



# St George's C of E School

## FRIDAY NEWS

### 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Well, we did it! What an amazing achievement to have completed the first term of this academic year in such unprecedented circumstances! The children have shown great resilience and co-operation to take on new ways of working and of moving around the school premises. It cannot have been easy for some of them to adapt but they have all coped extremely well with the changes.

Thank you to all our parents who have supported us as we adopted new routines, thank you for sticking to the drop off and pick up times and thank you for your kind and supportive words throughout the term.

The St George's staff have been exemplary in their efforts to make the learning and school environment a safe, fun place to be, working within the constraints put upon them. The Autumn half term is always hard work, but I don't think we have ever been so tired. It is because of their hard work that the children are happy, learning and have settled back in to school life so well. **THANK YOU!**

There is no denying we are all ready for half term, and an opportunity to recharge our batteries ready for next term and whatever lies ahead as we approach Christmas.

I hope everyone continues to stay safe and healthy over the half term break.

Wishing you a restful break. See you Monday, 2nd November.  
Jill

♥ T'WAS THE WEEK BEFORE HALF TERM AND ALL THROUGH THE LAND  
THE TEACHERS WERE TIRED OF WASHING THEIR HANDS  
OF CLEANING THE DESKS, AND THE DRAWERS AND THE PENS  
OF REMINDING THEIR CLASS NOT TO CUDDLE THEIR FRIENDS  
OF HAND GEL AND SOAP, OF BLEACH AND OF WIPES  
OF PASSWORDS AND GOOGLE AND ALL THINGS THAT SWIPE  
OF TRYING TO STAND AT THE LENGTH OF A LION  
FROM FRIENDS WHOSE SHOULDERS THEY WANTED TO CRY ON

T'WAS THE WEEK BEFORE HALF TERM AND ALL THROUGH THE LAND  
THE PARENTS WERE TRYING TO MAKE UP GREAT PLANS  
THAT DON'T INVOLVE MEETING, OR GREETING, OR PLACES  
THAT IN THESE STRANGE TIMES DON'T RESEMBLE SAFE SPACES  
THEY LOOK TO THE TEACHERS, AND ALL THEY HAVE DONE  
TO MAKE SCHOOL INVITING, INSPIRING AND FUN  
TO SEE PAST THE PROBLEMS, THE ISSUES AND RULES  
TO BRING BACK THE JOY AND EXCITEMENT OF SCHOOL

THANK YOU BEING THE SAFE PLACE, THE LEARNING  
FOR STANDING THERE STRONG WITH THE CHILDREN RETURNING  
FOR FINDING SOLUTIONS THAT DON'T FEEL SO STRANGE  
WITH NO FUNDS OR MAGICIANS TO HELP YOU ARRANGE  
FOR STORIES AND SPELLINGS AND PHONICS AND PLAY  
FOR TAKING THE FEAR OF THIS MOMENT AWAY ♥

PIC-COLLAGE

Even though it is the holiday can you please still let us know if you or a family member has a positive COVID Test – Thank you.

This year the British Legion are asking people to colour in a poppy to display in your window. We have sent the children home today with two poppy pictures, please colour them in over half term and return one to school for us to display in our school windows and place the other in your window. We will be selling poppies and other items at the gates from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. We have planned a virtual Remembrance service with Rev Ben for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November which will end with a whole school silence at 11am.



### Parent Meeting Week – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

This week you should have all received an email informing you of your appointment time and how to join Teams. The teachers will be sending out a Teams invite which you click to join. You do not need to have the Teams app to join the meeting you can click the link and join via a web browser on a computer, phone or tablet. The teachers will be discussing how your child has settled back into school.

### Welly Racks

The children are using their welly boots every day to allow them to get out on the field however we are in need of some welly racks to help with storage and wondered if we have any parents who are willing to make us some. We will provide the wood we just need someone with the expertise to create the welly racks. Please let us know if you are able to help us out.

## Head Teacher's Award

Week ending: 23/10/2020



**Willow (Hedgehogs)** – for showing perseverance in her learning – well done!

**Sophie B (Squirrels)** – for always working hard and striving to achieve her best.

**Kenan (Badgers)** - for challenging himself to do tricky work and taking pleasure in his learning.

**Paddy (Foxes)** – for showing increased maturity to his work both at home and at school.

**WELL DONE!**

## Learnimal Awards

Week ending: 23/10/2020



**Charlotte G** for being a Reasoning Robin

**Elsie T** for being a Noticing Newt



**Bert** for being a Have a Go Hyena

**Elsie SR** for being a Noticing Newt



## Pupil of the week

Week ending: 23/10/2020

Hedgehogs: Alice M

Squirrels: Arthur H

Badgers: Rory

Foxes: Ava-Fee



**Well done**

## Achievements Out of School

**Arya (Y2)** – completed her Stage 3 shallow swim award.

**Rafe (Y5)** was awarded Student of the week at Stagecoach.

**Ollie R (Y5)** passed his Grade 1 guitar exam with a merit.

**Congratulations!**



## Bronze Star Awards

Week ending 23/10/20

**Oscar (Y5), Daisy R (Y6), Sophie R (Y2) & Paddy (Y5)**

**Congratulations**



## Birthdays

Beatrice M (6), Charlie (6), Rafe (10)

Amy (8), Alicia (8) & Lochi (11)

**Many Happy Returns**

## PTFA Save the date:

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November @11am  
Our PTFA will be holding their AGM  
via Teams this year.  
More information to follow.

