



Kindness, Thankfulness, Perseverance

What an amazing week of learning we have had. The sunshine at the start of the week meant all classes were able to enjoy learning outside, picnic lunches outside and of course use the pool.

We have been able to welcome some visitors into school this week following guidance and social distancing. This has meant that some of our Foxes children enjoyed a Maths on the Move session outside on the field; Badgers and Foxes enjoyed a morning of Tri Golf led by Sports Leaders from Gillingham School and Foxes, Badgers and Squirrels have all enjoyed a computer programming session led by a specialist teacher from our IT service provider.

I hope you are all keeping well. I know this continues to be a challenging time for many families especially as the news from the government this week was not what we were all hoping for.

Our advice from the DfE and Public Health hasn't changed and therefore we need to continue with the current operational plan, so our current bubble arrangement and Covid restrictions will be in place until the end of this academic year. We are awaiting confirmation that the guidance will change in preparation for September. Over the coming weeks we will be reviewing our "Covid Keepers" – things which we will be keeping following on from Covid restrictions and those which we will be pleased to remove. Unfortunately, as a result of the recent DfE announcement we are having to rearrange our transition events for our new children. This is also the same for those children going to Gillingham School for their transition. We understand this is frustrating for the children and families but we want to reassure you we will still arrange transition events just under the guidance we have been sent. More information will be sent out to families next week.

Euros Themed Non-Uniform Day – Tuesday 22nd June 2021

To celebrate the Euros, we are holding a non-uniform day within Sports week to raise money for playground resources. A donation of £1 would be welcomed.

Christian Vision and Values review: This year as a school we have been reviewing our Vision and Christian Values. As part of this work we would like to gather the views of the parents regarding our Christian vision. On Monday 28th June 9-10am we will be hosting a Parent Forum session on the playground to gather ideas. If you would like to attend please let the school office know. We are having to limit the number of people due to Covid restrictions and the meeting will be held outside.

Get To Tokyo Update:

Well done everyone we are currently in Australia and need to head to China next. Keep going with your physical activity in school and at home.



Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 18/6/2021

Joanna (Hedgehogs) – for great effort in the Swimming pool.

Arya (Squirrels) – for being a superstar helper in the Swimming Pool.

Elliot (Badgers) – for his creativity with beautiful drawings and fantastic use of vocabulary in literacy.

Lillianna (Foxes) – for having a great attitude to her learning and being a super role model in the class. **WELL DONE!**

Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 18/6/2021

Joey for being an Imagining Iguana

Ethan for being a Concentrating Camel

Dolly for being a Noticing Newt



Ralph for being a Concentrating Camel

Paddy for being a Have-a-go Hyena



Lucas H for being a Reviewing Rabbit

Well Done

Attendance

Week ending 18.6.21

Hedgehogs – 95.1%

Squirrels – 100%

Badgers – 93.8%

Foxes – 100%

This week the winners are

Squirrels & Foxes



Pupil of the week

Week ending: 18/6/2021

Hedgehogs: Dulcie

Squirrels: Ivy

Badgers: Chloe

Foxes: Barni

Well done

Silver Star Awards

Lillianna (Y6)

Joshua (Y5)

James (Y5)

Well done



Happy Birthday



Arya (7)

Thea (7)

Many Happy Returns

Achievements Out of School

Emily (Y4) has successfully completed swimming stage 7 and now in stage 8.

Congratulations

Bronze Star Awards

Connie (Y5)

Sam (Y5)

Well done

House Point Scores

Sandways

164

Chaffeymoor

176

Queen Oak

170

Hedgehogs News

Hedgehogs enjoyed swimming in the sun twice this week and are getting a little quicker at getting changed already! In English we have continued our work on fact files and have written factual sentences. Year 1s also learnt how to write different questions, learning how to punctuate them correctly. This week in maths we have moved on to learning about subtraction and 'counting back' to find the answer. The Year 1s have also been using a 100 square, learning how to cross a tens number when subtracting. Towards the end of the week we have learnt about time sequencing language. In ICT this week we learnt how to turn the new laptops on and off and practised logging on independently. We have also been looking at how homes are special to us in our RE session and we had to work as a team to build a home for a toy using all sorts of construction, both indoors and outdoors. Another lovely week!



Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff ☺

Squirrels News

This week in Squirrels the children learnt all about Sir Mo Farah as part of their "Be the Best!" topic. They watched videos of his achievements at the Olympics in London 2012 and Rio 2016, before researching his life, which revealed how hard he trained everyday to be the best and reach his goals.

