



We have had yet another busy week in school as we come to the end of the first half term. We started the week with the school filled with yellow as we supported @HelloYellow raising money and awareness of young people's mental health. We raised £124.44. thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came along on Wednesday afternoon to support our Harvest Festival, it was a wonderful celebration of the Harvest and fantastic to be able to be in the church. The children in each class did a fabulous job singing, reading and sharing the prayers they had written. A big thank you to our newly appointed "Shining Lights" worship group who led the service with confidence. 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. It was also lovely to be joined by Bourton and Zeals Pre-School Children and staff.

Thank you everyone who donated items of food. The fresh produce was sold by Foxes at the end of the day – they made £62.51 to go towards their chosen charity for the year (yet to be decided). All of the tinned and packet foods will be taken over to the Gillingham Food Bank to support families in our area.

This week we have also welcomed other visitors to school including the photographer who took everyone's photographs on Wednesday morning. The children looked extremely smart in their uniform – thank you. Fingers crossed we will get the photographs back soon so orders can be placed and received before Christmas.

The Governing Body also met this week for their first full meeting of the year. We are extremely lucky to have such a supportive and challenging group of Governors who give their time on a voluntary basis to ensure our school provides the best education and experiences for our children.

To end the week today we were all treated to a wonderful assembly by Hedgehogs this afternoon. The children spoke so confidently and shared their work with enthusiasm. They have certainly all settled into school life well. We hope you enjoyed the assembly as much as we did.



**Parking Yet again**, I have had complaints from our neighbours about parking yet again this week! Please can I ask that you are respectful to our neighbours and park responsibly.

This week we have had parents blocking people's driveways, parking on junctions, and even blocking villager's cars in so they couldn't get out. I have also had reports of some parents being quite rude to our neighbours when they have asked for cars to be moved. The main problem areas appear to be in Church Close and Church Track all of which have private resident parking. Please can we ask that everyone tries to follow our school values of kindness and treat our neighbours with respect especially if children are present. I have been in touch with Dorset Police and Dorset Council about the ongoing problems but hope that everyone will try to be respectful to others.

## Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 14/10/2022

**Archie (Hedgehogs)** – for working really hard in phonics and asking to come and do some magnetic letters writing.

**Evie (Squirrels)** – for showing our Christian Value of Thankfulness and always being grateful and polite in school.

**Leo (Badgers)** - for showing kindness to others and helping them when they didn't know what to do.

**Hollie (Foxes)** - for showing great courage to step in as narrator at the last minute.

**WELL DONE!**

## Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 14/10/2022

Rubert P - for being Have a go Hyena

Charlotte G – for being a Concentrating Camel

Georgia-May C – for being a Planning Panda



Harry R - for being a Reasoning Robin.

Eliza M - for being an Imagining Iguana



Ed R - for being Have a go Hyena

**Well Done!**

## Attendance

Week ending 14/10/22

Hedgehogs – 96.3%

Squirrels – 95.7%

Badgers – 96.8%

Foxes – 98.8 %

This week the winners are

**FOXES**



## Pupil of the week

Week ending: 14/10/2022

Hedgehogs: Tabi T

Squirrels: Finley M

Badgers: Dolly S

Foxes: Isabelle T

## Birthdays



**Many Happy Returns**

## Achievements Out of School

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

**Theo & Tabi** - who have achieved stage 1 in swimming.

**Milo W** – who has achieved his yellow belt in Karate.

**Dulcie** – who ran half a mile and was placed 1st girl and 2nd overall.

**Coby** - who successfully passed his Karate assessment and is now a purple belt.

***Well done!***



## House Point Scores

**Sandways**

**623**

**Chaffeymoor**

**558**

**Queen Oak**

**581**

## Starting School



A reminder if your child is due to start Secondary School in September 2023 all applications need to be submitted by **October 31<sup>st</sup>**.

Sports Ambassadors Congratulations to Alicia, Kenan, Annabelle and Milly who attended a Sports Ambassador training day at Gillingham School last week.

