



Isn't it lovely to see the lighter mornings and evenings with the arrival of Spring. The children and staff are enjoying being outside more, especially when the sky is blue and the sun is shining! We all enjoyed a lovely mindfulness assembly this week with spring flowers being the focus. We have even learnt a new Spring time song.

I have spotted lots of fabulous learning around school this week as I have wandered around classes. Visitors to school this week have all commented on how focused and engaged our children are in their lessons. We have truly lived out our values this week. The school was full of colour on Monday as we raised money to go towards the Disaster Emergency Committee humanitarian appeal in aid of Ukraine. The school was filled with blue and yellow, and today the children all enjoyed a special "sweet" treat at playtime as Foxes held their cake sale to increase the amount raised. This was something the children suggested themselves to support the Ukrainians. They have worked together to plan and organise the event. They created the leaflets themselves and even instructed me on what type of cakes I needed to make! Thank you to everyone who has donated, your kindness and generosity can only be described as outstanding and we raised an incredible £728.52! This has been paid to the DEC (Disaster Emergency Appeal via the British Red Cross) today. Our thoughts remain with all those families affected by the situation, as always, we will continue to support children in school with any worries or concerns.



Comic Relief – Friday 18th March 2022

Next Friday is Red Nose Day

The children are invited to come to school with "Wacky Hair" for the day for a donation to Comic Relief – dress in School Uniform

Reminder

Please do NOT park in the school car park. The spaces are for staff and visitors only. At the end of the day, we also have the school transport Taxi and the ZAC mini bus collecting - they have priority over using the car park.

Vehicles could also be moving in the car park while children are waiting to come into school so **please do not allow them to run around the area or between the parked cars.**

Good Luck Message

This weekend Barbara and her dogs (Pets as Therapy Dogs) are competing at Crufts. Hollie (Year 5) is also joining Barbara and competing with Jasmine (Pets as Therapy dog). We wish them all the best of luck and are looking forward to hearing all about it in assembly next week.

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Good luck to our Year 3/4 footballers next Wednesday as they attend a local tournament representing school.

No Computer Club on Thursday 17th March as Mrs Toy is attending a course
No CLUBS w/c 21st March 2022 due to Parents Evening appointments

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 11/03/2022

Jasmine (Hedgehogs) – for going above and beyond in her learning taking it to different areas of the class. Also for being polite, saying please and thank you.

Freda (Squirrels) – for making a fantastic paper-folded hot air balloon super quickly and then helping others to know how to join each of the folded pieces together.

Madison (Badgers) – for great focus in her writing and producing a wonderful poem.

Albert (Foxes) - for his focussed work on angles in our maths sessions.

WELL DONE!

Pupil of the week

Week ending: 11/03/2022

Hedgehogs: **Luke**

Squirrels: **Emilia**

Badgers: **Sophie B**

Foxes: **Ollie**

Well done

Bronze Star Awards

Week ending: 11/03/22



**Annabelle ((Y1), Niamh (Y1)
Alexander E (Y5)
Charlotte (Y5), Joshua (Y6)
Rafe (Y6)**

Congratulations

Silver Star Awards

Week ending: 11/03/22



**Jemima (Y1)
Eliza (Y2)
Oscar (Y6)**

Well done

Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 11/03/2022

Charlie for being a Have a go Hyena

Lucy for being a Have a go Hyena

Maddie R for being a Noticing Newt

Ethan for being a Questioning Queen Bee

Jemima for being a Noticing Newt

Scarlett for being a Have a go Hyena

Max for being an Imagining Iguana

Robyn for being an Imagining Iguana

Thea for being an Imagining Iguana

Rafe for being a Planning Panda

Hollie for being a Concentrating Camel

Phoebe S for being a Reasoning Robin



Well Done

Attendance

Week ending 11/03/22

Hedgehogs – 97.2%

Squirrels – 97.0%

Badgers – 94.8%

Foxes – 96.2%

This week the winners are

Hedgehogs



House Point Scores

Sandways

518

Chaffeymoor

438

Queen Oak

521

Birthdays



**Sophie R (8), Reuben (9)
Finley (6), Vita (8)
Mrs Myerscough-Walker**

Many Happy Returns

Hedgehogs News

This week in Hedgehogs the children have all written a prayer and re-enacted the Easter story in RE. We have been looking at fractions in maths, the children have been really good at find half and talking about this when eating snack. We have been writing our own wishing tale during English and practicing ball skills in PE!