## Attendance

**Week ending 23.10.20**

Hedgehogs – 97%

Squirrels – 99.2%

Badgers – 97%

Foxes – 96.9%

This week the winners are

**Squirrels**



## Save the Date

Children in Need  
Come to school  
wearing SPOTS!

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>  
November

## School Twitter

Page:

@StBourton



## House Point Scores

**Sandways**

**775**

**Chaffeymoor**

**652**

**Queen Oak**

**630**

Congratulations to Sandways who have won the House Team Award this term – they will receive their reward the first week back.

### Hedgehogs News

In Hedgehogs, we have been writing our own versions of Zog and the Flying Doctors. We had a pig with a poorly snout and the Word Womble helped us to choose the best vocabulary to tell us what was wrong. Could his snout have been grazed, scratched, injured, scraped, cut or hurt? We also had a duck with a scorched wing and a troll with a fractured leg! In maths we have been finding number bonds to 5 or 10 using numicon and thinking about how we can record that. We have also played dominoes, both large and small, and used corks to print our own large set. In our hospital role play we had a very poorly patient after discussing what is inside our bodies. In history, we were continuing to look at significant individuals from the past and this week it was the nurse Florence Nightingale. We watched another short animation about the key events in her life and the Year 1s wrote some more key facts. We also talked about how some of the new temporary hospitals are named after her. Have a lovely half term everyone.

Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff



### Squirrels News

In Squirrels this week we have been completing the final tasks in our “Heroes and Heroines” topic. In History, our focus has been finding out about significant individuals from the past. We have looked into the life of Rosa Parks and how she changed the world by standing up for what she believed in. We watched a short animation about the key events in her life and the children ordered the events on a timeline.

In English, the children wrote questions that they would like to ask Rosa Parks and made sure that they included key questions words as well as question marks. The children then thought about adjectives to describe her and came up with the words: brave, heroic, fearless, persevering and determined. After that they created fact files about her and included information such as: She was born in Alabama in 1913 and she refused to give up her seat on the bus in 1955.



### Badgers News

This week Badgers have been exploring sound vibrations by using string and cup telephones and enjoying learning to work out the perimeter and area of shapes, drawn on the playground. During a wet PE session, Badgers learnt to play a new game - 'four square' - in the hall. We have invented our own 'Roman' gods and we have created myths about them. In Art we have created Roman style paper mosaics, cutting and shaping paper squares to fit our original designs. After all this hard work, we are definitely ready for half-term!

Ms Rankin and Mrs McGinty



### Foxes News

In Foxes this week we finally finished our carnival masks with sequins, glitter, feathers and swirls. We also completed our travel guides for South America, focusing hard on persuasive vocabulary and phrases. In maths the Year 6 taught Year 5 the prime numbers song and we completed investigations about prime numbers and square numbers. We worked hard on spotting patterns and trying to explain reasons for the results.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman



This week 10 Year 5 children took part in a socially distanced Bronze Ambassador training sessions run by our North Dorset School Games Organiser. The children showed excellent leadership qualities and worked well together.



**This year we are pleased to be supporting the Christmas Show Box appeal please bring your boxes in on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

### How to pack your Christmas box

**STEP 1 - Fill your box**  
Find an old shoebox. Ideally a regular sized one (max size 39cm long x 24cm wide x 12cm deep). Wrap the bottom of the box and the lid separately in festive paper.

Decide who you'd like the box to go to and tick the appropriate box for age/sex on the **Category & Contents** label, and attach it to the lid of the box.

Fill your box with goodies, leaving them unwrapped. **See the 'Filling your box' section for instructions.** Fill out the "Contents" section of the **Category & Contents** label and tell us what's inside your box. Secure box lid with elastic band.

**STEP 2 - Make a shipping donation**  
Getting your box to Southeast Europe is expensive so we also ask for a **£3.00 donation per box to help cover the cost.** If you are making more than one box you can make a combined donation.

You can do this online - it's easy and it cuts our costs too!  
[www.fscinet.org/christmas-donate](http://www.fscinet.org/christmas-donate)


**OR:** Page 2 of this leaflet turns into an envelope that you can use to put your donation inside the box.

Remember to fill in YOUR DETAILS (only if you are aged 18+) on the envelope and if you are a UK tax payer you can allow us to claim a further 25p for every £1 donated by filling in the Gift Aid section.  
Please make cheques payable to "FSCI (UK)".

