



It has been yet another busy week and surprisingly we are already halfway through this term. Unfortunately, we have seen the reoccurrence of Covid cases back in school this week. This is not a unique situation as many schools are also seeing a rise in cases. Thank you to everyone for being vigilant, testing children and helping us to limit the spread of cases as much as possible. It is really important to limit the spread, keep our children, staff, and families safe and to keep our school open.

Next week we are very much looking forward to welcoming parents into school to meet with the class teachers. We are keen to meet face to face and give you the opportunity to look through your child's work. Due to Safeguarding procedures in place during the school day, anyone arriving for an appointment before 3:15pm will need to sign in at the office where you will be given a visitor's lanyard to wear. You will then be shown into the school library to wait for your appointment and given the chance to look through your child's books. If you have Covid or have any Covid symptoms we are kindly requesting that you do not attend school and instead contact the office for an alternative meeting date, Teams call, or phone appointment to be arranged.

Over the next couple of weeks, the children will be taking part in a number of assessment activities for reading, writing and maths. Our Year 6 children will also be experiencing some mock SATs tests ahead of their statutory tests in May 2022. Please be reassured that staff plan these in a way which supports each child according to their needs and all children are simply encouraged to try their best. These assessments enable the teachers to plan how best to help your child move forward with their learning and make further progress as they move into the summer term.

Have a lovely weekend



Karis did something really kind this week. She had her hair cut and donated it to a charity called Little Princesses. <https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>

Reminder

Please do NOT park in the school car park. The spaces are for staff and visitors only. At the end of the day, we also have the school transport Taxi and the ZAC mini bus collecting - they have priority over using the car park.

Vehicles could also be moving in the car park while children are waiting to come into school so **please do not allow them to run around the area or between the parked cars.**



Easter Bingo

Mufti Day

St George's PTFA are holding an Easter Bingo event on Wednesday 6th April, to make this a success we are asking the children to come dressed in Mufti on Friday 1st April in exchange for a bingo prize.

For example, a chocolate Easter egg, a tin of biscuits, a bottle of wine, a jar of sweets, a box of chocolates.....

Please **do not** bring in money on this occasion.

Thank you in advance for your support and please put Wednesday 6th April in your diaries! It should be an evening of fun for the whole family and a chance to win lots of prizes!

Look out for further details of the Easter Bingo event in next week's school newsletter!

**No CLUBS w/c 21st March 2022 due to Parents Evening appointments
Friday 25th March - NO Achievement Assembly**

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 18/03/2022

Milo (Hedgehogs) – for fabulous focus and participation in 'Mastering Number'.

Georgia-May (Squirrels) – for her focus, concentration and good attitude towards learning in class.

Ed (Badgers) – for showing more confidence when faced with a challenge.

Lydia (Foxes) – for the positive attitude she brings to all her learning.

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 18/03/2022

Niamh for being a Teamwork Tiger

Arabella for being a Planning Panda

Aralynne for being a Concentrating Camel

Milly for being a Reasoning Robin

Sophie R for being a Teamwork Tiger

Harry R for being a Teamwork Tiger

Chloe for being a Persevering Penguin

Oscar for being a Noticing Newt

Ruby for being a Reasoning Robin



Well Done



Pupil of the week

Week ending: 18/03/2022

Hedgehogs: **Michael**

Squirrels: **Elsie T**

Badgers: **Anella**

Foxes: **James**

Well done

Bronze Star Awards

Week ending: 18/03/22



Reuben (Y4)

Hollie (Y5)

Congratulations

Silver Star Awards

Week ending: 18/03/22



Emily (Y5)

Phoebe P (Y5)

Bert (Y5)

Well done

Birthdays



Isla (7)

Many Happy Returns

Attendance

Week ending 18/03/22

Hedgehogs – 89.2%

Squirrels – 91.5%

Badgers – 94.8%

Foxes – 99.4%

This week the winners are

Foxes



Achievements Out of School

Congratulations to Lydia who achieved her Level 9 Learn to Swim award and to Georgia-May who achieved her Level 2 Learn to Swim award

If your child has achieved something special outside of school let us know, so we can celebrate your child's achievement. If possible a photo of them and their award would be great for our "Look how we shine" board.

House Point Scores

Sandways

599

Chaffeymoor

538

Queen Oak

613

Hedgehogs News

It has been a busy week in Hedgehogs this week. The children have worked so incredibly hard and all been superstar helpers for the cover teachers while Mrs Ramage has been off school.

In English the children have been using an alternate Three Little Pigs story where the pigs are in a flying competition with the wolf. They have thought of some amazing words for the Word Womble and used these to write sentences to describe different parts of the story.

In Maths we have been looking at halves and quarters. The children have enjoyed folding and cutting shapes and using the play dough to create halves and quarters.

Throughout the week the children have been investigating the history of flight focusing on hot air balloons. We had a lot of fun with papier mache on Tuesday afternoon as we made a start on our own hot air balloons. There was a lot of glue and newspaper everywhere! The children also worked independently to create some beautiful 3D paper hot air balloons.

