



I can hardly believe we are about to enter the last week of term. This week has flown past but my 'to do' list has been getting longer by the day!

I do hope those of you who were able to join us yesterday for our swim show and swim gala enjoyed the events as much as we did. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the children, they made it a day to remember. The younger children were incredible in the pool showcasing some of their swimming skills – I was particularly impressed with their seahorse racing! They have all made great progress in the pool and on Monday we will be presenting swimming grade certificates in assembly.

The afternoon by the pool was just as impressive, as Badgers and Foxes took part in the Swim Gala. It was great to see all the children cheering and championing each other in every race. A huge "Well Done" to everyone but particularly Chaffeymoor who were the overall winners! We are extremely lucky to have our own pool and really enjoyed being able to hold our end of year swim events once again.

Next week is looking just as busy and the weather is an added challenge. We are following guidance from Dorset Public Health. As a school we have additional measures in place to safeguard the children with the extreme heat forecast. The classrooms have fans, or air conditioning (Badgers) and the doors and windows will be open to allow a breeze to pass through. The children will be encouraged to drink water frequently throughout the day so please do remember to send them into school with a refillable water bottle. We will also have use of the Marquee next week on the field which will give us some additional shade for play and lunchtimes. As always, please make sure that your child has a sunhat in school next week and that you have applied sun cream before school.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine safely.

#### Don't Forget our **Year 6 Leavers Service – Thursday 21st July at 9:15am**

A reminder that we will be holding our very special Year 6 Leavers Service on the school field in the Marquee this year. For the parents, carers and families who have not attended before this is a special service where we say farewell to our Year 6 children: celebrating their time with us and wishing them well for their futures. Everyone is welcome to join us – not just Year 6 families. The Year 6 children will be sharing their memories, and some will be entertaining us by playing their musical instruments. We do hope you will join us for this memorable (and emotional!) event.

#### **Talent Show**

On Monday Mr Abbott and Foxes are holding a Talent Show. You are more than welcome to come along to watch from 2pm

#### **Breakfast Club**

PH Sports run our breakfast club, and this will continue from September. You can sign your child up for the club up to 7am on the day of the club and drop them at school from 7.45am. Please visit <https://phsports.childcare-online-booking.co.uk> to book a place.

#### **School Games Mark**

We're delighted to have been awarded the Silver School Games Mark this year for providing exceptional opportunities to keep our pupils active during the school day - from runs around the track on the field (running the Daily Mile), to taking part in interschool sporting challenges, to sporting House Challenges, and to all the PE lessons, clubs and activities organised by our staff, volunteers, and sports providers. Each year, schools are asked to apply for the School Games Mark. We are going to aim for Gold next year! Achieving this wouldn't have been possible without the support of parents, staff, and the children - thank you! Well done to Mr Abbott for leading our PE and Sports provision in school.

## Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 15/07/2022

**Mykhailo (Hedgehogs)** – for showing great attitude towards his new routines.

**Elsie & Ivy (Squirrels)** – for going above and beyond and thinking of others.

**Thea (Badgers)** – for being a kind friend to others.

**Ollie (Foxes)** – for always bringing high levels of interest and participation to all lessons)

**WELL DONE!**

## Learnimal Awards

Week ending: 15/07/2022

**Lucy** for being a Persevering Penguin

**Arabella** for being a Persevering Penguin

**Emilia** for being a Teamwork Tiger

**Elliot WW** for being a Teamwork Tiger

**Joshua** for being a Teamwork Tiger



**Well Done**



### Star Awards

Week ending 15/07/22



Congratulations to everyone who won a Star Award this week

### Achievements outside of School

Congratulations to Joanna who passed her stage 4 swimming

Well Done to Harry F who was awarded the most improved player trophy in football

### Pupil of the week

Week ending: 15/07/2022

Hedgehogs: **Percy**

Squirrels: **Joanna**

Badgers: **Max**

Foxes: **Ruby**

**Well done**

## Marvellous Maths

**Charlie (YR), Eliza (Y2), Harry R (Y3)  
Elliot (Y4), Emily (Y5), Sam (Y6)**

Congratulations

## Wonderful Writers

**Lilly (YR), Aralynne (Y1), Edith (Y3)  
Ed (Y4), Alexander(Y5), Connie (Y6)  
Maisie-Grace (Y6)**

**Well Done!**

### Attendance

Week ending 15/07/22

Hedgehogs – 95.7%

Squirrels – 92.7%

Badgers – 94.8%

Foxes – 88.8%

This week the winners are

**Hedgehogs**



## House Point Scores

**Sandways**

**844**

**Chaffeymoor**

**844**

**Queen Oak**

**728**

## Hedgehogs News

What a hot week! We have managed to keep cool by the pool three times this week. The children have been amazing in their swimming lessons and I'm sure you will agree, they were fabulous in the swimming gala. We were very lucky this week to enjoy a handball session, the children loved this activity and were very good at scoring points by bouncing the balls in the hoops. There were some great teamwork tigers! In Art we have been using all our knowledge of primary and secondary colours to complete our landscape pictures. The children demonstrated great concentration to produce their final pieces.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Ramage and Mrs Nicholls



## Squirrels News

What a hot week! We have had the fan going all week in the classroom while the Squirrels worked hard to finish their stories about meeting someone or something on the beach.