In Maths the children have been doubling and halving numbers. First, they doubled numbers to 20 by adding the same number, before partitioning larger numbers into ones and tens to double. When halving, the children recognised that it is the same as dividing by two and split numbers into two equal groups.

In Science the children have been using their senses to describe the environment around them. They enjoyed sharing their favourite sights, sounds, touches, smells and tastes and completed a senses wheel.

Finally, we said goodbye and good luck to Miss Finn who has finished her final teaching place with us. We wish her lots of success for the future.



Mr Abbott

Badgers News

This week in Badgers has seen the countryside table explode into life with objects of interest that the children have collected. Despite the Covid restrictions, we have had a couple of opportunities of learning with visitors from the outside world this week (all Covid safe of course!):

Tri Golf -

We had the engaging teaching of Nico Stone and the sports leaders from Gillingham School when they introduced Tri-Golf to the school. The children loved using two different (plastic!) golf clubs to try a variety of shots and challenges. They were even running around flapping for 'birdie', celebrating for 'a-hole-in-one' and dramatically acting out 'looking in the rough'.

We have also had an hour long lesson with Damian from Turn IT On where we got to try out our brand new laptops on a programme called Scratch which can be used to create interactive stories, games and animations.

Badgers also enjoyed thinking about our school vision and designing a tree complete with all the elements of our school community; one day we will have a fitting symbol for St George's and it is great to consult everybody for their ideas.

We have continued to think about British Forests and Woodlands, creating posters of individual trees and their properties. We have loved playing Tree Top trumps too. I wonder if you can guess the tallest British tree in our Top Trumps pack? The sun has continued to shine this week, so the swimming has been a welcome reprieve from the hot classrooms. As it starts to rain, we welcome the rainfall for the school garden – which leads us nicely onto the science we have been learning about this week, which is all about plants and what they need to survive and the main parts and functions of a plant.

Ms Rankin and Mrs Welshman

Foxes News

Foxes have enjoyed a week of visitors, both in person and virtual. We started Monday morning with a session from 'Maths on The Move' for some of the class. They were practicing rounding and adjusting to add and subtract large numbers whilst completing relays and orienteering activities. In the afternoon, we had a virtual visit from Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service with Jon Sweet. He gave a very valuable presentation about being fire-wise especially around the home. Foxes listened very attentively and asked some thoughtful questions. They then produced some informative leaflets about fire safety which we hope they will bring home soon to share with you.

On Wednesday, we had a visit from Nico Stone and his team of sports leaders from Gillingham School. They ran a fun session on tri-golf which the children thoroughly enjoyed although we managed to lose a few of their balls in the hedge! By the time you read this, the children would have had a computing session today led by 'Turn It On' using Scratch. It's always great to be able to get the experts in (following Covid guidelines) and we've definitely done that this week!

We have of course continued to enjoy our time in the pool, writing the endings to our tunnel stories, revising fractions and practising performing our special song in music.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman

Reminder: There should be **NO PARKING** on the main road next to the church by the grassy area and school blue gates. There have been a couple of near misses as cars are having to overtake parked cars on the brow of the hill with oncoming traffic! **Please pass this information to others who are collecting your children.**

Please Park safely and sensibly. A few extra footsteps could prevent an accident.

Dates for the Diary:

Mon 7th June – Fri 23rd July – Summer Term 2

Mon 21st – Fri 25th June Sports Week

Mon 21st June – Life Education Van visit

Mon 21st June – FGB

Tues 22nd June – Euro Home Clothes day

Mon 28th June – New Reception Children Story time session

School Twitter Page:

@StBourton



A Polite Plea:

Can we please ask everyone to check and name their child's clothing this weekend, especially jumpers. We have found lots without names in!

Sports Week next week: This year we have chosen to extend Sports day across the week to create a Sports Focused week for the children. We will start the week with a visit from the Life Education Team. They won't be bringing their bus as they usually do but each class will take part in a classroom-based session with the visitor learning about healthy lifestyles and how to stay fit and healthy.

On Friday we will hold our Sports Day. Unfortunately, we cannot run a traditional sports day this year with a parental audience. All children will still have the opportunity to take part in a variety of sports throughout the day, in their bubbles. Children should come to school in their sports kit every day next week. We know many parents will be disappointed not to be able to come and watch, we feel the same, so we will be taking lots of photos and will post a full report of the day on the school newsletter and website.

