



Kindness, Thankfulness, Perseverance

It is hard to believe we are almost at the end of the term with only one more term left in school. Despite the guidance for schools having very little changes in last week it hasn't stopped us. We have been busy putting together plans for next term; a sports week, leavers services, trips and visits and meet the teacher days at the moment we are unsure whether these will be open to invite parents or in house activities. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children next term before they start their learning journey with us in September.

Next week is a four-day week as we have a staff training day on Friday. It is also Science week in school. We are starting the week off with a visit from the Mad Science team leading workshops with all the children and ending the week with a whole school science challenge to find the best biscuit for dunking! Unfortunately, we are still waiting for the heater to be repaired so we will not be able to swim next week, hopefully we can start after half-term. Have a lovely weekend.

Sports Day: Friday 25th June

Following the latest guidance sent to schools, we are still not in a position to release any firm details about this year's Sports Day; it may be that the event has to run without any spectators. I appreciate this is not helpful for those of you who wish to book a day off work. However, I hope you can appreciate the complexity of the situation. Our overriding aim will be to organise a day which the children enjoy with appropriate safety measures around COVID-19 in place. Therefore, at this stage I cannot guarantee that you will be invited. More information will be circulated closer to the time if guidance changes.

National survey of children, The Big Ask,

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ask** – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that the government can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Click here to complete the survey. <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited to complete the adult survey to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

Is your child eligible for extra financial help at school? Have your financial circumstances changed due to the Covid lockdown? If so you may now be eligible for help with the cost of school trips, breakfast club, music lessons, KS2 free school lunches, see if you are eligible by completing the form on Dorset Council's website: https://dorsetself.achieveservice.com/service/Free_school_meals_application

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 21/5/2021

Emilia (Hedgehogs) – for super rewriting of the Little Red Riding Hood story and storytelling her own version.

Isla (Squirrels) – for fantastic story writing.

Bluebell (Badgers) – for being an excellent role model to everyone; always kind, helpful and friendly.

Connie (Foxes) – for always being cheerful and positive and giving of her best and showing incredible perseverance in her Maths this week.

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 21/5/2021

Pippa for being a Reasoning Robin

Victoria for being an Imagining Iguana



Arthur H for being a Questioning Queen Bee

Rory for being a Have a Go Hyena



Honie-May & James for being Reviewing Rabbits

Pupil of the week

Week ending: 21/5/2021

Hedgehogs: Bea Mu

Squirrels: Vita

Badgers: Ed

Foxes: Elliot

Well done

Silver Star Awards

Daisy D (Y5)

Maisie-Grace (Y5)

Leo (Y2)

Well done



Attendance

Week ending 21.5.21

Hedgehogs – 99.1%

Squirrels – 99.3%

Badgers – 98.5%

Foxes – 98.2%

This week the winners are

Squirrels



Gold Star Awards

Sophie R (Y2)

Oliver (Y1)

Happy Birthday



Karis (9)

Madison (7)

Florence H (9)

Jemima (5)

Many Happy Returns

Achievements out of School

Elsie (Y5) has successfully passed her Stage 6 Swimming level.

Rafe (Y5) was awarded Student of the Week at Stagecoach for excellent characterisation and vocals.

Florence (Y5) & Annabel (Y3) took part in the "North Dorset Cycle Ride" last weekend, in and around Shaftesbury. The weather was appalling but Annabel managed 6 miles and Florence 20!

Well done and Congratulations!

House Point Scores

Sandways

833

Chaffeymoor

619

Queen Oak

788

Hedgehogs News

Another busy week in Hedgehogs! In English we have been drawing our own story maps and writing stories based on the plot of Little Red Riding Hood. We then practised telling our stories with a partner using our story-telling voices. In maths we have been looking at making equal groups; this skill is the foundation for multiplication. The children made sets of equal groups very well using all sort of resources. The Year 1s took it further and wrote the calculations out as repeated additions as well as a multiplication sentence. We finished our Food Technology unit this week by making a fruit jelly. We linked this to our work in ICT and the children filmed each other demonstrating the instructions we had written together. I am busy editing the videos to share with them next week. The children were very excited to get to taste the jellies at snack time on Thursday, even if some of the jellies had not set very well! We have an exciting Science Week planned for next week where a lot of our learning will be investigation based. Have a lovely weekend.



Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff 😊

Squirrels News

In Squirrels this week, the children have enjoyed continuing with our "World Kitchen" topic. In D&T they designed and made fruit jellies, and wrote detailed instructions on how to make them. After tasting their jellies, they evaluated their product and explained what they would do differently if they were to make the jellies again.

In English the children finished editing the sentences of Little Red Riding Hood and were challenged to rewrite the whole story. First, they created story maps by drawing pictures for all the key parts, before using it to write exciting sentences. They used adjectives, similes and adverbs to describe the characters and setting.

Finally, in Science they have been recognising the key parts of the life cycle of a tomato. They ordered pictures in the correct order and explained what happens at each part using key words like: seed, leaves and flowers. They then went and looked at the seeds they had planted previously and were pleased to see seedlings were beginning to show. Mr Abbott



Badgers News

This week Badgers have continued on their Stone Age journey, looking at the slightly more modern (!) houses in the Neolithic age. We have learnt that there was an important settlement in the Orkney islands called Skara Brae. We made houses modelled on the Skara Brae remains - out of clay, raffia and sticks. We have started to look at a book about Skara Brae and we are going to learn how to write a persuasive holiday brochure inviting the reader to visit this heritage site. To do this we have been exploring persuasive brochure language and its effects. Badgers also made a Skara Brae inspired 2D artwork, using pastel and collage.

In Maths we are continuing to calculate perimeter and we are also looking at the area of rectilinear shapes too. The children have been considering the difference between the internal part of a shape and the journey around the edge.

In Samba drumming, Mr Randall has enabled Badgers to create their own rhythmic composition. Look out for an invitation from Dorset Music Hub for your child to take up subsidised lessons on a woodwind instrument, coming your way soon!

The swimming pool is almost ready to enjoy but the temperature is a bit on the chilly side. Something to look forward to....

Ms Rankin and Mrs Welshman



Foxes News

This week Foxes have written their non-chronological text about a dragon and we are compiling them together to make an encyclopaedia of dragons. They have also designed a model of a dragon with moving parts powered by cams and are very excited to make these next week.

In RE, Foxes have been studying the question - Creation and Science: Conflicting or complementary? They have looked at the Creation Story from Genesis and this week have looked at some Scientist's views on the topic, resulting in a piece of writing about their views and any questions they may have.

In Science, we have been studying life cycles of plants and animals, we observed how our experiment to clone a potato is progressing and we found out why birds lay eggs and how they attract a mate.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman

Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition

For more than 50 years Royal Mail's Special Stamp programme has commemorated British history and achievement. Stamps have also been issued to honour the achievements of many British people. Often, the people who appear on stamps are already famous. They include scientists and explorers, writers, artists, musicians, athletes and Prime Ministers.

Since the coronavirus pandemic began, there have been many people who have done great things. Many of them are not famous, but they have done extraordinary work. These are the people who have helped us all through a difficult time. Some are frontline workers in healthcare, others look after elderly or vulnerable people. Millions of key workers have kept the country going when most of us were told to stay home for our own safety. There have also been many people who volunteered to help people in their communities who needed help or support.

We think that what these people have done makes them heroes, so Royal Mail wants to honour them by producing a set of eight stamps. The stamps will feature designs created by eight school-aged children.

Royal Mail are asking young designers to think about who their hero or heroes are, and to then design a stamp in their honour. A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs.

The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen before they can be printed and issued.

Each child has been sent home with a design sheet today and if you would like your design to be entered into the competition please return the design to school by Tuesday 25th May.



Considerate parking

Please make sure you are parking considerately around our village at drop off and pick up times. The staff car park is not available for parents to park in (including when picking up from after school clubs) as this is the main way for the children to leave the school site and if cars are driving into the car park it is putting our children at risk.

Also, can we please remind everyone that 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 message onto anyone who may be collecting your children from school.

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

Bruton School for Girls - Forest School Fun Day for Year 5 and 6

Bruton School for Girls are running a free Forest School Fun Day on Saturday 22nd May from 10:30am – 12:30pm.

If you would like to experience a morning filled with hands on outdoor adventure and learning this is for you!

Places can be booked via the website events@brutonschool.co.uk or by calling 01749 814400

If you are collecting your child early for an appointment or someone else is picking up please email or phone the office, too many messages on the gate mean sometimes things are forgotten. Thank you.

