



## *Kindness, Thankfulness, Perseverance*

Dear Families,

When I was a child, I believed that Christmas was the most important date in the Christian calendar. I thought about the birth of Jesus and the presents which came with that as being important. As I've grown older, and possibly wiser, I've come to realise that the most significant Christian holiday is Easter. It's not a holiday about giving and receiving gifts - although who would say no to an Easter egg (or three!) but it really highlights the sacrifice Jesus made for us and the power of ascension. Where we can share a new beginning and be filled with hope.

This week I have been contemplating the significance of Easter this year; the changes and sacrifices families have had to make. This Easter I am hopeful. Hopeful of an end to lockdowns and a brighter future. We, as a community, have seen great change recently. We have mourned for a nation; we have adapted our way of life and we have had to really think about what is important to us. We, at St George's School, are emerging from darker days and are working together to make significant strides to support our children. We are very hopeful in school that good times are ahead. As the weather improves and news of more of the population receiving the vaccine filter out it really does feel like a new beginning is on the horizon.

I have been filled with joy and hope over the past three weeks. Joy at seeing our children return and begin to reform friendships and routines and hope at where we will be this time next year.

I can't quite believe that we are at the Easter Holidays, two thirds of the way through this academic year and that the summer term is two weeks away, a term which has always been synonymous with sports days, performances, swimming, transitions and new beginnings.

I am hopeful that we may return to some 'normality' (whatever that looks like) later in the year. But for now, we must remain; 2+ meters away from each other; wear face coverings on the school site; remain in bubbles; and keep our children and staff safe. I am sure that you all agree that the staff at St George's have been working incredibly hard and deserve a rest over the Easter break.

I wanted to thank every member of staff in the school for their hard work over the last two terms. I am incredibly grateful for their positive attitudes and hard work with our children. We are also so grateful to you all for your continued support and know that St George's really is a very special community to be part of.

Have a fantastic Easter and stay safe. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Mrs Farndale



## Get Set Tokyo

On our journey to Tokyo we have reached Atlanta, US.

Remember you can continue to register throughout the holiday and let's see where we can travel to by the end of the holiday. All you need to do is get active as a family and record your activity on the easy-to use Log Activity page (<https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/log-activity>). Logging your activity is easy. Just click on the link enter the postcode (SP8 5BN) choose your child's class, then get logging- make sure to include all adult activity in there too! As our kilometres tally up, you will be able to follow our journey around the world, stopping at various capital cities along the way. Keep an eye out for new challenges as we 'visit' each country.



### Attendance

#### Week ending 01.04.21

Hedgehogs – 94.6%

Squirrels – 100%

Badgers – 97.7%

Foxes – 97.3%

This week the winners are

**Squirrels**



### St George's Day Fun:

*Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April is St George's Day and as part of our celebrations we are inviting the children to come into school dressed as a Knight, dragon or in red and white*



### Queen Oak House Reward

Congratulations to Queen Oak who won this terms House Award with 479 points.

To celebrate all children in Queen Oak can come to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April in their home clothes!

### ASSESSMENTS

This week the children have been undergoing assessments in reading, writing and maths. This has given teachers a clear understanding of the children's learning and will help them plan the next steps. They have worked incredibly hard – Well done everyone!

### Drop off and Pick up times:

- **Squirrels and Badgers: 8.40am start and 3.05pm finish.** Squirrels to enter through the wooden main gate and Badgers through the Blue gate.
- **Hedgehogs and Foxes: 8:50am start and 3:15pm finish.** Hedgehogs to enter through the wooden main gate and Foxes through the Blue gate.

### A sad farewell

Today we say goodbye to some of our cherished members of the school community. They are leaving us this week for exciting new adventures.

Miss Moores who has been with us since September training to be a Primary School teacher is moving on to her second placement school. We have loved having her in school and she will be missed by us all but especially Squirrels. We wish her good luck for her next school placement and her future teaching career.

Mrs McGinty who has decided to leave teaching to start a new career and to spend time with her daughter. We will all miss her and wish her very well for the future and thank her for all her hard work and for supporting our children at St George's.

And finally after 17 years, Mrs Martin! Mrs Martin has been such a fundamental part of the St George's staff team. She will be dearly missed as she leaves us to spend time with her family. We are all going to miss her kind, caring nature and friendly smile. Mrs Martin has supported many children during the last 17 years with her expert first aid and nurture support. As Daisy said: ..... We wish her all the best.

