th Nov	3-5pm Parents' Evening
12 th Nov	Fire Safety Talks House Challenge Squirrels Assembly
19 th Nov	Hedgehogs Assembly

Online Safety

Each week we will be including an Online Safety Information leaflet within our newsletters. Roblox is a game that many of our children play. With more than 150 million users worldwide, Roblox is one of the most popular video games of recent times. Roblox allows users to create their own gaming experiences using Roblox Studio: building levels and games then allowing other people to play them. Similarly, players can play each other's creations, either on their own or with other people online. While it's a tool that can help foster creative thinking, Roblox is also intermittently in the news amid concerns over young users' safety. In the guide attached, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as in-app purchases, online dating and chat functionality.



FREE gardening equipment for your school

Do you shop at Morrison's???

Could you help our school??? Here's how.....
From September to October 2021, when you spend £10 spent in store or online, you'll get one Grow Token (for every £10 you spend) that school can then redeem for a wide range of gardening and growing equipment.

You will need to download the MyMorrison's app today to take part.

For more information check out :
<https://www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk>

Reporting Absences and after school collection

Please send notification of Absence or after school collection to the office email or mobile
Teachers are not always able to check the class emails during the day so might miss this important information

office@bourton.dorset.sch.uk

Mobile - 07530 878675