We have made the most of the sunshine, enjoying practical floating and sinking science sessions outside along with using our new track for walk and talk sessions with everyone seeing how many times they could complete a circuit. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Mrs Ramage back next week.



Mrs Farndale and Mrs Nicholls

Squirrels News

This week, in Squirrels, we have written our own version of a Wishing Tale. We planned it, story mapped it and then wrote it. I can't wait to read them! In maths we have moved on to a unit on Fractions. This week we learnt all about a half; being able to identify halves in shapes and quantities as well as being able to colour it in. The year 2s also looked at how $\frac{1}{2}$ is written and also began to look at $\frac{1}{4}$. In Art we learnt about an artist who used papier-mâché to build her sculptures and we started to build a base for our own papier-mâché balloons. In Science we investigated different materials according to whether they could change shape or not. First, we learnt about what a prediction is and then made predictions about the different materials. Next, we investigated our predictions. We tried squashing, twisting, stretching and bending different materials. We came to some good conclusions and tried hard to explain our reasons. In History we learnt about the Wright Brothers and how they were the first people to fly an aeroplane. In forest school we made dream catchers. Have a lovely weekend everyone. Mrs Toy & Mrs Milsom



Badgers News

In Badgers this week we started to make our predator models from shoeboxes, paper plates and egg boxes. We focused on creating the opening mechanism powered by air. We then started to decorated our models and hope to add the finishing touches next week. In English we started reading a conquering the monster tale set in Poland. We wrote a toolkit of the features of this text type and listed effective verbs and adverbs. We used our knowledge of times tables in Maths to solve problems involving scaling and made lots of towers with different coloured bricks.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman



Foxes News

The children in Foxes have had another busy week. In Forest School with Ms Rankin, the children restored the area's signs, using their designing, painting and hammering skills. The children also finished their dream catchers by adding feathers, beads and leaves on the outer willow circle.

In Music the children had their next session learning the ukulele. This week they learnt their first chord - C Major. The children then used it to play in two parts with half of the children finger picking and the other half strumming.

Finally, in our topic of "On Our Doorstep" the children compared a recent map of Bourton with one from the 1980s. The children enjoyed investigating changes that have taken place over the years including the closure of The Red Lion Inn, the moving of the village hall and the building of the A303. The children then shared their ideas to why these changes may have occurred.

Mr Abbott



Important Covid-19 Update

As you all know, there have been changes in the restrictions around Covid-19 so here is an update on the main changes and how they affect us at school.

- Although the law has been removed, anyone with a positive PCR or LFT test or who is symptomatic is advised to isolate. We therefore ask that if your child has Covid, they do not come to school.
- The time scales have not changed. People are advised to isolate for 5 days and then not return to school until they have had 2 negative tests 24 hours apart up to 10 days.
- Close contacts are now only people that you live with or who have had an overnight stay with.
- Schools are no longer routinely expected to test.
- If we have cases in school, other children / adults are no longer expected to test daily for 7 days.

Although there have been changes to law, many principles still stand. We want well children and well adults in school and although we know that we will unknowingly have asymptomatic children and adults in school we ask that you support us with being vigilant and monitoring symptoms.

Please test if your child has symptoms and isolate as we are advised to do. We need to continue to do all we can to keep our children, staff, and families safe.

For more details on the current situation please click the link below:

[Useful information for parents and education providers – Public Health Dorset – Dorset Council](#)

Safeguarding

We are learning about an increasing number of harmful videos and games that children are able to access via the internet.

Many children do spend time on electronic devices so please do take the time to click the link below for guides and resources to help you to keep your child safe online:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Volunteers

We are always in need of volunteers in school whether it is to hear readers, support with school trips, sporting events or help in Forest School sessions. If you can offer an afternoon every now and again or commit to a regular slot each week, please let the office know.

Reminders

For health and safety reasons, earrings should not be worn during PE lessons. Please remove your child's earrings before school on PE days or if they can't be removed, please provide suitable tape to cover the earrings.

Please ensure that your child has everything they need for the day, this includes a water bottle, morning snack (key stage 2), reading record book, PE Kit, a coat for rainy days and forest school shoes/clothing.

Toys should not be bought into school – this also includes fiddle toys. Each classroom has a selection of fiddle toys available in school for those children who need one as part of their educational support plan.

Consultation – School Transport Policies

Dorset are running a four-week consultation on their School Transport Policies for 2022-23, with effect from Monday 7th March to Sunday 3rd April 2022.

Details of the consultation are available to view at: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-andtraining/school-transport/consultation-on-school-transport-policies>

Please submit all comments (both negative and positive) by Sunday 3rd April 2022, either via email to schoolorganisation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, or by post - School Admissions Team, Dorset Council, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ.

Sponsored Read

If you haven't yet returned your sponsorship money please return it to school next week. Thank you.



We have been notified of a case of Headlice in school, please check your child/ren over the weekend. Thank you.

Easter Church Service

Please put the date in your diary to come along and join us in St George's Church for our Easter Service.

Thursday 7th April 9:15am

There will be plenty of singing, some instrument playing, and each class will be sharing some Easter work as we prepare for the Easter weekend.

