



*Kindness, Thankfulness, Perseverance*

The school has been filled with Christmas excitement as each class has rehearsed and filmed their part of our "Virtual" Nativity Play 2020. This weekend's job is now to put all the clips together so we can share it with everyone. The staff have worked wonders to create a Covid safe Nativity Play with a few twists and comedy moments and once again the children have been fabulous and enjoyed playing their part.

We know that it's not quite the same as gathering on a winters evening in the school hall to watch, but we hope you will enjoy having the opportunity to watch it over and over again this year. Here are a few photographs as a sneak preview.



Next week sees another busy week, with Christmas parties, House awards and a celebration of the December birthdays along with our Christingle service on Friday morning. Have a super weekend.

Today everyone looked wonderful in their Christmas jumpers to raise money for "Save the Children". We raised grand total of £86.00!



**Contact Tracing over Christmas**

Dorset Council have told us (based on DfE guidance) that schools will need to have a contact available for contact tracing for the school up to December 24<sup>th</sup> and then not again until the start of term. This means that if you or anyone in your household have a positive test result for Covid-19 you will need to contact school so that we can inform close contacts and advise you what to do next.

**We therefore ask that if you or a family member receive a positive result for Covid-19 up to and including December 24<sup>th</sup> please immediately email**

[head@bourton.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:head@bourton.dorset.sch.uk)

**Please do not phone the school as we will not be monitoring this phone line.**

**Last Day of Term 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Finishing times**

**Squirrels and Foxes  
1:15pm**

**Hedgehogs and Badgers  
1:25pm**



Well done to our Year 2 children who this week carried out their Phonics Screening Check – they all did a fabulous job!

## Head Teacher's Award

Week ending: 11/12/2020



**Ben (Hedgehogs)** – for being an amazing Joseph in the class Nativity.

**Charlie (Squirrels)** – for always willing to give things a go as well as supporting those around him!

**Coby (Badgers)** – for really good effort at taking part in whole class discussions putting his hand up.

**Barni (Foxes)** giving the hand bells a go although he was nervous and having a positive contribution to our Christmas Nativity.

## Bronze Star Awards

Week ending 11/12/20



Charlotte (Y4) Elliot (Y3)

Alfie-Jack (Y3) James (Y5)

Lucas PT (Y6) Jasper (Y6)

Ollie D (Y6) Flo (Y4)

Hollie (Y4) Alexander (Y4)

Alicia (Y3) Kenan (3) Laila (Y4)

Congratulations

## Learnimal Awards

Week ending: 11/12/2020



**Willow** for being an Imagining Iguana

**Ivy** for being a Reasoning Robin

**Reuben** for being an Imagining Iguana

**Arthur & Daisy TD** for being Teamwork Tigers



## Pupil of the week

Week ending: 11/12/2020

Hedgehogs: Arabella

Squirrels: Victoria

Badgers: Ruby

Foxes: Sam

**Well done**

## House Point Scores

**Sandways**

**619**

**Chaffeymoor**

**410**

**Queen Oak**

**471**

## TT Rockstar Leader Board

Week ending 11/12/2020



Sonny Y4 Rock Hero Speed 0.59

Oscar Y5 Rock Hero Speed 0.70

Arthur Y6 Rock Hero Speed 0.72

Joshua Y5 Rock Hero Speed 0.78

Ollie D Y6 Rock Hero Speed 0.95

Lucas PT Y6 Rock Hero Speed 0.95

Daisy D Y5 Rock Hero Speed 1.01

Congratulations to Sandways House for being this terms winning House with an amazing **619** House Points. Next week they will enjoy a treat of an extra playtime.

## Hedgehogs News

This week in Hedgehogs we have been continuing our Nativity rehearsals, ready for filming. We have been trying to film our section on the outdoor stage and the children have been brilliant, as we've had to do several takes of the same part. It's amazing how many helicopters and large lorries go past during the day! We have been completing some Christmas writing about what we would like for Christmas and learning how to write Christmas cards. We have had some new Christmas crafts to complete and two of the favourites were making reindeers out of chocolate play dough and cutting out pictures from toy catalogues to stick onto their wish list. We have continued with our daily phonics to build up our reading fluency and stamina and number work linked with our advent calendar.

Mrs Toy & Mrs Cuff



## Squirrels News

This week in Squirrels as part of our "Towers and Turrets" topic, the children have been learning about Kings and Queens of England. First, they had to plot past monarchs, such as Henry VIII, in chronological order on a timeline before focussing on Queen Victoria. The children researched her and found out facts such as: she became Queen in 1837 at the age of 18; she had 9 children; and after the death of her husband, she only wore black.

In PE the children completed their final session of cricket coaching and enjoyed playing a game of diamond cricket. The game enabled them to put all the skills they had learnt, including batting, throwing and catching, in to practise. The children have had great fun during our sessions over the last six weeks and I am sure we have some future cricket stars at our school.