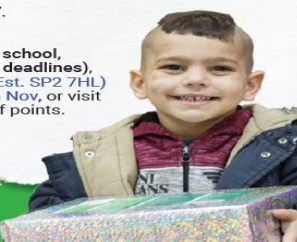
**STEP 3 - Deliver your box to us**  
Boxes can be delivered to your participating school, church or organisation (check with them for deadlines), to Salisbury foodbank, (6b Ashfield Trading Est. SP2 7HL) weekdays 9.30am - 3pm, between 2nd - 20th Nov, or visit [www.fscinet.org/drop](http://www.fscinet.org/drop) for alternative drop-off points. Collections by arrangement.


Contact: [rich.parsons@fscinet.org](mailto:rich.parsons@fscinet.org)

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*Christmas Box Appeal 2020*









**Filling your box**

If you're not sure what to put in your box here, are some ideas. We always receive more boxes for girls than for boys, so please consider doing a box for one of the male categories. **Please make sure items in boxes are new or in excellent used condition.**

Please note that we are unable to accept foodstuffs (except sweets & chocolate), seeds, books, talc, aerosols, medicines and pills.

Thank you.

**How it works**

*Enjoy packing your shoebox*      *Volunteers sort & pack the boxes*      *Distributed to children & families in SE Europe*      *Impact on FSCI's long-term projects*

### Bring joy to a life this Christmas...

Everyone loves to receive a present at Christmas. But for many vulnerable children and families in Southeast Europe Christmas serves as a reminder of their isolation and poverty.

By supporting FSCI's Christmas box appeal you can help to spread joy to thousands of people, fight poverty and prevent modern slavery.

**Toiletries** - soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, facecloth, sponge, wet wipes, deodorant (roll-on only), comb, brush, razors, shaving foam

**New clothes** - gloves, scarf, hat, underwear, socks, baby-grows

**Stationery** - pens, pencils, notepads, erasers, colouring books, crayons

**Toys** - vehicles, teddies, jigsaws, balls, dolls, skip rope

**Other** - make up (new only), sewing kits, candles, small household tools, sweets, hair accessories, wind-up torch

## A message from Dorset Police:

### AVOID TRICK OR TREATING IN THE SOUTH WEST AND ENJOY HALLOWEEN AT HOME

With Halloween season fast approaching, families may be wondering whether trick or treating is worth the risk this year.

This year police and partners across the South West are asking families to ditch the usual trick or treating plans and channel all their creativity into celebrating safely indoors as we all continue to do our bit to prevent the spread of coronavirus and keep infection rates low across the region.

To help with planning the spooky season, Dorset Police wish to share their ideas for Halloween at home, that cost little or nothing for families choosing to stay in.



# Halloween at home

**Top tips-**

- Organise a Halloween themed scavenger hunt around your house or garden
- Out-boo your neighbours and have a window decorating competition.
- Get creative in the kitchen. Go online to find the recipes for spooky snacks
- Decorate your living room and create your own scary cinema
- Play Halloween Inspired games with your friends and family

**Remember:**  
you cannot meet in groups of more than six people



**Working together**

## Staying warm this winter

As we go forward into the colder weather, we remind parents that children are encouraged to have a warm fleece to keep in school all the time. We will still have windows and doors open to aid ventilation so please ensure your child wraps up warm.

The children have been sent home with their waterproof clothes and Welly boots for the holiday – please can they remember to bring them back on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

As this week has shown the field is very waterlogged and muddy. The children are really enjoying being able to still go on the field however they can only do so with Welly Boots.

## Illness:

If your child has any symptoms of COVID-19, they must not attend school. You should book a test and isolate as a household if there is a positive result. These symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

## Our School Governors

**Jane Frederick**, Chair of Governors and Foundation Governor – sits on Staffing and Pay, Premises and Curriculum Committees.

**Dave Wynn**, Vice-Chair of Governors and Parent Governor – sits on Premises and Finance Committees.

**Rich Clothier**, Vice-Chair of Governors (in waiting) and Foundation Governor – sits on Finance Committee.

**Leila Bailward**, Foundation Governor – sits on Curriculum Committee and Inclusion Governor.

**Chris Duffield**, Foundation Governor – sits on Spiritual and Pastoral, Staffing and Pay and Finance Committees.

**Alison Goodman**, Foundation Governor – sits on Staffing and Pay Committee and Safeguarding Governor.

**Rev Ben Rundell-Evans**, Ex officio Foundation Governor – sits on Spiritual and Pastoral and Curriculum Committees.

**Caroline Worthington**, Foundation Governor – sits on Spiritual and Pastoral Committee.

**Harry Butler**, Local Authority Governor – sits on Premises and Curriculum Committees and Data Governor

**Will La Trobe Bateman**, Parent Governor – sits on Premises Committee.

**Tom Abbott**, Staff Governor – sits on Curriculum Committee.

**Jill Farndale**, Ex officio Headteacher Governor – sits on Finance, Pastoral and Spiritual, Premises and Staffing and Pay Committees.

**Karen Hudson** – Clerk to Governors