



Doesn't time fly! Here we are at the end of the term. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were welcoming our new children and enjoying our first assemblies and playtimes together as a school.

This term has had lots of reasons to celebrate: the children have been truly exemplary in their behaviours and their dedication to learning; staff have been working continuously to ensure that teaching is innovative and engaging both in the classroom and outside; and parents have been so supportive of their children through ensuring good attendance, punctual arrivals, support with home learning, attending assemblies and events and always smiling at the gate.

The children have enjoyed lots of fabulous learning activities this term, with Badgers and Foxes enjoying school trips. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help on these visits. Additional adult support is crucial for us to be able to take groups of children off site.

This term has also seen the introduction of our regular weekly Forest Outdoor Learning sessions. We have been lucky with the weather and the children have loved being outside. I have been gathering the children's views on their forest school sessions and would love to get your feedback too. Attached to the newsletter is a link to an Outdoor Learning Questionnaire. Please click the link and let us know your views.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 1st November.

Parents Evening Appointments

You will shortly receive an email from the class email address for your child/ren giving you details of your appointment date and time, please look out for it.

Netball Tournament

On Wednesday 3rd November our Year 5/6 Netball team will be taking part in a High 5 Netball tournament against 6 other local schools. We wish them good luck. This is the first of many inter school competitions we are planning on taking part in this year. It's been a long time since we were able to meet with other schools and so we are very much looking forward to the event.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

This week your child has designed their own Christmas Card. Your child's unique drawing will be professionally printed as a Christmas Card.

To place an order, simply indicate which product(s) you would like to order and return it to the School Office by **Wednesday 3rd November** at the latest.

Payment can be made by BACS to the PTFA (email the school for details)

Climate Change Focus Week

During the week beginning Monday 1st November to coincide with more than 200 world leaders meeting to discuss Climate Change in Glasgow at COP 26 we will be having a focus on Climate Change within school. The children in each class will be taking part in activities and assemblies to learn about ways we can all take action against climate change.

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

Adults staying at
the Disco please
wear a face mask

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 22/10/2021

Alice (Hedgehogs) – for excellent focus on her work-fabulous writing.

Ethan (Squirrels) – for enthusiasm for learning and a bubbly disposition!

Elsie-Brooke (Badgers) – for incredible determination in everything she does.

Elliot (Foxes) - for showing our Christian Value of kindness to everyone in the class.

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards

Week ending: 22/10/2021



Jasmine for being a Persevering Penguin

Bea Mo for being a Have a Go Hyena

Jessica for being a Concentrating Camel

Florence for being a Persevering Penguin

Well Done



Birthdays



**Bea Mo (7), Sam (11) Charlie K (7)
Rafe (11), Amy (9) Alicia (9)**
Many Happy Returns

Attendance

Week ending 22/10/21

Hedgehogs –98.4%

Squirrels –94.2%

Badgers –96.7%

Foxes –99.4%

This week the winners are

Foxes



Pupil of the week

Week ending: 22/10/2021

Hedgehogs: **Lucy**

Squirrels: **Isla**

Badgers: **Harry F**

Foxes: **Esme**

Well done

Achievements Out of School

Well done to Harry Fowler who has moved up to stage 4 in swimming

Congratulations to Hector Fowler who got player of the match in Football

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

Congratulations to Sandways
Autumn Term 1 House Winners

Well done to everyone in Sandways for working hard, following our school rules and living out our Christian Values.

As winners you have earned a Non- School Uniform Day on Monday 1st November.

Hedgehogs News

Well done Hedgehogs for completing your first 7 weeks at school! You have been amazing! This week Reception in Hedgehogs have continued our counting and adding correctly while Y1 have been looking at fact families. English has been looking at the bear hunt story in preparation for our independent writing. The children showed fantastic story telling skills! Hedgehogs were really creative during our Forest School session. The children made a beautiful den out of pallets, worked together to 'putty' the windows out of our 'clay mountain', created rivers and ponds and really enjoyed the mud. Birds' nests, and bird feeders (apple and sunflower seeds) were also made! They used the slack line ropes and other obstacles too.

We hope you have a lovely half term and we are really looking forward to having you back to start our new topic in November!

Mrs Ramage & Mrs Nicholls



Squirrels News

This week our Toy Topic came to an end with our fantastic 'Squirrels Museum'. A massive thank you to all the old and retro toys that were sent in to put on display. The children were so enthusiastic to write for a real purpose this week. We wrote information pieces for each item in our museum; planning our writing first, before editing it and writing it out in our neatest handwriting for the display. We have focussed on separating the sentences with sentence punctuation, including question marks for questions. It was lovely to see the children proudly showing their writing to the visitors.

In maths, we learnt more about pounds and pence, including £5 and £10 notes. We used our place value knowledge to understand counting money, problem-solving and reason using money. Have a fabulous half term and stay safe everyone.

Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff

Badgers News

In Badgers this week we enjoyed our final week of Touchline Rugby. We played some of our favourite games including Sharks and Seals, Bulldog tag and World-cup Rugby.

In topic we found out about the discovery of the Sutton Hoo and looked at images of a range of items which were found and what it can teach us about life in Anglo-Saxon times.

In Science we designed and made our own magnetic educational games. Many of us did make fishing rod type games with challenges to do when we caught our fish. Some of us made a table football type game instead.

