



St George's C of E School
FRIDAY NEWS
15th October 2021

Hasn't the Autumn sunshine we've had this week been a pleasant surprise! The children have enjoyed sunny playtimes as well as PE and Outdoor learning sessions throughout the week. We are hoping the sunshine will stay with us for the half term holiday too.

Thank you to everyone who came along to St George's Church yesterday to celebrate our Harvest Festival with us. We hope you enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did. It was truly wonderful to be able to be back together in the Church showing thankfulness for the Harvest. The children certainly entertained us with their singing, dancing, poetry reading and acting. Highlights were the choir as they showed off their fabulous dancing moves, complete with Strictly style judges and Squirrels showed they could easily have a Number 1 hit with their version of a George Ezra song!

A big thank you to Barbara and Daisy Dog for coming along and taking part – I'm not sure I know of any other school having pet participation in their service. The children do love seeing Daisy and reading to her and Barbara each week. Also it was lovely to be joined by Bourton and Zeals Pre-School Children and staff.

Thank you to everyone who donated tins, packet food and fresh produce. The dried and tinned goods will be given to the Gillingham Food Bank. Our Foxes children made great market stall holders after the service selling off all the fresh produce. We raised an amazing £100.49 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Service – a charity chosen by our School Council.

As we draw close to the end of the first half term of the year, I can't help but stop for a moment and look back over everything we have done and achieved as a community over the past few weeks. It has been such a change, and at times a challenge, for us all to go back to 'normal', but we have not stopped at that. From the huge amount of food that was generously donated for The Gillingham Foodbank at our Harvest Festival, to the new Reception children being welcomed into our school family, I have been made hugely proud of everyone within our school who always show our Christian Values and SHINE!

After the half term break, we have Parent Meetings planned with the class teachers. This is an opportunity to celebrate what your children have achieved since September and find out how they have settled into the school year so far. Look out for the booking forms coming home. We are also looking forward to welcoming prospective families to school during our open afternoon on Tuesday 2nd November. If you have children due to start school next September, please come and look around the school to see what we do. Please share this with family and friends with similar aged children who are starting to think about where might be the right setting for their child to go to school.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Parent Consultations

Details on how to book your appointment for a Parent Consultation are attached, please note the different dates and times for each class.

Please return your booking by Tuesday 19th October so we can inform you of your appointment time before half-term (please also let us know if you are not able to attend).

FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2021

**HEDGEHOGS & SQUIRRELS - 5 - 6PM
(ADULTS TO ACCOMPANY CHILDREN)**

BADGERS & FOXES - 6.15 - 7.30

OPTIONAL FANCY DRESS. PRIZE FOR THE BEST COSTUME

SQUASH AND CRISPS PROVIDED.

SWEETS FOR SALE. BRING SOME ££.

ENTRY ON DOOR. £2

**PTFA SPOOKY
DISCO**

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 15/10/2021

Imogen (Hedgehogs) – for being a kind, caring and helpful member of Hedgehogs

Alice (Squirrels) – for super story writing

Reuben (Badgers) – for trying so hard in his Maths

Connie (Foxes) - for being a supportive, kind and caring member of Foxes team; always helps her peers

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards

Week ending: 15/10/2021



Lilly O for being a Have a Go Hyena

Elsie T for being a Noticing Newt



Coby for being a Persevering Penguin

Jacob for being a Persevering Penguin

James L for being a Concentrating Camel

Billy for being a Reviewing Rabbit

Well Done



Pupil of the week

Week ending: 15/10/2021

Hedgehogs: **Lucy**

Squirrels: **Scarlett**

Badgers: **Annella**

Foxes: **Phoebe S**

Well done

Attendance

Week ending 15/10/21

Hedgehogs – 95.5%

Squirrels – 96.2%

Badgers – 98.8%

Foxes – 99.7%

This week the winners are

Foxes



Achievements Out of School

Well done to James J who won the Under 7s

Star Player Award at North Dorset RFC

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Congratulations to Emily who has completed level 8 of swim England

learn to swim

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

House Point Scores

Sandways

1023

Chaffeymoor

827

Queen Oak

945

Hedgehogs News

This week we have been looking at how to add to find out the total, with year 1 using the + and = signs. We have enjoyed using lots of conkers and fur cones within Maths this week, thank you to everyone who brought some in!