Some fantastic use of adjectives and description. On Monday we had a super handball session with Ollie Betts – he will be running after school handball clubs in the Autumn Term.

The children really enjoyed perfecting passing, bouncing and dribbling skills. In maths this week we have been revising counting in steps. Year 1s have been counting in 2s and Year 2s

have practised their multiplication as well as counting in 3s. On Thursday the children showed their amazing swimming skills to grown-ups who could come. They were very excited to show everyone and did an amazing job. We have one more swimming session on

Tuesday afternoon. Next week is going to be very hot again – please remember hats, water bottles and sun cream. Have a lovely sunny weekend everyone. Mrs Toy & Mrs Milsom



## Badgers News

In English, we looked at the features of a newspaper report. We focused on writing a headline and strap line for an erupting volcano which destroyed villages in La Palma. We tried hard to include the five 'w's and having a catchy headline. After ten weeks of learning to play the ukuleles, we played a concert of the songs we have been learning in front of the whole school during assembly. In science, we have been learning about the effect of temperature on substances and how this may change their state of matter. We learnt that water changes from a solid to a liquid and then a gas at different temperatures, then experimented with chocolate to see at what temperature it changes to a liquid - and back to a solid when cooled in a refrigerator. So not to waste the chocolate, chocolate crispy cakes were made to ate after the swimming gala!

Mrs Shears & Mrs Welshman



## Foxes News

We have had another busy week in Foxes. On Monday, coach Ollie came and led a handball taster session for all the children, which everyone really enjoyed. He taught them about it being a mixture of basketball and football, in the way that you need to keep the ball close to you when dribbling and how you can pass to a team mate by doing a chest pass or a bounce pass.

In Science this week all the children got trapped inside a wind turbine! In order to escape they needed a security code. The children searched for clues around the classroom and, working in teams, they had to use their knowledge of electricity in order to crack the code. Everyone was amazing "Teamwork Tigers" and luckily, they all escaped.

Finally, in Art the children had a go at drawing Tudor style portraits, using oil pastels to complete them. They all worked extremely hard and achieved authentic looking pictures, with the aim being to copy an off-centre view of the face. Well done everyone.

Mr Abbott



### Gillingham Area Swimming Gala

On Wednesday, children from Badgers and Foxes went to Riversmeet Leisure Centre in Gillingham to attend a Swimming Gala. The children all performed amazingly and won the following medals:

#### **Bronze:**

25m Breaststroke = Emily

25m Doggy Paddle = Elliot T

#### **Silver:**

25m Backstroke = Noah

25m Doggy Paddle = Dexter

25m Butterfly = Hollie

#### **Gold:**

25m Backstroke = Lydia

25m Doggy Paddle = Phoebe S

25m Breaststroke = Noah

25m Front Crawl = Lydia

### **School Reports**

Today your child will have bought home their Annual Report. These include up to date assessment information, including End of EYFS assessments, Year 1 Phonic Screening results, Y2 and Y6 end of Key Stage Assessment including Y6 SAT results. The reports also include your child's attendance for the year.

Please note that the attendance reports will include any time that the children have had off school due to Covid. We appreciate that this may mean that their attendance is much lower than normal. Our current whole school attendance stands at 95.74% which is much lower than previous pre pandemic years. In September I will be writing to all parents, carers, and families about attendance for next year as we know the impact that this can have on your child's education and engagement in school – watch this space!

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the report or your child's attainment and progress over the year, please make an appointment to meet with your child's Class Teacher.

My thanks to the teachers for all their hard work on the reports this year – they were a joy to read and comment on.

#### **Who to Ask**

There are times when as a parent you want to know about how your child is getting on at school and may not be sure who to ask. Please go directly to your child's class teacher either face to face or via an email to the class email address.

Some parents who have a child with Special Educational Needs may also want to speak directly to Mrs Shears (SENDCO).

Please do not ask the Teaching assistants or Lunchtime assistants about how your child is getting on, as it is not their role to pass on information to parents. It is the role of the teacher. Thank you for your understanding with this request.

#### **A shout out**

I'd like to say a big thank you to Eliza and Ivy in Year 2. Every day the girls (along with some friends) are responsible for the box of books and colouring materials that go out onto the field at lunchtime for everyone to use. This week after coming to see me about the fact that a lot of paper was being wasted, they suggested colouring books may be a better idea. I explained I would go and buy some at the weekend to put in the box but yesterday both girls arrived in school with colouring books from home to donate to the school playtime box. This is not only very generous of you both but also extremely thoughtful. Thank you.