These children now join our Sports Ambassadors from last year; Dexter, Hollie & Phoebe S. We look forward to seeing them leading and supporting sport across the school.

Thank you to Mrs Moores for accompanying the children for the day.

## Flu Vaccinations

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November the school nursing team will be in school to give the children their flu vaccination. Please see the letter coming from Mrs Goodman for more details.

## Dates for your Diary

18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Book Fayre in School
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Badgers Roman Day
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	House Reward afternoon
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Foxes Americas Day
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	PTFA Spooky Disco 5-5.45pm KS1 6-7pm KS2
22-30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Scarecrow Trail around Bourton
24-28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	HALF TERM Holiday
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Term 2 starts
7-10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent Consultation meetings
14-18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Antibullying week
Week beg:	
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent Evening Meetings
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Flu Spray
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Anxiety Parent Meeting 2:15-3pm

## 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 Peanut Allergies.

## Are you great with a paintbrush?

We want to revamp the front outdoor area for the children and would like some volunteers to help paint the fences, the playhouse and the revamp the houses by the play boat area.

If you are the one to help us (or know someone who can) please speak to Mrs Goodman in the office.

## House Team Autumn Term Winners:

A big well done to Sandways who have won this terms House Point competition with an incredible 623 House Points. As a reward on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October they are able to come to school in their home clothes and will enjoy a biscuit treat at playtime.

**Parent Evening Consultations** will be taking place on during the week beginning **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November**. Please look out for a booking letter coming home via email from the school office next week. Each teacher has different times and dates. Please be aware there will be NO after school clubs running during the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> November to allow teachers to prepare and meet parents. Each appointment will be 10 minutes and we ask everyone to stick to the timings. This allows the teachers to keep to time and ensure everyone can be seen.



Next week the Scholastic book fair will be arriving on Tuesday. The children will be visiting the fair during the day on Tuesday to share and enjoy some of the books. You will be able to visit the book fair after school on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from **3.15pm to 3.35pm.**

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from and prices start from £2.99. Stock up on Christmas presents and every purchase you make a percentage will be given to the school to select books from the fair for our library. If you can't make it to our Book Fair, try our discounted Gift

Vouchers available at [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents). They're a great way to ensure your child doesn't miss out. Also, browse the books available at the fair here <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases> and decide what you would like before you come!



#### Scarecrow trail

Don't forget to buy your scarecrow trail maps from the PTFA or school office. The trail will be on every day of Half Term so you can complete it in one go or do a little each day.



#### Netball tournament

On Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of October: Phoebe S, Ruby, Anna, Lydia, Charlotte, Annella, Emily and Phoebe P went to Gillingham school to play a netball tournament. The first game we played was against Mere and Lydia scored 1 point but unfortunately, they won 2-1. Then in the second game, Ruby scored 2goals, Phoebe P scored 2goals and then Phoebe S scored four so overall, we beat Wyke 8-0. We next played Mere B and they scored one goal but sadly we scored none. In our final game we played Motcombe they scored two points and Phoebe P scored us two, so the result was 2-2. Overall, we came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 9 different schools. Thank you to Mrs Moores, Mrs Meeker and Mrs Plowman for making this all happen. We all really enjoyed ourselves and had a great time.  
By Phoebe S and Ruby



## Hedgehogs News

Over the last two weeks in Hedgehogs, we have been very busy! In English we were looking at verbs and had to do lots of actions which helped us remember. We needed the verbs for following instructions, we saw a man who was not very good at following them. Our instructions got all muddled and Mrs Monksummers did EVERYTHING in the wrong order. Luckily, the Hedgehogs had their super brains on and we were able to unscramble them. In Art we had to follow instructions to make salt dough fruit bowls, our dough disco really helped for our rolling technique. In maths we have been thinking about part part whole. First we identified what parts were and then a whole before being able to use number to demonstrate our knowledge. Receptions were thinking about altogether and had to stop Angelica and Chucky from squabbling over who had more and fewer objects. Last week we were really lucky to go on a plane journey around the world! We visited the 7 continents and got to enjoy local delicacies using chop sticks in Asia, Banana smoothies in South America and Shrimps on the barbie in Australia. It was a fabulous afternoon and we hope the children enjoyed it too.

