



Kindness, Thankfulness, Perseverance

Today we raised funds for Children in Need by coming to school wearing spots and home clothes. This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the first televised Children in Need fundraiser. Thank you for your generous donations we raised a total of £156.26.



As I said last week, I am really please schools have remained open during this latest lockdown. The guidance has been updated and new information for parents' guidance has been published. Our risk assessment has been amended. For the period of this lockdown our focus needs to be on keeping the school community as safe and well as possible during the working day and so the following reminders to help that happen:

- **FACE COVERINGS:** Thank you to all parents who have chosen to wear a mask whilst gathering outside school. I would still like to remind those who have not chosen to do this to reconsider (unless you are exempt) for the safety of our children and everyone else.
- Staff members will wear a face covering when having a conversation with a parent/carer at the gate.
- **FAMILIES MIXING:** A reminder that families should NOT mix outside the school gates during drop off and pick-up times including on the play area after school, we are in a lockdown situation at present. I appreciate this is difficult and thank you for your support in this.
- **NUMBERS BY THE GATE:** Also, a reminder that we ask that only ONE parent/carer drops off and picks up to minimise the amount of people gathering outside of our school.
- **VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS:** During this period of lock down we have stopped all volunteers into school.
- Visitors have been kept to essential visitors only – and they wear a face covering and remind socially distanced from staff and children in school.

Microsoft Teams

In the case of a bubble closure due to Covid we will be using Teams for all our home learning.

To help iron out any issues we are having a trial week beginning 23rd November, where Spellings and Mental Math's will be shared on Teams instead of paper.

Please help your child log on to access their spellings and mental math's.

When you are next logging into your child's teams account you may be prompted to change the password. It doesn't accept common passwords so please choose a selection of capital/lower case letters as well as numbers and symbols. When you change this please make a note of it on the sticker, they have in their reading record/workbook so that it isn't forgotten.

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 13/11/2020

Niamh (Hedgehogs) – for her amazing writing – using her name card to write her name.

Max (Squirrels) – for working really hard on producing detailed sentences during English lessons

Phoebe P (Badgers) – for her effort in class discussions and learning with 100% engagement.

Lucas PT (Foxes) for being very engaged and focused in his learning

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 13/11/2020

Annabelle for being a Concentrating Camel

Edith for being a Questioning Queen Bee

Elliot for being a Concentrating Camel



Naomi for being a Have a Go Hyena



Bronze Star Awards



Week ending 13/11/20

Ruby Y4, Lochi Y6, Emily Y4,

Keeleigh Y6 Phoebe P Y4, Harry R Y2,

Sophie B Y2, Arthur H Y2

Congratulations

Attendance

Week ending 13.11.20

Hedgehogs – 97.7%

Squirrels – 100%

Badgers – 98.3%

Foxes – 96.9%

This week the winners are

Squirrels



Pupil of the week

Week ending: 13/11/2020

Hedgehogs: Scarlett

Squirrels: Oliver

Badgers: Laila

Foxes: Daisy R

Well done

Achievements Out of School

Each week we share achievements which have been awarded outside of school – if you have an achievement to share please let us know.

TT Rockstar Leader Board

Week ending 13/11/2020

Oscar Y5 Rock Hero Speed 0.70

Arthur Y6 Rock Hero Speed 0.72

Joshua Y5 Rock Hero Speed 0.76

Ollie Y6 Rock Hero Speed 0.95

Bertie Y5 Rock Hero Speed 0.97



House Point Scores

Sandways

161

Chaffeymoor

171

Queen Oak

173

Hedgehogs News



In Hedgehogs this week, we have been looking at special days. On Monday, we finished off our work on Bonfire Night, writing about the sights and sounds of fireworks. The children produced some fantastic writing for our display and even used some of the Word Womble's wonderful words like vibrant and vivid! On Tuesday, we watched the BBC's remembrance film for children which is a beautiful and evocative animation looking at war as experienced by animals on a WW1 battlefield. We joined Reverend Ben virtually for his Remembrance Service on Wednesday and observed the 2 minutes silence. We also created lots of poppies by painting, colouring and collaging.

Finally this week, we found out all about Divali, the Hindu festival of light. We learnt about the origin of the festival through the story of Rama and Sita and used puppets to act it out. We also explored Rangoli patterns using coloured rice and hand art by adding stickers to a hand outline.

Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff

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Squirrels News

In Maths this week we have been focussing on Length and Height. We have compared our heights and used the words shortest and tallest to order heights and write sentences. We have also used cubes and rulers to measure items around the classroom and enjoyed making estimations before completing our measuring.