In Topic we were looking at toys from around the world, while in science talking about the wind and how useful it is. Sadly it wasn't a windy day so we couldn't fly the big kite (fingers crossed for Monday!).

The children have been practicing their harvest festival song really hard. It all paid off as they were experts when it came to singing in the church. We hope you have a lovely weekend 😊

Mrs Ramage and Mrs Nicholls

Squirrels News

Squirrels have thoroughly enjoyed learning their Harvest Shotgun song this week to perform in the church for the Harvest Festival on Thursday. They did a fantastic job. I would often hear them humming the tune during break or lunchtime, or even having a full-on sing song!

In the classroom, we finished writing our own version of Traction Man stories this week and then edited our writing to improve a section of it. We have now moved on to a non-fiction unit about our toys from the past. The children have been keen to see some of the wonderful 'old' and retro toys that have been coming in this week and have been very excited about our Toy Museum which will be ready for next Wednesday afternoon. We hope you can join us from 3 – 3.15pm.

In maths, we have started learning more about money and the value of different coins, practising counting in 2ps, 5ps or 10ps.

In topic, we looked more closely at the history of toys, sorting them into old and new as well as comparing items from the past with their modern versions. We have had some lovely discussions about the homework, looking at the Argos catalogues from the past. Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff



Badgers News

In English this week we started to look at recounts. We wrote an introduction to our visit to the Ancient Technology centre, ensuring we included the 5 ws (who, what, when, where, why). We also considered our own personal reflections on this event.

In Art, we used our designs from last week to make Anglo-Saxon brooches. We cut a silver or gold circle from card then decorated it with circles and strips of card. We had to make our design symmetrical. We worked really hard and have displayed them proudly on our topic board.

In Forest School, since it is a week in which we're celebrating harvest time, we matched up a variety of seeds and leaves. They now know their conkers from their sweet chestnuts and can distinguish between hazel leaves and beech leaves. Then the children were botanical illustrators and produced beautiful leaf and seed watercolours.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman



Foxes News

In Foxes this week, the children have been writing their own 'Meeting Tale'. On Monday, they planned their story by making changes to the characters, setting and problem from the story "The Way Back Home". Then on Tuesday and Wednesday they wrote their stories, including fantastic vocabulary and range of higher-level punctuation.

In RE the children have continued to learn about the religion of Sikhism and have focussed on the 5Ks this week. The 5Ks are the five artefacts of faith worn by all baptised Sikhs and are required to be worn at all times. They are Kesh (long hair), Kanga (a comb), Kara (a bangle), Kachera (shorts) and Kirpan (a warrior's sword).

Finally, as part of Project Touchline, the children designed and made posters. Their posters demonstrated how our Christian Values, our faith and tag rugby are all intertwined. Chris was really impressed with our finished work.

Mr Abbott



Saturday Workshops at Bruton School for Girls

Next Half Term, Bruton School for Girls will be hosting several free workshops on Saturday mornings suitable for Key Stage 2 children. Refreshments/Snacks will be provided during the morning.

The workshops are designed to enhance and complement the school curriculum and will be led by the schools relative Heads of Departments.

Name of session	Curriculum area	Date
Medieval historical cookery through the ages	History	Saturday 13th November 2021
"It's a Hard Knock Life" song and play in a day	Drama	Saturday 20th November 2021
Bushcraft & Survival Skills	Outdoor Ed	Saturday 27th November 2021
St Nikolaus Christmas Workshop	Languages	Saturday 4th December 2021
Robotics	Science & Maths	Saturday 11th December 2021

To book spaces for any of the workshops above, please complete the [Bruton School for Girls Ignite Workshops online form](#) by 31st October 2021.