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.



Reminder: The Car Park is for Staff use only this includes when dropping off for breakfast club.

Covid19 Update:

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. You must book a test for the symptomatic person and phone or email the school office to let us know.

You can arrange a test through <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by phoning 119.

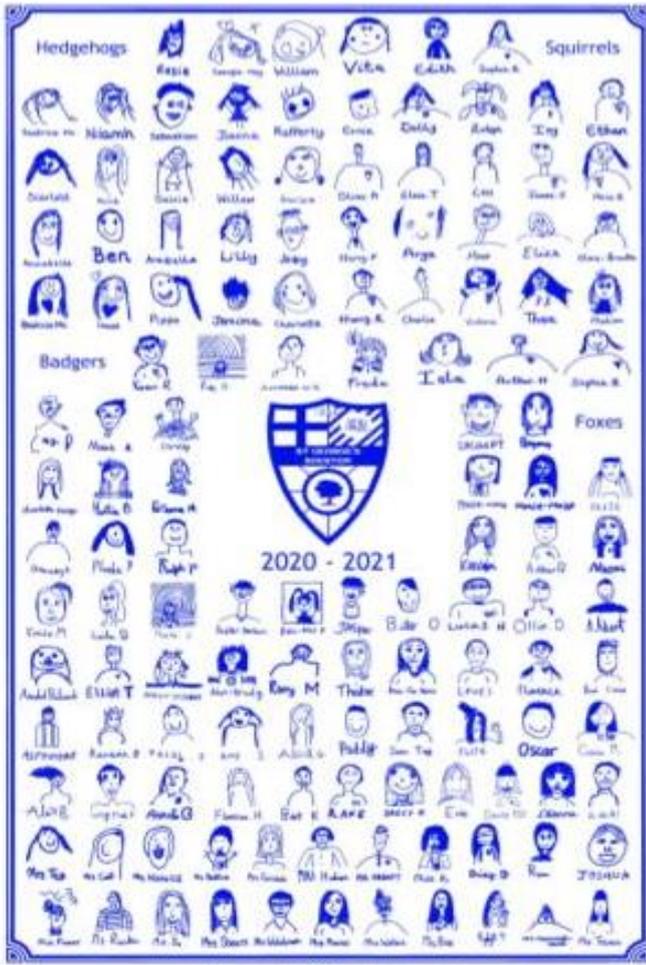
The symptoms to look out for are:

- New, persistent cough
- High temperature
- Change to sense of taste or smell

If you do need to get a test for a member of your household, once you get the result, please let us know the result. If we do get a positive case in school, we will work with the Public Health Team to identify close contacts and they will be asked to isolate.

SUNTAN CREAM

Hopefully we will be blessed with lots of Sunny weather this term so can we please ask that the children have suntan cream applied before school. Unfortunately, we are not able to assist children in applying sun cream throughout the day so a once a day cream would be good.



PTFA:

The children in school have contributed their drawings to make a design for a 100% cotton premium quality Tea Towel. Tea Towels are 31" x 20" (79cm x 51cm) and are printed in a vibrant wash fast colour.

If you would like to place an order, please complete the form emailed out this week. At least 25% of every sale goes to school fundraising. Each Tea Towel costs £5.

Payment can be made by Bank Transfer to

Account No: 00216462

Sort Code: 30-93-45

Orders need to be in school by **Wednesday 23rd June** please.



Pet Service

HOME FARM
BA12 6QL
Sunday
11th July
4pm



Come and celebrate our Pets!

Do come along and enjoy this special service of praise for your beloved pets, 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, and will be followed by pet treats and light refreshments.

Donations for Pets as Therapy & Cinnamon Trust most welcome.

This is a working farm: please follow the directions for parking and venue and be responsible. Keep your pet under control & clean up after your pet.

Contacts:
Barbara 01747 840141
Rev Ben Rundell-Evans 01747 840221

BRUTON SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS

Musical Theatre

Summer School

Monday 16th - Friday 20th August
10am to 3pm

Suitable for **8-14 year-olds**
Food provided
£200 for 5 days

Learning and performing a new musical theatre production written by **Paul Denegri**

TO BOOK

please email Mr Dury, Director of Music
by **Friday 25th June**

mdury@brutonschool.co.uk