### **Lost Property Box**

Our lost property box has multiplied with un-named jumpers, hats and even some socks and coats! Please come and claim some clothing before the end of next week as we will be organising any unwanted clothing for recycling. The box will be out on the playground each day at pick up time.

## New Reception Starters

On Monday our New Reception Starters joined us for their final transition session before they start in September. Before they went home they were introduced to their new Year 6 buddy. Our Year 5 children (soon to be Year 6) presented our new starters with a clay Hedgehog and a handwritten welcome letter. We hope they all have a lovely Summer holiday looking after their clay Hedgehogs and we look forward to welcoming them to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.



## Ukulele Concert

This week Badgers performed an Ukulele Concert for the whole school showcasing the skills they have learnt over the last 10 weeks. A big thank you to Mrs Ely for coming into school and teaching them how to play. They were amazing. There is a short video of them playing Ed Sheeran's Happier on our Twitter page (also found on our website home page). As well as hearing Badgers perform, three of our Year 6 children also demonstrated their skills following lessons with Mr Gassmann. Daisy played the Flute, Honie-May the Clarinet and Joshua the Trombone. All three played beautifully. One of our younger children commented that it would be lovely to start each day with a concert!



If you would like your child to have music lessons, please email the office so we can put you in touch with the teachers.

A big thank you to everyone who arrived on Wednesday evening to help put up the Marquee on the field and set up the party in park. These events don't just happen by themselves, and we are grateful to everyone who volunteers with school events.

This year we have been extremely fortunate to have many volunteers hearing readers, helping with Forest School, and swimming lesson, driving children to sporting events, helping on trips and residential, helping set up sports day and swimming galas as well as carrying out odd jobs around school such as putting up the sail or Forest School shelter – THANK YOU!!

## PTFA

On Tuesday evening the PTFA held their last meeting of the year. It was lovely to be able to plan events for the coming year. Everyone linked to the school is automatically a member of the PTFA. Even if you can only help with one event your time will be appreciated. Next year the committee already have dates in the diary for a Race Night, Scarecrow Trail, Spooky disco, Film nights, Christmas Fayre, and a Valentines Bingo! In September we will be holding our MacMillan Coffee Morning where the PTFA will be introducing themselves, it is hoped lots of parents, carers and families will come along to enjoy a cuppa and piece of cake as well as raising money for charity and meeting other people.

The final events taking place over the next week are:



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July: Party in the Park. 5pm Everyone welcome to come along to a fun filled evening. There will be entertainment, an obstacle course and a tombola stall but mainly an opportunity to come together again to celebrate the end of the school year.

Bring your own picnic if you wish.



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Foxes End of Year Talent Show 2pm. Foxes will be entertaining us and showcasing their talents – everyone welcome to come along to watch.



Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Foxes Sailing Trip to the Andrew Simpson Centre in Portland.



Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Whole School End of Year House Team Water Fight on the field. The children need to bring swim wear, a change of clothing and a towel (we do get very wet) they are also asked to bring in their own NAMED water pistol.



Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July: 9:30am Year 6 Leavers Service. This will be held outside on the field (weather permitting) or in the hall if not. Parents and family of Year 6 are invited to come along as we celebrate their achievements during primary school. We will provide the tissues!!!



Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July: 1:30pm End of the School Year

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July INSET day for staff.

### Change of school start time from September 2022



Our school day currently starts at 8:50am.

From September we are moving the start time to **8:45am**. The gates will open at 8:40am. This is to ensure we are meeting the DfE requirements of providing a school week of at least 32.5hours. We will continue with a finish time of 3:15pm.

### Hedgehogs and Squirrels

Teachers will be reorganising the outside area and are looking for donations of any of the following:

Tables, benches or Outside plants in pots  
Thank you

## It's time to get ready for the Summer Reading Challenge!

In partnership with the Science Museum Group, the 2022 Challenge will show children that science is all around us every day and inspire them to unleash their curiosity and creativity!

Join at any Dorset, or Community Managed Library from Saturday 2 July and finishes Saturday 17 September.

Get your free fold out poster and go on to collect six Gadgeteers stickers as you read or listen to library books of your choice.

Complete the Challenge to receive a certificate and medal.

Keep an eye open for special Gadgeteers events and activities online and at a library near you.

To find out more visit [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries), follow us on Twitter @DorsetLibraries or find us on Facebook



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If you would like to enjoy live music entertainment in a relaxed setting it would be lovely to see you.

I'm also appearing with the band Unfringed on the Friday evening, 22nd July 6-7pm at The Half Moon and on the Sunday evening, 24th July 6:30-7:30 at The Two Brewers. More details can be found on the Shaftesbury Fringe 22 app. All these events are 'pass the hat'.

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