Parents Rapid Lateral Flow Kits

Parents of school age children (this includes childcare and support bubbles) are able to order Covid rapid lateral flow home test kits to test themselves at home, please see the link below to order test kits.

NB – these kits are for parents not for children: Schools and colleges testing: order coronavirus (COVID-19) rapid lateral flow home test kits - GOV.UK (www.gov.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.



Dates for the Diary:

Mon 19th April – Thurs 27th May - Summer Term 1
Mon 24th May – Bikeability Level 2 Group 1
Tues 25th May – Bikeability Level 2 Group 2
Wed 26th May – Bikeability Level 2 Group 3
Fri 28th May - INSET Day
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June - Half Term
Mon 7th June – Fri 23rd July – Summer Term 2
Thurs 10th June – Gillingham Teacher to visit Yr6
Mon 21st June – Life Education Van visit

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

School Twitter Page:

@StBourton



We have had a case of Headlice reported please check your children at the weekend.

Rucksacks and equipment from home:

Please remember that we are still not able to allow the children to bring in equipment or toys from home. The children should not be bringing in large rucksacks as space is limited as we are not using the corridor cloakrooms.

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.

Volunteers:

Do you have an hour or so free to hear readers or can you help with Swimming lessons? If yes, please let us know as we are welcoming back volunteers. Please sign up via the Microsoft Form if you have some time free during the week to help us out with Swimming.

Governors:

Congratulations to Mrs Harriet Ridout who has been successful in becoming a new Parent Governor for St George's. We are looking forward to welcoming her when she will be joining our Governors at the next full Governing Body meeting in June.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to say a big "Thank you" to Chris Duffield who has stepped down from his role as a Foundation Governor after 7 years. During his time as a Governor Chris has expertly supported the school both in his role as Chair and Vice Chair. School Governance is a voluntary role and we greatly appreciate the time and dedication people give to supporting the running and strategic development of our wonderful school.



Wild Family Fun

at Win Green

Saturday 29th May
Anytime between 10am and 4pm
Win Green (Near Ludwell, Wiltshire)

➤ Register your free place at www.cranbornechaseaonb.eventbrite.com ➤
or just turn up on the day

- **Nature Trail** - can you find our hidden objects?
- **Nature Bingo** - Explore the area and enjoy finding the beautiful things around you
 - **Photo Competition** - Take part in our Wild Family Fun photo competition
- **Outdoor Art Class** - Join our artist extraordinaire Charlotte and create a colourful 'Planet Win Green', with some of the trees, animals, plants and fantastic landscape you see all around!

“ At Win Green, you are on top of the world!
On top of Cranborne Chase, anyway! ”

The **free** National Trust car park is open
From Shaftesbury (5 miles, 15 minute drive)
From Salisbury (19 miles, 35 minute drive)
From Blandford (11 miles, 23 minute drive)
What 3 Words: pushover, format, bunks

This event is part
of our fantastic
**ChalkEscape
Walking Festival.**

Whether you fancy a short easy
walk, or a longer more energetic
hike there's something for
everyone. For details check out
cranbornechase.org.uk/events



Funding for the Chase & Chalke
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Wild Family Fun

at Martin Down

Saturday 22nd May at 2pm

Martin Down National Nature Reserve

➤ Book your free place at www.cranbornechaseaonb.eventbrite.com ◀

- **Discover Butterflies** - with the Countryside Ranger from Hampshire County Council
- **Nature Bingo** - Explore the area and enjoy finding the beautiful things around you
- **Travel back in time** - try out our 'Time Traveller on Cranborne Chase' augmented reality app and discover the prehistoric archaeology of the area
- **Doodle Art Class** - create designs from the mini-beasts and plants around you.
- **Photo Competition** - Take part in our Wild Family Fun photo competition

“ Martin Down National Nature Reserve is 350 hectares of unspoiled chalk downland where flowers and insects flourish and rare birds sing. ”

The **free car park** is just off the A354
From Shaftesbury (17 miles, 27 minute drive)
From Salisbury (10 miles, 18 minute drive)
From Fordingbridge (10 miles, 20 minute drive)
From Blandford (13 miles, 18 minute drive)
What 3 Words: scout.reactions.desire

BOOKING ESSENTIAL!
Limited places available.

This event is part of our fantastic **ChalkEscape Walking Festival**.

Whether you fancy a short easy walk, or a longer more energetic hike there's something for everyone. For details check out cranbornechase.org.uk/events



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