Have a great half-term.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman



Foxes News

On Thursday, Foxes went on their school trip to Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium to finish their topic of 'Reach for the Stars'. Firstly, we visited the planetarium with its 360° cinema screen. We relaxed in our seats and flew through the Solar System learning lots about stars, constellations and planets.

Next, we had time to explore the 'sound, hearing and vibration' interactive exhibits where the children discovered a range of engaging activities that brought Science to life. They played on a 10m long guitar, made sounds in huge echo tubes and investigated the density of different liquids.

Finally, the children were tasked with making rockets as a team. They had to work together to build, test and improve their rockets, before watching them fly across the room, powered by fuel and fire. All the children (and adults) had lots of fun and it was a great way to end our topic. 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.

Open Afternoon

We will be holding an Open Afternoon on **Tuesday 2nd November 2021 ~ 1.30-2.30pm** for families who have children due to start school in September 2022

Due to rising Covid cases in the area please wear a mask

School Website

Please have a look at our school website

You can find policies, information about our curriculum along with all our Newsletters.

www.bourton.dorset.sch.uk

Covid Cases

Covid cases locally are on the increase, and we are aware that there is a growing number of COVID cases in our local schools.

To protect everyone please remember that if your child has symptoms of COVID then they should not come to school. You should book a PCR test (not take a lateral flow which are not suitable for primary-aged children) and await the results before your child returns to school. The results should be reported by email to office@bourton.dorset.sch.uk

If a member of your household has tested positive for COVID, you must book a PCR test for all members of the household. Your child can come to school whilst you await the result if they have NO symptoms. You should inform school that there is a positive case in your household and inform them of your child's result as soon as it is received.

Anyone with a confirmed positive case should be self-isolating and any adult in the household that has not been double vaccinated must also self-isolate.

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

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please can we remind you that it is school policy that NO dogs are allowed on school grounds, whether this be on a lead or being carried. They must not be tied up on school fences unattended either. We fully understand that some families walk their dog to school when dropping off/picking up. If this is the case we ask that an adult remains with the dog (however friendly they may be), as we have a number of children who feel wary around unknown dogs. Thank you for your support.



REMINDER:
No Dogs on
School Property



Dates for your Diary

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)
1st Nov Sandways Non-Uniform
2nd Nov Open Afternoon for 2022
intake
3rd Nov Netball Tournament
11th Nov House Challenge
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
25th Nov Governors Full Board Meeting
26th Nov Achievement Assembly in
Church

Online Safety

SQUID GAMES/ROBLOX

Netflix's Squid Games is a South Korean thriller that features scenes of brutal violence and is rated 15 by the BBFC. It follows a group of adults who compete to win innocent-looking playground games, but who are killed if they do not succeed at the tasks.

Squid Game's popularity is beginning to spread across various online platforms. There has been a slew of content created – ranging from memes to apps – that convey the violence of the show, so it is important for parents, carers and educators to understand the basis of Squid Game and the potential risks to young people who might be exposed to it.

Squid Game's 15 rating has not prevented clips and images from the show being uploaded onto social media sites such as TikTok, with the #SquidGame hashtag being viewed more than 22.8 billion times.

There have been reports of children who have accounts on these platforms inadvertently viewing gory, explicit scenes from the programme, and parents and carers should be mindful of the prevalence of these uploads.

Roblox have now developed games based on the Squid Games thriller.

We know that Roblox is popular with children so ask parents to be aware of the content.



Bourton and Zeals Pre-School offer care for 2-4 year olds between the hours of 8:45 and 3:15, term time only. We currently have spaces for two-year olds. To enquire or book a visit please contact Joellen either by phone: 01747 840537 or via email: bourtonzeals@yahoo.co.uk

October Hockey Camp



For players aged
7-11 looking to
develop their
skills



For more information or to book your place
contact katie@sportfitcoachingservices.co.uk



7-11 years
10.00-12.30
£15.00
Sunday 31st
October

Gillingham School
Harding's Lane
Gillingham
SP8 4QP

www.sportfitcoachingservices.co.uk
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MORE THANK YOUS!

We have been blown away by the kind donations of books arriving on our doorstep. Thank you so much to Ethan's family and Charlotte's family for their generosity. The books are fantastic and we cannot wait to share them with the children.

Our Amazon Wishlist -

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/16A0BV159X9M5?ref=wl_share

It's Good to Grow
from Morrisons

Help us get **FREE** gardening equipment for our school

To take part, join MyMorrisons today and swipe each time you shop to collect Grw Tokens. One token for every £10 you spend between Monday 6th September and Sunday 24th October.

How do I get started?

- 1 Sign up to MyMorrisons today. Simply go to mymorrisons.com or download the MyMorrisons app.
- 2 Once registered you can collect Grw Tokens for any shopping you do online or in store.
- 3 On your first visit to MyMorrisons you'll be asked to select the school you'd like to donate your Grw Tokens to.
- 4 Then after each shop log into your MyMorrisons account and donate.

Scan to download the app
Or for more information visit itsgoodtogrow.co.uk

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

Safeguarding

We are committed to Safeguarding at St George's School.

Our Safeguarding leads in school are Mrs Jill Farndale (Designated Safeguarding Lead) and Mr Tom Abbott (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead).

Further information regarding our safeguarding policy and procedures can be found on our school website.

Project Touchline

This week we enjoyed our final Project Touchline session. As a finale to the project Chris made a video showcasing some of the art work the children had created along with their rugby skills. The video is unfortunately too large to put on our website however if you click on the link via our Twitter page (or click the link on the homepage of our school website) you can enjoy watching our video.

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