Today we celebrated memories of the last 17 years and presented Mrs Martin with her very own memory book. We also enjoyed an afternoon tea party to say a fond farewell.



### Coid19 Update - Easter Holidays

***Just a reminder that if your child or any member of your household (including your childcare bubble or support bubble, if you have one) develops Covid19 symptoms all members of your household should isolate.***

If a child or member of staff who has been in school tests positive for Covid-19 and their symptoms started or their test was taken **before Thursday 8th April**, this must be reported to the school so that we are able to identify the affected class and staff.

If we are notified of a positive case on any of these days, we will notify you of the need for the children/staff to self-isolate via an emailed letter. If your child tests positive for Covid-19 in the above timespan please email: [head@bourton.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:head@bourton.dorset.sch.uk)

(Please note the phones will not be manned on these dates and only emails related to a positive Covid19 case will be dealt with).

## Term Dates for the Diary:

Summer Term:

Monday 19th April –  
Thursday 27th May

Monday 19th April –  
Queen Oak Home  
clothes

Friday 23rd April – St  
George's Day

INSET Day Friday 28th  
May

May Half Term:  
Monday 31st May -  
Friday 4th June

Summer Term 2:

Monday 7th June –  
Friday 23rd July

## Happy Birthday for the holidays



Kenan (8), Annella (8),  
Joey (5), Lewis (11),  
Keeleigh (11), Paddy (10)  
Leo (7), Bea Munster (6)  
& Maisie- Grace (10)

**Many Happy Returns**

## Swimming Pool News

Good news – we are planning on getting the Swimming pool up and running as soon as we can after Easter for in school lessons to start. More information to follow.

## Volunteers

We are hoping to be able to welcome volunteers back into school after Easter. If you are interested in volunteering some time during the week to hear readers or helping with gardening or forest school, please let us know.

## Recycle with Michael

Our clothes recycling bank is still available for you to fill with your unwanted items of clothing.

Please pass your bags to the member of staff at the gate to pop them in for you.

The Salvation Army give a cash donation back to the PTFA for all items collected.

## School Twitter Page:

@StBourton



## After School Extra Curricular Clubs

We are pleased to say that we will be able to start to run some after school clubs after the Easter holiday. Initially clubs will be for individual classes, to prevent mixing of bubbles, but as the government relax the rules we will be able to review this. Initially we can offer:

Day	Time	Activity	Yr group	Person in charge
Monday	3.15-4pm	Craft	Foxes	Mrs Shears
	3.15-4.10	Athletics	Squirrels	Mr Abbott
Tuesday	3.15-3:45pm	Outdoor Fun	Hedgehogs	Mrs Toy
Wednesday	3.15-4.10	Lacrosse (prepaid)	Foxes	Oliver Betts
Thursday	3.15-4.10	Rounders/Tennis	Badgers	Ms Rankin



## A few photos from this week:



**Forest School fun for Squirrels in our new Forest School Area**



**Easter fun in Hedgheogs**



**Lockdown Birthday Celebrations**

(serious faces concentrating on the candles in Squirrels)



Follow the treasure map to find the cardboard Easter eggs around the village, and unscramble the word from the letters on each egg. Tell us the word and have the chance to win a prize and house points!

## EASTER EGG TREASURE HUNT

AN EVENT  
FOR



THE ENTIRE  
FAMILY

Eggs will be on display from Easter Sunday to Sunday 18th April.  
Email the unscrambled word to [stgeorgesbourtonptfa@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgesbourtonptfa@gmail.com) and we will pick winners out of a virtual hat!

Buy your treasure map from the PTFA for £1 and start hunting!  
Look out for us selling them at the gates!!

### Sunflowers:

The PTFA have arranged for every child in school to plant a sunflower.

Plant World, Milton on Stour have very kindly donated all pots and seeds for us to do this competition.

Whilst the compost has been donated by Carey Jones.

There will be bigger pots available once the sunflowers get bigger, and these will be left by the gates for people to collect.

The winner will be the tallest Sunflower grown from these seeds, please keep a record of how its growing!

House points and prize up for grabs too!!

**YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY**

**WIN A WHEELIE AWESOME PRIZE!**

- Please help give our fundraising a boost this term
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Cash prize winner EVERY week
- You could even win the £25k jackpot!

**WIN A £500 BIKE VOUCHER**

**Buy A Ticket**

THE BIKE FACTORY

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 17th Apr 2021. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).

Did you know we have our own St George's Lottery? It's been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport. To register click the link below:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-georges-bourton>