



Kindness, Thankfulness, Perseverance

What a wonderful first week back we have had. Isn't it lovely that we're beginning to see some signs of Spring? I love this time of year; the beautiful sunrises and sunsets (and slightly warmer days) bring much hope of the summer approaching. And as we begin the season of Lent, it is a season of hope as we look towards the hope we are all offered at Easter.

As we've begun to look towards a full return of all children to school, I've been reminded again this week of the amazing learning going on across our school community. I am so thankful for the staff and how they are providing such an incredible education to both those at school and those at home. And I continue to be thankful for all of the ways in which you are supporting your children in this. Thank you!

Only one more week to go! Full return on 8th March. We are delighted that all children will be able to return to school from 8th March. We are working on a full plan for this which I will share with you early next week. It is going to be very similar to our plans in the autumn term with staggered drop-off and pick-up times, tight class bubbles, and thorough hygiene and cleaning routines in place.

Next week is Book Week. Mrs Toy has planned some lovely virtual activities to help us celebrate the love of reading and books. Look out for the Masked Reader competition and don't forget to enter the Book Character Potato competition.



The staff are recording themselves reading a short story or extract from for you to watch during Book Week next week. But, they have hidden themselves behind a mask and some have even disguised their voices!

You must guess who is reading each book. Each family can enter their guesses onto the entry form which will be posted on Teams next week. Good Luck guessing who's behind the mask!

Reminder: The Car Park is for Staff Use only.

If you are dropping children off for Key Worker Provision, please **DO NOT** use the car park.

South West Schoolwear are offering delivery or click and collect (limited collection times available).

They are not permitted to open their doors under government guidelines but as soon as they are able (from 12/04/2021) they will resume their opening hours of Monday - Saturday 9-5.

In the meantime if you have any queries regarding school uniform please contact: yeovil@swschoolwear.co.uk
01935 478178

Don't forget we have added a school hoodie to our uniform for PE and cooler weather.



"What's the best thing you've learned about storms?"
"That they end," said the horse

Charlie Mackay

CORONAVIRUS ADVICE STAY AT HOME, STAY SAFE AND HELP THE NHS

Following the Government's announcement, the school will be closed until the 8th March. The single most important action we can all take, in fighting coronavirus, is to stay at home in order to protect the NHS and save lives. This means you should **NOT GO OUT AT ALL** except for essential reasons which are below.

You must not meet in groups of more than 2 people and should not let your children go and play in playgrounds or be out by themselves.

If you do go out, always stay at least 2 metres away from others.

The **ONLY** reason you should go out is for one of the following reasons:

1. Shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible.
2. One form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle - alone or with members of your household.
3. Any medical need, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person.
4. Travelling to and from work, but only where this absolutely necessary and cannot be done from home.

Spring Term 2 Parent Teacher meetings

Next week we are holding Parent Teacher Meetings, an opportunity to have a Teams Call with the class teachers to discuss your child prior to school reopening. These meetings will focus mainly on pastoral care and your child's well-being rather than academic progress.

Parents Evening

The appointment times have now been arranged and you should have received a Teams invite or a time for a phone call.

Due to the staff being in school looking after the Key Worker children and also delivering remote learning these meetings will be between 5-10 minutes only.

Daily Live Online lesson Times via TEAMS

Class	Time
Hedgehogs	10:30am
Squirrels	9:30am
Badgers	1:30pm
Foxes	11:30am
Whole School Zoom	2:30pm Friday

Happy Birthday

Max (7), Elliot (8)



Joanna (6),

Elsie (10)

Naomi (11)

Many Happy Returns

School Twitter Page:

@StBourton



'Life is like riding a bicycle, to keep your balance, you must keep moving'
Albert Einstein

Friday VIP Speaker

We are keen to start up a new initiative on a Friday for the children.

Do you do an interesting job? Or have an unusual hobby? If you are able to spare 10 minutes on a Friday afternoon to talk to the children about either, please do get in touch and we will add you to the timetable.

We are hoping to be able to inspire our children to think about their future careers and hobbies.

We are pleased to announce that our Breakfast Club will be up and running from Monday 8th March.



PH Sports deliver a fun and engaging Breakfast club at St George's for children of all ages.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is available daily from 7:45am. Children will be welcomed and offered a healthy breakfast to kick start the day, followed by the option to take part in a variety of sports and arts and crafts activities.

Activities

At PH Sports Breakfast club children are provided with the opportunity of choice and the ability to access a variety of activities. Every activity is aimed to be accessible to children of all ages and abilities. Each session will run in a similar format where children will have the choice of 3 activities; craft, sports/games activity or choosing activities (Lego, homework, books, board games etc.). There is also the option for some quiet time in the 'chill-out zone' which allows children who want a bit of quiet time to relax in an area where they can be comfortable.

Examples of sports activities include (not limited to): dodgeball, basketball, parachute games, tag games, alternative sports etc.

Costs:

Breakfast Club: 7:45am– 8:45am: £4.25

To book follow this link - <http://phsports.co.uk/online-bookings/>

Term Dates for the Diary:

SCHOOL REOPENING TO ALL: 8th March

Spring Term: Tuesday 23rd February – Thursday 1st April (School finishes at **13:15pm** on Thursday 1st April)

Summer Term: Monday 19th April – Thursday 27th May

INSET Day Friday 28th May

May Half Term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Dress Up a Potato

In the past we have dressed up for the day, but this year, we are asking the children to dress up/paint a potato as a favourite book character. Please send your potato pictures into your class teacher. These will then be added to the newsletter. Winning potatoes from each class will receive 50 House Points and everyone who enters will earn 10 House points each.



Important Dates

- ◆ Parent/Teacher consultations – Monday 1st March – Thursday 4th March
- ◆ World book Day - Thursday 4th March
- ◆ Pupils return to school – Monday 8th March
- ◆ Red Nose Day, watch this space - Friday 19th March



A helpline is available for families worried about how their child is coping with the coronavirus crisis and lockdown.

Dorset Council Educational Psychology Service has set-up a helpline to support those who are worried about their child or teenager during the lockdown.

The helpline number is: **01258 474036**. It is open from Monday to Friday from 9am to 4.45pm. Callers need to ring and make an appointment for a 30 minute phone consultation.

School Laptops and devices: As school is reopening to all children on March 8th if we have loaned you a laptop or device these will now need to be returned to school on Monday 8th March – thank you.

Parent Governor

We will soon be sending out notification of a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our Board of Governors. Please look out for paperwork regarding self-nomination that will be sent out after the children return to school.

School Lunches – Reminder

Please place your meal orders via the Dorset Meal Selector website <https://dorset.mealselector.co.uk/> for week commencing 8th March, prior to Sunday 28th February 2021.

Following on from our Successful School Lockdown Bake Off we have been asked to share the following message:

Applications have recently opened for the 7th series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

The programme is looking for young budding bakers between **9 -15 years old**.

Filming would take place from July 2021, but our **applications close on Sunday 28th March 2021**.

Interested bakers can apply online at - WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK.