For dough disco we have been following some videos, however, this week it was Charlies birthday so we got to enjoy his favourite song and we had to copy Mrs Ramage. This gave Hedgehogs an idea.... We would like to put a 'Hedgehogs favourite song list' together so each day we can do a song of choice. This could be anything to a song from a favourite TV programme, a pop song, nursery rhyme or Mrs Ramage's favourite, Disney. Please discuss with them and share with me.



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ramage, Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Monksummers

## Squirrels News

I was so impressed with the children's singing in the Harvest Festival on Wednesday. They were fantastic, learning the words and actions brilliantly. Well done Squirrels!

This week we started a new unit of Instructional texts, looking at the features; including titles, subtitles, bullet points, numbered steps, sequencing words and 'bossy' verbs. We played a verb game to understand what verbs are and used different cooking verbs to write instructional sentences. In Geography we wrote a recounts of our trip to the different continents last week, trying hard to write the continent names with capital letters! In maths we have been looking at number lines to 20 or 100, drawing them in large on the playground or alongside a bead string in the classroom. We are become experts at finding missing numbers on our number lines. Mrs Toy and Mrs Tyler 😊



## **Badgers News**

In Science this week, we are continuing to learn about the effects of sugar in our diet and at ways in which we can eat less sugar in our diets. The children produced informative posters to promote the idea.

In computing, we are developing our programming skills by using the online tool Scratch. The children have been changing sprites and backgrounds, as well as linking together commands in order to make the sprite move in different directions. They then challenged themselves to create a sequence which involved both movement and sound. The first line of the tune was easily recognised, but it was a bit of a challenge to get the notes in the correct order for the second line!

In Maths this week, Badgers have been using their number bonds to 10 and 100 and realising how this knowledge can be applied when adding 1s across 10s and adding 10s across 100s. Still some fluency required in places! We have also been working on multiplication and division and thinking about the link between these. Year 4 focused on their 6 times table facts whilst year 3 solved problems involving multiplying and dividing by 2, 5 and 10 and showing this using bar models, images and equipment.

Thanks.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman

## **Foxes News**

This week the children in Foxes have been focussing on Biographies in our English lessons. We discussed how a biography retells the events of a person's life but is written by someone else. Then we read some biographies and highlighted the key features, before researching famous people from South America as part of our "Transatlantic Travels" topic. Next week the children will use their findings to write a biography.

In Maths the children have been solving addition and subtraction multi-step problems. They had to answer two and three-step questions involving 4 and 5-digit numbers, highlight mistakes in questions, draw bar models to represent calculations, use the inverse, make estimations using rounding as well as explaining how they got their answers. We had lots of "Reasoning Robins" in class.

Finally, it was another exciting session of Forest School with Ms Rankin on Tuesday. This week the children made scarecrows for the upcoming scarecrow trail. They had to work as part of a team to sew and stuff straw. Look out for them and see if you can guess what film or TV characters they are. A BIG thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came in and supported the children. Mr. Abbott



## PTFA EVENTS

ST GEORGE'S BOURTON PTFA PRESENTS....

# THE SPOOKY DISCO

ENTRY  
£2



**FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER**  
KEY STAGE ONE - 5 - 6PM  
KEY STAGE TWO - 6.30 - 7.45PM  
SQUASH AND CRISPS PROVIDED  
BRING £1 FOR SWEETS  
PRIZE FOR BEST FANCY DRESS

**St George's Bourton  
PTFA**



# SCARECROW COMPETITION

**Find all the scarecrows and identify  
which TV program they are from  
to be entered into the  
prize draw -  
£10 Amazon gift voucher**

**Prize for best Scarecrow  
£10 Amazon gift voucher**

**TRAIL TO TAKE PLACE  
23RD OCTOBER - 30TH OCTOBER  
FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE  
FROM BOURTON GARAGE AND  
ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL FROM  
17TH OCTOBER  
£2 PER MAP**



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