



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.

This term has had lots of reasons to celebrate: the children have been truly exemplary in their dedication to learning and behaviours; 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 reading at home, attending assemblies and events and always smiling at the gate – thank you!

I hope you all have a wonderful half term, don't forget to take part in the Scarecrow Trail over half term. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 31st October.

Parent's Evening—Book Via our new eSchools app.

In order to continually improve the way, we communicate with our families and carers we have bought into a new online communication app which includes a booking system for parent's evening. The app is run by eSchools; the same platform we use for our school website. Bookings for parents evening need to be made by downloading the eSchools app. The app is free and easy to download for both Android and Apple phones. You can also log in via our website.

Today your child has come home with a letter containing your login and password details along with instructions for downloading the app. Please look in your child's book bags.

Once you have downloaded the app and logged in you will have access to other information such as your child's attendance and school messages and notifications as well as parent's evening bookings.

You will be able to log in and book a slot to meet your child's teacher from **Tuesday 25th October**. Booking will close on **Thursday 3rd November**. Using the app gives you the flexibility to book your chosen appointment time. After the booking window closes the app will not allow parents to book a slot

If you have any questions or difficulty downloading the app, please let us know so we can assist you with it.



School Vision and Values Tree

We have a wonderful image to represent our school vision and values and are looking for volunteers to come into school to support the children in turning the image into a beautiful hand sewn wall hanging. Each child in school will be sewing their own leave for the tree to represent themselves as part of our school community. The finished wall hanging will be displayed in the hall. If you can spare 30 minutes or even an hour we would love to hear from you.

Baby News! Mr Abbott is due to become a Dad for the second time at the start of November. He will be having two weeks' paternity leave which may affect the dates for Foxes Parents Evenings. Please book your slot but be aware the dates may change at the last minute. As soon as the baby arrives we will let you know.

Dates for your Diary

21 st Oct	PTFA Spooky Disco KS1 -5-5.45pm KS2 6-7pm
22-30 th Oct	Scarecrow Trail, Bourton
24-28 th Oct	HALF TERM Holiday
31 st Oct	Term 2 starts
7-10 th Nov	Parent Consultation meetings
14-18 th Nov	Antibullying week
Week beg:	
7 th Nov	Parent Evening Meetings
22 nd Nov	Flu Spray
22 nd Nov	Anxiety Parent Meeting 2:15-3pm

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 21/10/2022

Tabi (Hedgehogs) – for trying very hard with her reading and writing

Alice (Squirrels) – for showing kindness

Harry (Badgers) – for playing the violin in class and practicing

Alex B (Foxes) – for supporting his peers

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 21/10/2022

Tabi for being a have a-go hyena

Kitty for being a have a-go hyena

Oliver A for being Persevering Penguin

Ethan for being a Concentrating Camel

Harry G for being a Persevering Penguin

Amy for being a have a-go hyena



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.

Congratulations to Noah AI who passed his level 2 swimming this week

Well done!



Pupil of the week

Week ending: 21/10/2022

Hedgehogs: **Michael**

Squirrels: **Lilly**

Badgers: **Dulcie**

Foxes: **Elliot**

Well done

Eager Readers

Week ending: 21/10/2022

Hedgehogs: **Barnaby**

Squirrels: **Isabella**

Badgers: **Sophie R**

Foxes: **Alfie-Jack & Phoebe**

Well done



Attendance

Week ending 21/10/22

Hedgehogs – 95.6%

Squirrels – 97.9%

Badgers – 95.5%

Foxes – 94.1 %

This week the winners are

SQUIRRELS

Wonderful Writers

(YR) - **Oscar**

(Yr1) - **Logan**

(Yr3) - **Freda**

(Yr) - **Isla**

(Yr5) - **Annabel**

(Yr6) - **Emily**

Well Done!