In English we have been looking closely at Remembrance Day and the reasons why we wear poppies. After joining Reverend Ben for our virtual assembly, we wrote sentences about the importance of wearing poppies to remember those people who sacrificed their lives so we can live in peace and harmony. All the children wrote detailed sentences and tried hard to use a conjunction (and/because/so) to link their ideas. Mr Abbott

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Badgers News

This week Badgers have been looking outward into the world in a variety of ways. We have enjoyed Remembrance - the classroom is full of booklets of poppy colourings and drawings; we had a welcome, heartfelt sing on the playground of 'Remembrance Day child' and have linked remembering to our value of thankfulness.

We have also started our new topic 'Diversity'. We have had stimulating conversations about diverse families, appearance, race and gender.

We've made lots of progress with telling the time on analogue clocks, exploring the various easy mistakes to make.

The children have also really enjoyed their first Badgers netball matches. We're still working on not running with the ball!

Ms Rankin and Mrs McGinty

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Foxes News

In Foxes this week we have enjoyed a different approach to English: sentence stacking. We are basing our writing on a section of Katherine Rundell's book, 'Explorers', and trailing writing a range of high-quality sentences using models from the text to inspire us. We are very proud of our writing so far. We also introduced 'promote a book' slot where we take it in turns to share one of our favourite books with the class. Our book reviewers have done a wonderful job and their books are now in high demand in Foxes. As part of our work on remembrance, and linking to our topic, we made Peruvian god's eyes in the style of poppies. In maths we developed the skill of long multiplication and tested our persevering powers. We completed a couple of mathematical investigations using multiplication and tried to notice and describe patterns. We enjoyed our second session with our cricket coach and practised various passes in netball.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman

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Please ensure you look after our school field and woodland area outside of school hours. We have reports of rubbish, broken tiles and plastic bags being left.

Reading Please listen to your child read as regularly as you can. Remember we do not have helpers in school at the moment, so one to one reading opportunities are limited. Reading in school is mainly taught by group and whole class reading lessons.

Remembrance Day 2020

The whole school joined Rev. Ben in a “live” Remembrance Service paying our respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We shared our prayers and joined the nation in a 2-minute silence. Throughout the week each class has thought about Remembrance; Badgers sung a beautiful song outside, Hedgehogs have made tissue paper poppies for their windows, Squirrels painted Poppy pebbles and Foxes have made some beautiful stick and wool poppies to hang in the trees. Together we have made a lovely Remembrance display in the school hall.



School Website

We are currently in the process of updating our school website.

PTFA Save the date:

Friday 20th
November @11am
Our PTFA will be holding their AGM via Teams this year.

Please join us to help raise valuable funds for our school.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember we are a NUT FREE school. Please ensure your 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.



Applying for a school place September 2021 – moving from Nursery to Reception

If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 they are due to start school in September 2021. The deadline for applications via your home county is 15th January 2021. Normally at this time of year we would be welcoming visits to school and holding open days. Due to Covid restrictions this is not possible, however we have added further information on our website under the parent tab and are available to answer any questions you may have via a phone call or email.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We are working to secure a new meals contract to start in January 2021. This would mean we will return to providing a hot meal in school at Lunchtime.

Please look out for further details over the next few weeks



School

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@StBourton



Don't forget as the weather turns colder your child will need warm clothing in class as the windows and doors will be open.

We still have a few children without Welly Boots – our field is incredibly Muddy and to protect school carpets the children do need a pair of boots in school every day – Thank you.

Can we politely ask that the Poppy slap bands stay at home from Monday as they are proving to be a slight distraction in classes.



Did you know? Blue Peter has launched [Blue Peter on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter)

Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. They also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

The Youth Sport Trust have taken the step to deliver a free virtual after school club as part of a national response to the second lockdown. The 30-minute club will take place at 5pm each weekday and be led by a different member of the YST's athlete mentor network, starting on Thursday 12 November with world no.1 female inline skater and 10-time British Champion Jenna Downing. The After School Sport Club will then run for five weeks until December 18 and children and young people can take part live by visiting our YouTube channel - <http://www.youtube.com/user/YouthSportTrust>



Aimed mainly at primary-aged children, a different theme has been assigned for each day of the club - Adventure Monday, Tuesday Play, Wild Wednesday, Thinking Thursday and Fun Friday. The YST hope that this will provide support, capacity and inspiration to sit alongside the other great work and offers that are available for schools and children and young people to engage in.

South West Carol Concert

This week some of our Year 1 and 2 children helped us film a scene of the Nativity story as our contribution to the South West Carols event. I must admit it did feel slight strange filming Wise men, Mary and Joseph in November but the children took it all in their stride and were fabulous actors and actresses.

We have been chosen to represent Salisbury Diocese in the South West region carol service. The event will take place on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December 2020, from 7-8pm each evening. It will be repeated each night and will be broadcast at www.southwestcarols.com and also on YouTube.

The event is an online event for all ages and our children will be playing a small part along with other schools across the South West region. Save the date and hopefully you will see some of our children.