Times Table Rockstars and Numbots

Fluency in maths is so important for children. In school we encourage this in lots of different ways. One way that you can help at home is to encourage them to practice their fluency daily on Numbots and Time Table Rockstars. The children from Year 1-Year 6 all have a log in for either Numbots or Time Table Rockstars.

Reminder Lost property:

Name it, name it, name it! Please ensure your child's uniform, shoes/trainers etc. are named, we can only return it to its rightful peg if it is named! Any uniform that is not named will go into a small lost property box and will be left out each Friday for you to look through. If you are reusing uniform, please make sure it has the current owners name in it.

Please send your child in with a coat as they will go out at playtime and lunchtime rain or shine!

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 **FREE** school. Please **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. A pack of forms was sent home last week, on coloured paper. Please check the data we hold for your child and update us with any changes.

A few forms are still outstanding, please return them next week.

Please contact the office if home time arrangements change.



School Starters 2022

Apply online:

Dorset residents @
www.dorsetforyou.com/school-admissions or call
01305 221060. Closing Date for Starting school
applications is: **15th January 2022.**

Secondary School Starters 2022

Apply online now: Dorset residents @
www.dorsetforyou.com/school-admissions or call
01305 221060.
Closing Date for Transfer to Secondary school is:
31st October 2021

Online Safety

Most smartphones allow parents and carers to choose which apps and features appear on their child's device and which ones don't – also preventing young people from buying and downloading anything that's unsuitable for their age. The attached guides offer advice for parental controls for managing both iPhone and android phones.

Dates for your Diary

- 20th Oct 3pm Squirrels Toy Museum
NO Archery Club
- 21st Oct Foxes class visit
- 22nd Oct PTFA Spooky Disco
- 25th – 29th Oct Half Term**
- 31st Oct Deadline for Secondary
School Applications
- w/c 1st Nov Parent Consultation meetings
NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS
(Archery & FS will go ahead)
- 2nd Nov Open Afternoon for 2022
intake
- 12th Nov Fire Safety Talks
House Challenge
Squirrels Assembly
- 19th Nov Children in Need
Hedgehogs Assembly
- 23rd Nov Flu Spray for Children

23rd-26th Nov Book Fair in School

Autism Connects

North Dorset Parent and Carer Support Group
Do you care for someone who has autism?
Do you need someone to talk to, who will listen and understand?

Then please do come and join us, meet other parents and carers and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake.

Autism Connects is a local support group for those who care for loved ones with ASD, Asperger, learning or physical disabilities. The group is a proactive network of parents and carers who understand what it's like to have a child or loved one with additional needs and support each other.

The group offers a safe and friendly space where members can share the realities of parenting and caring.

The group is held every Wednesday from 1.45-3.15pm at Friends of Stour Connect Community Café, Stour Connect, Stourview Close, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 1JF

If you are interested in coming along please send an email to: crystal.kerr@autismwessex.org.uk
or call 01202 084854 admin@friendsofstourconnect.org

or call 01258 471359

Thank you to Mr Phillips, Mr Myerscough-Walker and Mr Bailward who have started to build our outdoor shelter in the Forest School area. If you are able to help over the few weeks please contact Ms Rankin - forestschool@bourton.dorset.sch.uk

Harvest Service & Sale



THANK YOU!

We would like to say a big thank you to some parents for their kind and generous gifts of books. Mr and Mrs Miles kindly bought 2 beautiful books from our Amazon Wish list (see below), Mrs Monksummers gifted some fabulous brand-new books from her work and Mrs Crocker brought in some lovely books to donate to the library. The children will benefit hugely from this and we are very grateful – thank you.



Our Amazon Wish list - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/16AOBV159X9M5?ref_=wl_share



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 MyMorrison's app today to take part.

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