The children have been amazing in Art making 3D paper hot air balloons!!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ramage and Mrs Nicholls



Squirrels News

This week, in Squirrels, we have continued our Wishing Tale unit, adapting the original story. We also practised using adjectives and adverbs in our sentence writing. The children wrote some fantastic sentences. In maths we have focused on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and how to represent this. The year 2s have taken this further to learn about the \times and \div symbols and how to work out questions containing these. In Art we learnt more about paper folding and paper sculpture, making hot air balloons for our display. The children were amazing at folding their paper carefully, lining everything up really well. In Science we are learning about materials, including which materials are found naturally and which are man-made. In PSHE, the children have been discussing their responsibilities at home and in the classroom.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Toy & Mrs Milsom



Badgers News

In Badgers this week, we planned and wrote poems about predators. We used lots of images to describe and compare different parts of these animals. We 'published' our poems and are hoping to put them up on display in the corridor soon. In PE, we continued listening to extracts of *The Carnival of the Animals*, this week focusing on the lion. We developed different movements to represent actions such as prowling, walking and yawning and considered dynamics when performing our movements. In Design and Technology, we continued to explore how air can make things move. We used pairs of paper plates, egg boxes and shoe boxes and explored how to open them all with a balloon. The children needed a lot of puff! Then they planned how they could use this idea to make a model of a predator. They are going to start making these models next week so will need to bring in their box on Tuesday please if it was in their plan.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman

Foxes News

This week in Maths, Foxes have been focussing on angles. They have been recognising acute, right, obtuse and reflex angles as well as calculating missing angles along a line and around a point. Then they used a protractor to draw and measure angles of different sizes.

In our new Science topic of "Living things and their Habitats" the children have been describing how living things are classified into broad groups according to common characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals.

Finally, in Music, the children have begun to learn how to play the ukulele. They have learnt the four open strings, how to strum in two different ways and have been singing along while playing. It has been great to hear Foxes playing as a group, listening to each other well and being "Teamwork Tigers". Well done Foxes.

Mr Abbott



Covid Arrangements - update

At the end of February 2022, the government dropped all Covid domestic restrictions and presented its plan for Living with COVID-19.

This means that nationally we no longer need to:

- Wear masks in communal areas
- Self-isolate if we test positive (although it is advised that we do)
- Self-isolate or test if we are a close contact of a positive case
- Staff are no longer expected to test twice weekly if asymptomatic.

Nevertheless, there are still many cases of Covid in Dorset and we need to keep the number of cases low in school to prevent it having a significant impact on children's learning.

If your child has Covid symptoms you should get a PCR test for them and keep them at home while waiting for the result. If positive, children should stay at home for 5 days and test on days 5 and 6, returning to school if well enough once they have had two negative tests.

We will continue to provide home learning for your child if they are well enough to do it, so please make sure you let the office or your child's class teacher know that they are able to work at home.

We are keeping some measures in place to limit cross infection in school.

We will continue to do the things that have been noted as the best way to reduce Covid spread:

- Continue to ventilate rooms
- Continue to focus on handwashing
- Continue to clean down touch points on regular occasions.

We will keep the numbers of positive cases under review and may need to increase mitigation measures at any time following the advice from Public Health.

Follow the link for DFE guidance for parents. [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools, and colleges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges).

PTFA

Our wonderful PTFA met this week. They are on the lookout for help with the forthcoming Stourhead Catering Days. Historically this is one of our best fundraising events of the year but it needs lots of support in terms of helpers. If you are willing to spend an hour or so helping sell tea and cakes, please let us know via PTFA@bourton.dorset.sch.uk

Parent Survey

We are always looking for feedback from our parents. Thank you to everyone who has completed the parent survey so far – if you haven't yet and would like to give us feedback you have until **Monday 14th March** to add your views. Once the survey is closed, we will analysis the responses and let you know the results.

WANTED

Hedgehogs are looking for a storage solution to help the children access their book bags easily when choosing and changing their reading books. They currently have a very large box but would love a unit just like this - Before we put in an order for one, we wondered if anyone had one, they no longer need?



Sponsored Read

Mrs Toy is busy adding up pages read and looking at new and exciting books for our classrooms. We have already collected over **£800!** If you haven't yet returned your sponsorship money yet please return it to school next week so we can announce the total raised.



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

Field Track

The work is almost complete on the new track. We are looking forward to the children using it from Monday each day.

Dorset Education and Advice Line - DEAL

The Dorset Education Advice Line is a phone line for parents, carers, and professionals, who support children who may have special educational needs and/or a disability. Parents and carers can call **0800 140 4041** or [book a slot via the online form](#) to book a conversation with a special educational needs (SEN) Family Worker to talk through concerns they may have about their child's:

- academic development
- social and emotional development
- transition concerns - Early Years to primary school, primary to secondary school or secondary school to further education or into the workplace.
- [Read more.](#)

Music Lessons

Mrs Mogridge is visiting assembly next week to talk to the children about playing the violin. She currently offers lessons at St George's so if your child is interested please contact the school office.

We can also offer other Music lessons, please look out for a letter with more details in the Summer term or contact the office to register your interest.