Dates for your Diary

w/c 21 st Mar	Parent Consultation Meetings
21 st Mar	Zoolab visiting Badgers
23 rd Mar	YrR Vision Screening
25 th Mar	Tall Tree Theatre visiting
	Football Match – Davidson Cup
30 th Mar	Hedgehogs/Squirrels to Fleet Air Arm Museum
	Governors Meeting
1 st April	PTFA Mufti-Day donation of Bingo Prize
6 th April	Yr5/6 Football Festival @ Mere Primary
	6pm PTFA Easter Bingo – more details to follow
7 th April	9.15am Easter Service in St George's Church
	Last day of Spring Term – 1.30pm finish
	1.30pm PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
25 th April	First day of Summer Term
27 th April	Yr3/4 Tri Golf Festival @ Port Regis School
2 nd May	Bank Holiday
4 th May	Yr2 Multi-Skills Festival @ Gillingham School
w/c 9 th May	KS2 SATs
9 th May	Governors Meeting
17 th May	Yr3/4 Tennis Festival @ Port Regis School
	30th May – 3rd June – Summer Half Term
6 th June	School Closed
29 th June	Yr6 to Okehampton
6 th July	Yr4/5 to Leeson House



We would like to invite you to

'Let's Talk – North Locality'

6th April 2022 - 11.00 to 13.00



Improving services that support children with SEND

Woodhouse Gardens Pavilion, Woodhouse Gardens, 9 The Plocks, Blandford Forum, DT11 1DU

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. What is a Graduated Approach?

Join us to discuss what makes up the 4-stage cycle that helps a school learn more about your child, what helps them to make good progress and how to help them achieve their full potential – Assess, Plan, Do, Review

3. Tea and Coffee

4. What is happening in your locality for Children, Young People with SEND and their Families

An overview from your Locality Team

These events are information sharing sessions and as such we will not be able to address individual concerns or questions. If you would like to attend, please register your interest using the link or URL code below

<https://forms.office.com/r/RghgichVBU>

The link gives all the dates and venues for Let's Talk across Dorset Council



We are holding an Easter Picture Competition and we would like to offer primary school children in our locality of Wincanton Community Hospital to enter.

We're asking children to get creative, and we welcome your Easter design.

The picture must be by hand directly on to white A4 paper, using crayons/pens, pencils or paint. There will be two age group categories to enter, Infant age 4 to 6 and Junior 7 to 11.

Please write your name, age and school attending on the back of your entry. All entries to be sent to **Easter Picture Competition, Wincanton Community Hospital, Dancing Lane, Wincanton BA9 9DQ** by Friday, 15th April 2022.

Prizes!

Entries will be judged by the Friends of Wincanton Community Hospital and winners announced at the Wincanton Community Hospital Easter Fun Day Event on Saturday 16th April 2022.

The lucky winners will receive a gift and the selected pictures will be displayed in the Hospital Reception and on the Friends of Wincanton Community Hospital Facebook page.

The Friends of Wincanton Community Hospital

EASTER FUN DAY & AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 16th April 2022
Wincanton Community Hospital
2 pm to 5 pm

An Afternoon of fun Activities for all, Skittles, Bouncy Castle, Entertainment & Do come with your Easter Bonnet and enter the Parade

or just come and join us for Afternoon Tea

Easter Egg Hunt 2 pm – 3.30 pm
Afternoon Tea served 3.30 pm to 5 pm

Family Ticket for 4 (2 Adults/2 Children) £10
Individual Ticket £3.50
All includes Egg Hunt and Afternoon Tea
Afternoon Tea Only £3

Tickets Available before the event and on the day from Wincanton Community Hospital

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AGE GROUP 7-14

WORTH DORSET RUGBY CLUB (SPB 55Y)

11TH APRIL - 14TH APRIL
15TH APRIL - 22ND APRIL
9AM - 3PM

PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED
ALL COACHES FULL DBS CHECKED, SAFEGUARDING AND FIRST AID TRAINED

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AGE GROUP 5-11

MILTON ON STOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL (SPB 500)

11TH APRIL - 14TH APRIL
15TH APRIL - 22ND APRIL
8.30AM - 5.30PM

PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED (if necessary)
ALL COACHES FULL DBS CHECKED, SAFEGUARDING AND FIRST AID TRAINED

Code Club

Code Club is Back! Join us on Tuesday afternoons to learn about coding with Scratch, HTML and Python. Suitable for children age 8 and over.

Gillingham Library

Every Tuesday
3:45pm - 4:45pm

Spaces are strictly limited so booking is essential on:
For more information ☎ 01747 822180
Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

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Fun With Lego

Come and join us for some Lego fun, see what you can build, and where your imagination will take you!

Gillingham Library

Tuesday 12 and 19 April
11.00am to 12 midday

Booking is essential via the Library

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Gillingham Library Rocks

Come and create some rock art using small stones and acrylic paint pens. Then take your creation and hide it in our local community for someone else to find, post and re-hide! Suitable for age 5 and over.

Gillingham Library

Thursday 14 and 21 April
2.30pm - 3.30pm

Booking essential via the library on:
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