Finally, the children have been busy preparing for our part of the school's Nativity. They have worked extremely hard to learn the words for our songs and they look forward to you all seeing the finished show soon.

Mr Abbott



## **Badgers News**

This week Badgers have had a lot of fun creating our slice of the Nativity story. The shepherds, angels and sheep have learnt songs and lines and practised hand bells. We've been really impressed by their confidence in sharing themselves. Look out for the whole school video sometime soon!

We've also completed our Diversity topic with some independent writing expressing our opinions about a range of sub topics from: Should girls be allowed to do whatever job they like? (Yes!) to What matters the most if it's not your appearance?

It has been lovely to hear about people's diverse families, opinions and experiences. The children have tried really hard with their end of term assessments too. We're all looking forward to our Christmas crafts, party and other excitements next week.

Ms Rankin and Mrs McGinty

## **Foxes News**

In Foxes this week we wrote our own adventure stories based in South America: some of us were chased by tigers, poisonous spiders or involved in Land Rover crashes. Although we worked hard on making it sound dramatic, we survived to tell the tale.

In maths we continued using our knowledge of equivalent fractions to compare and order fractions. Mrs Moores was a Questioning Queen Bee and set us a challenge which we investigated and answered for her.

We enjoyed our cricket session with coach Sean and focused on getting into a space during netball skills. Like most classes, we have spent lots of time practising and recording our Christmas Nativity. We are quite sure that St George's Christmas Nativity of 2020 is one we will remember for many years!

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman

## **🎄 Wincanton Festive Tennis camp led by LaTennis 🎄**

**Meet the new Wincanton tennis coach's from latennis**

**1 day of fun, prizes, games and drills**

**Mon 21 Dec @Wincanton Tennis club (non members welcome)**

**All ages and abilities, all equipment provided**

**Recommended age 6-14yrs**

**£25 per day 9am- 3 pm £45 for both**

**Half day (9-12) £13**

**10% introduce a friend discount**

**10% Sibling discount**

**Contact [latennis@hotmail.com](mailto:latennis@hotmail.com) 07437 404242 to book!**

**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.

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

We have removed the need to change passwords so hopefully this will no longer be an issue but if you do have a problem logging on, please contact the school office.

**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.



### **Lunches**

We are very pleased to say that we will be serving hot lunches again in January. Please look out for our email on Monday which will give you full details of how to register and order meals. All children in Yrs R, 1 and 2 are entitled to a free meal, older children can also order for £2.40 per meal. Please take this opportunity to see what our new supplier can offer.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 they are due to start school in September 2021. The deadline for applications via your home county is 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Christmas Party Day**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**The children can come to school in Christmas jumpers or party clothes.**

### School Twitter

Page:

**@StBourton**



### Happy Birthday



**Lucas PT (11)**

*Many Happy Returns*

### Attendance

#### Week ending 11.12.20

Hedgehogs – 87.3%

Squirrels – 99.3%

Badgers – 100%

Foxes – 97.6%

This week the winners are

**Badgers**



**Gillingham Library** is now open, with reduced hours, and they would love to see families getting books.

Opening hours as follows:

Monday – 9.30 – 1.00

Tuesday – 9.30 – 1.00 and then 2.00 -5.30pm

Wednesday CLOSED

Thursday – 9.30 – 1.00

Friday – 9.30 – 1.00

Saturday 9.30 – 1.00 and then 2.00 – 4.00pm

The library fully understand that many do not wish to come to the library as a public space at present, so you can use the Order and Collect facility via the Dorset Libraries website:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries-history-culture/libraries/libraries.aspx>

### Car parking at Drop Off and Pick Up times!

Please think carefully and park considerately when dropping your children off and picking them up. During the last few weeks, we have had more and more vehicles parking on the main road next to the church on the brow of the hill. This has caused a number of near misses with cars having to cross the solid white line into the oncoming traffic heading into Bourton. Please refrain from parking here and show consideration for other road users and ultimately the safety of our children arriving and leaving school. Could parents please ensure Grandparents and Child minders are also made aware of this message – Thank you.

Look out for a letter by email regarding food tasting, cooking in school and allergy updates.

Please complete this form and send it back into the office.

### Diary Dates

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December @4.30pm** – Live draw of the raffle on the PTFA Facebook page

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Class Christmas Party Day

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Last Day of Term – 1:15/1:25pm finish

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January** – **INSET Day** – School closed to pupils

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** – Return to school



### Breakfast Club

Covid guidance updates now allow us to run a Breakfast Club facility.

PH Sport will be managing and running the breakfast club for us in the school hall with children in their class bubble groups. The sessions will be from 7:45am to 8:45am with breakfast included for £4.25 a session. Bookings need to be made directly with PH Sport, a letter and further details were attached with last weeks Newsletter.