Dates for your Diary

16 th Mar	Yr3/4 Football Festival @ Gillingham School
18 th Mar	Red Nose Day – Wacky Hair
w/c 21 st Mar	Parent Consultation Meetings
21 st Mar	Zoolab visiting Badgers
23 rd Mar	YrR Vision Screening
25 th Mar	Tall Tree Theatre visiting
30 th Mar	Governors Meeting
31 st Mar	Football Match – Davidson Cup
6 th April	Yr5/6 Football Festival @ Mere Primary
	6pm PTFA Easter Bingo – more details to follow
7 th April	Last day of Spring Term – 1.30pm finish
	1.30pm PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
25 th April	First day of Summer Term
27 th April	Yr3/4 Tri Golf Festival @ Port Regis School
2 nd May	Bank Holiday
4 th May	Yr2 Multi-Skills Festival @ Gillingham School
w/c 9 th May	KS2 SATs
9 th May	Governors Meeting
17 th May	Yr3/4 Tennis Festival @ Port Regis School
	30th May – 3rd June – Summer Half Term
6 th June	School Closed
29 th June	Yr6 to Okehampton
6 th July	Yr4/5 to Leeson House
21 st July	Last day of Summer Term

Learn to play the Violin or the Viola



Hello, my name is Victoria Mogridge I am a musician teaching violin and viola in schools in the Gillingham and Shaftesbury area. I pass on appreciation of music to students by maintaining my professional skill and diversity.

Playing as a session musician on various CDs and for library music for TV and film, I also perform at music festivals, concerts and ceilidhs and enjoy collaborating with other musicians in bands.

This July I will be appearing at the Shaftesbury Fringe 22 with the band Unfringed playing blues, jazz, rock and folk. I will also perform as a solo act, Greylighting, with electric violin and effects, playing arrangements of my own folk inspired compositions and traditional tunes.

www.victoriamogridge.co.uk

We are holding an Easter Picture Competition and we would like to offer primary school children in our locality of Wincanton Community Hospital to enter.

We're asking children to get creative, and we welcome your Easter design.

The picture must be by hand directly on to white A4 paper, using crayons/pens, pencils or paint. There will be two age group categories to enter, Infant age 4 to 6 and Junior 7 to 11.

Please write your name, age and school attending on the back of your entry. All entries to be sent to **Easter Picture Competition, Wincanton Community Hospital, Dancing Lane, Wincanton BA9 9DQ** by Friday, 15th April 2022.

Prizes!

Entries will be judged by the Friends of Wincanton Community Hospital and winners announced at the Wincanton Community Hospital Easter Fun Day Event on Saturday 16th April 2022.

The lucky winners will receive a gift and the selected pictures will be displayed in the Hospital Reception and on the Friends of Wincanton Community Hospital Facebook page.

The Friends of Wincanton Community Hospital

EASTER FUN DAY & AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 16th April 2022
Wincanton Community Hospital
2 pm to 5 pm

An Afternoon of fun Activities for all, Skittles, Bouncy Castle, Entertainment & Do come with your Easter Bonnet and enter the Parade

or just come and join us for Afternoon Tea

Easter Egg Hunt 2 pm – 3.30 pm
Afternoon Tea served 3.30 pm to 5 pm

Family Ticket for 4 (2 Adults/2 Children) £10
 Individual Ticket £3.50
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AGE GROUP 7-14

WORTH DORSET RUGBY CLUB (SPB 557)

11TH APRIL - 14TH APRIL
 19TH APRIL - 22ND APRIL
 9AM - 3PM

PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED
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AGE GROUP 5-11

MILTON ON STOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL (SPB 500)

11TH APRIL - 14TH APRIL
 19TH APRIL - 22ND APRIL
 8.30AM - 5.30PM

PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED (if necessary)
 ALL COACHES FULL DBS CHECKED, SAFEGUARDING AND FIRST AID TRAINED

Code Club

Code Club is Back! Join us on Tuesday afternoons to learn about coding with Scratch, HTML and Python. Suitable for children age 8 and over.

Gillingham Library

Every Tuesday
 3:45pm - 4:45pm

Spaces are strictly limited so booking is essential on:
 For more information ☎ 01747 822180
 Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or carer

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Science In The Library

To support Science Week, come and try some sensational science activities in the Library. Suitable for age 5 and above.

Gillingham Library

Friday 18 March
 3.45pm - 4.45pm

Places must be booked by contacting library on:
 For more information ☎ 01747 822180
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Fun With Lego

Come and join us for some Lego fun, see what you can build, and where your imagination will take you!

Gillingham Library

Tuesday 12 and 19 April
 11.00am to 12 midday

Booking is essential via the Library
 For more information ☎ 01747 822180
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Gillingham Library Rocks

Come and create some rock art using small stones and acrylic paint pens. Then take your creation and hide it in our local community for someone else to find, post and re-hide! Suitable for age 5 and over.

Gillingham Library

Thursday 14 and 21 April
 2.30pm - 3.30pm

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