



Dear Families,

The weeks seem to be going by very quickly. I can't quite believe we have been back for a month already! The weather has been challenging this week with lots of rain but it hasn't stopped us getting outside for Rugby, playtimes and Forest School.

The feedback from the children regarding Forest School has been extremely positive over the last few weeks. The children have enjoyed telling me all about making journey sticks, clay models, toasting marshmallows and making leaf bunting. They are loving having a weekly session outside regardless of the weather. The smiles and muddy Welly Boots tell a fabulous story! With this in mind, please remember that the children do need their FOREST SCHOOL kit in school each week. As the weather is turning colder and wetter this does need to include warm layers and Welly Boots along with a waterproof coat as well. Ms Rankin is looking to develop our Forest School area further and make it a useable space all year round by creating a shelter. If you can spare a few hours on a Saturday morning to help Ms Rankin and Mr Phillips build the frame for the shelter we'd be grateful. Please let Mrs Hudson know if you can help. Hopefully we can make a start on 9th October.

We were able to welcome back the Open The Book Team into school again this week after almost 2 years. The children were excited to be able to help the team and Revd Ben tell the story of David. Open the Book is a national initiative which offers primary school children the opportunity to hear key Bible stories told by a team of Christians from local churches. We are very lucky to have a wonderful group of volunteers locally who give up their time to come along and lead an interactive worship for our children.

Next week, on Monday Badgers are heading out on a school trip to The Ancient Technology Centre. Don't forget Badgers to wear old clothes you don't mind getting mucky and that keep you warm. I am sure you will have a fabulous day as part of your topic this term.

Also, a reminder that next week on Friday 8th October we will be taking part in #HelloYellow for World Mental Health Day. It is a little thing we can do to make a BIG difference to young people's mental health. The children are invited to come to school in Yellow non-school uniform for a donation towards the Young Minds children's mental health charity.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

PTFA Events

Tuck Shop and Uniform Swap after school on Friday 8th October

Hello Yellow Children's Mental health Day Friday 8th October

We will be supporting this event again this year and the children are invited to come into school in anything yellow for the day in exchange for a donation towards the Children's Mental Health Charity.



Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 01/10/2021

Tabitha (Hedgehogs) – for being increasingly considerate of others, always very caring, happy to help children and adults and gives task a go.

Charlie (Squirrels) – for being a superstar learner in all curriculum areas and always trying his best.

Dolly (Badgers) – for working so hard, especially in English and being a great role model.

Daisy (Foxes) - for consistently displaying an excellent and responsible attitude to all her learning.

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards

Week ending: 01/10/2021

Rafferty for being a Concentrating Camel

Joanna for being a Concentrating Camel

Ed for being a Persevering Penguin

Paddy for being a Persevering Penguin



Well Done



Attendance

Week ending 01/10/21

Hedgehogs – 99.6%

Squirrels – 94.6%

Badgers – 98.2%

Foxes – 90.3%

This week the winners are **Hedgehogs**



Pupil of the week

Week ending: 01/10/2021

Hedgehogs: Logan

Squirrels: Bea Mu

Badgers: Alicia

Foxes: Bert

Well done

Birthdays



**Ethan (7), James (11)
Lydia (10), Lilly O (5)
Jacob (9)**

Many Happy Returns

Achievements Out of School

**Well done to Amy who achieved
learn to swim stage 5**

Each week we celebrate the children's achievements outside of school. Please let us know if you would like a mention in the newsletter.

Wonderful Writers

Willow (Yr1)

Lilly (Yr2)

Sophie R (Yr3)

Robyn (Yr3)

Ruby (Yr5)

Rafe (Yr6)

Well Done!

Marvellous Maths

Niamh (Yr1)

Joey (Yr1)

Jacob (Yr4)

Bluebell (Yr4)

Phoebe P (Yr5)

Oscar (Yr6)

Congratulations

House Point Scores

Sandways

668

Chaffeymoor

561

Queen Oak

628

Hedgehogs News

This week in Hedgehogs, we have been continuing our science topic on seasons and discussed the sun – light and dark. We went outside to make shadow chalk drawings and shadow puppets. We got to enjoy our second session of pen disco! The children love listening to different music and doing different lines and swirls to the beat. This week it was Annabelle's choice of Dolly Parton! In Forest School this week, the children learnt how to use a hammer and nails, which is quite challenging. They persevered and created simple images in a wooden block and joined the nails with coloured thread. They were proud of their efforts.

In Maths we have continued to explore 2D shapes. We had a phone call from Mrs Shape Sorter and the children collected shapes based on her instructions, such as 'a shape with four corners'. We tried to draw the shapes outside on the playground with chalk.

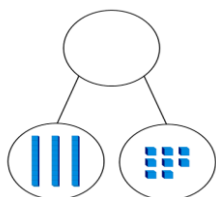
Mrs Ramage
and Mrs Nicholls



Squirrels News

This week Squirrels have been working really hard on sentence writing. Traction Man had been exploring our classroom so we wrote sentences about what he had been up to. We focussed on making sure we had capital letters at the start (remembering capital letters for names too) full-stops at the end, finger spaces between each word and writing on the line instead of floating our letters in the air! So much to remember and the children have risen to the challenges wonderfully. In maths, we have looked closely at how numbers are made, identifying how many tens and ones using part-part-whole models (below) and arrow cards. We also introduced chilli challenges to extend our reasoning and problem solving skills. In DT, we began making our moving pictures, focussing on drawing and cutting out our moving parts. In Forest School the children learnt how to use a hammer and nails and created an image using nails and string. They worked in pairs, took turns and collaborated really well. Very few finger bashes occurred! We hope the rain doesn't dampen your weekend. See you on Monday.

Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff



Badgers News

In Badgers this week we wrote our quest stories with our heroes travelling around the world to collect items to save towns and villages. We tried to use expanded noun phrases to make this interesting for the reader.

In Topic we designed Anglo-Saxon brooches which we hope to make in the next couple of weeks. We also had fun in Science, trying to make our own magnets with paper clips.

In Forest School we made pizza dough and cooked our pizza in a cast iron Dutch oven over the fire. While we were waiting for the dough to rise, we played a variety of games including keeper of the keys and drum stalk. These games help develop listening skills as they involve blindfolds and create a very attentive and exciting atmosphere.

Please remember our trip on Monday - we need to leave promptly. Children should come to school dressed ready for a fun and messy day outside (no synthetic clothing was advised and no open-toed shoes please). Please ensure they have a waterproof coat with a hood and warm jumper - we are sure we will have a fabulous day.

Have a good weekend
Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman

Foxes News

This week in Forest School, the children in Foxes have been using natural materials to create pieces of art work. In house teams they painted pictures using beetroot and blackberries, as well as making sculptures out of clay, sticks and leaves. The children were all "persevering penguins" to not give up, especially in the pouring rain!

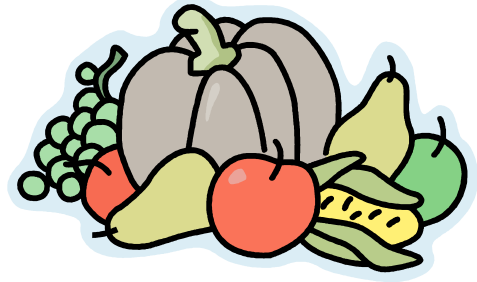
In Science we have been learning about the movement of the Earth and the Moon and why we have day and night. We discussed how it takes 365 (and a quarter) days for the Earth to orbit the Sun, 28 days for the Moon to orbit the Earth and 24 hours for the Earth to spin on its axis. The children drew diagrams to explain their understanding.

Finally, we had our third session with Chris from Project Touchline. The children enjoyed participating in the Tag Rugby games. This week there was a particular focus on our Christian Value of perseverance. Keep up the good work!

Mr Abbott



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

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along to take part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning last Friday. It was lovely to see so many of you.

We raised a total of £92.40!



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 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.



Have your details changed?

Our priority in school is to keep all our children safe whilst they are at school. This week we have sent home a pack of forms on coloured paper, please look out for them. A data checking sheet will be included so you can check data we currently hold please check it carefully and update it where necessary so we can update our records.



Please contact the office if home time arrangements change.

Are you entitled to additional funding for your child?

All children in Reception, Year 1 or 2 at a maintained school are now entitled to a free lunch. However, some parents of infant age children may also be entitled to register for free school meals. If you are eligible, we would strongly encourage you to officially register as this then enables our school to access additional funding which we can invest back into the school. It is for the school to decide how the funding will be best put to use, with the primary aim being reducing disadvantage and ensuring every child has their learning needs met.

Some examples are:

- To provide extra classroom support and resources.
- Extra one-to-one or small-group support for children within the classrooms.
- Opportunities for children to catch up, or be extended, in their learning.
- Financial support towards educational trips and visits (including residential trips).

If you receive any of the following your child may be eligible:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit; this is as long as you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit: this is as long as your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please complete an online application at www.dorsetforyou.com/free-school-meals You will need your child's date of birth, your National Insurance Number (available from your P60, payslip or benefits notification letter) or your National Asylum Seeker Service Number.

The school does not see any specific information about your income or the benefits you receive.

Forest School Shelter

Ms Rankin is asking for volunteers to help with putting up a shelter in the forest school area. Mr Phillips will be leading the project but would need a few volunteers who could help with digging holes and assembling the framework. Suggested dates are 9th or 16th October

Hedgehog plea:

Have you got any toys your children no longer play with at home which you think our children would enjoy using? Hedgehogs would be delighted to receive any Jigsaw puzzles, construction toys, dressing up clothes or dolls which are no longer needed at home. Hedgehogs are also after some natural materials to use in their outdoor area. If you spot conkers, pinecones, or acorns on your walks this weekend could you please pick up a few for us please.

REMINDER

Forest School and PE kit

Please ensure your child has their full PE kit and Forest School clothes in school. It is a challenge when we have lots of identical jumpers to match to owners when they are not named so can you please check everything is labelled clearly.

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



Dates for your Diary

4 th Oct	Badgers class visit Sports Ambassadors Event Governors FB Meeting
8 th Oct	Wear something Yellow Tuck Shop/Uniform Swap
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

Car Park Reminders

Please park considerately of our neighbours down Church Track by not blocking driveways, leaving room for home owners to leave their driveways
Also please avoid parking by the grass in front of the Church on the main road, this causes cars to cross the double white lines and into the path of vehicles coming over the hill from Wincanton
Please help us to keep our children safe!

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 MyMorrisons app today to take part.

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



The Application process is now open for applying for School places for September 2022. If you have a child due to transfer to secondary school or if you have a 3/4 year old due to start school please check the website of your home County for details.

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