Marvellous Maths

(YrR) - **Hubert**

(Yr2) - **Sebastian**

(Yr4) - **Dolly**

(Yr4) - **Robyn**

(Yr4) - **Sophie B**

(Yr4) - **Elsie-Brooke**

(Yr5) - **Reuben**

(Yr6) **Ruby**



House Point Scores

Sandways

52

Chaffeymoor

67

Queen Oak

59

Hedgehogs News

The children this week have been showing off their phonic knowledge and completing their Independent Writing. We watched 'The cow tripped over the moon' for some inspiration of a wishing tale. The children decided on an animal and what they wished for. They were using their sounds to write letters, words and sentences. In maths we have been adding and finding out how many altogether. Year 1 continued work on part part whole and how this looks in writing number sentences. They were so good we moved on to fact families which we will continue after half term. In science we were very excited pretending to be a caterpillar! we looked at the life cycle of a caterpillar and enjoyed 'eating' leaves. For Art this week we were able to finish painting. this included some pots and real fruit.

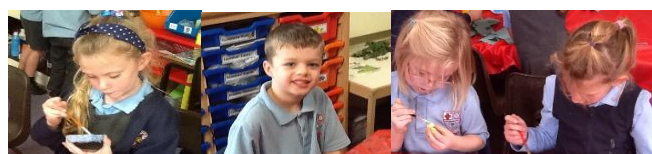
We hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to more fun in our new topic next term!

Mrs Ramage, Mrs Nicholls & Mrs Monksummers

Squirrels News

In Squirrels this week we completed our unit on instructional texts, using all our knowledge of the features to write a set of instructions for a made-up meal for the Giant of Jum. In maths we have moved on to addition and learned how to write the addition calculations from different representations, including part-part whole models. Each day we have a Mastering Number session which aims to develop good number sense. We use rekenreks in these sessions to help us (a small abacus with 20 beads). The year 1s were working on 1 more and 1 less, working together to visualise the steps using cubes. The year 2s were working on odd and even numbers. On Wednesday we had a lovely session with the author of Handa's Surprise, Eileen Browne who read her book to us and talked about writing stories. It was very exciting. In Art we created our mini fruit from salt dough to go into our fruit bowl and when they were baked, we painted them. They will be coming home today for you to see!

Mrs Toy and Mrs Tyler



Badgers News

After Half Term Forest School will be Tuesday afternoons!

Badgers had a wonderful day on Tuesday on their Roman day. It was great to see them all dressed up in their Roman costumes. We had soldiers, gladiators, bakers, teachers and even an emperor! We learnt about Roman numerals and then made a clock, putting the numerals in order. We learnt how to play a Roman board game, Tabula. We then made our own version of this involving Roman numerals again. At lunch time we had a fabulous feast. Thank you to everyone for your contributions. We had delicious bread and cheese with salad and olives. We also had some more unusual foods including peacock brains, snails, giraffe legs and various versions of stuffed dormice! The children loved it many took home a doggy bag at the end of the day (We hope you have all found these at home) In the afternoon, they designed and made their own Roman shield, trying to ensure their design was symmetrical. The children all thoroughly enjoyed their day. Thank you to all our parents for making this possible for them all.



Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman

Foxes News

After Half Term Forest School will be Wednesday afternoons!

Today in Foxes, we ended our topic of "Transatlantic Travels" by having an America's Day. Firstly, the children enjoyed making Guatemalan kites by sticking tissue paper to hoops - there were lots of "Teamwork Tigers." Next the children learn some simple Spanish phrases. After break, the children learnt about Zumba - a fitness programme that was founded by Colombian dancer and choreographer Beto Pérez in 2001. The children devised their own routines that they then shared with the rest of the class. Finally, after lunch, the children participated in some traditional games and created some picture puzzles.

In Forest School with Ms. Rankin on Tuesday, the children went on a lovely long walk to Penselwood. They walked through the conifer wood and enjoyed taking in the beautiful sunny views of the Blackmore Vale. They explored a wild piece of land belonging to Ms. Rankin's brother, before completing a photo challenge which allowed them to develop their skills of observation. I wish everyone a lovely half-term. Mr. Abbott



Year 6 Applications for Secondary School

It has been great to hear the Year 6 children talking about their next steps after visiting secondary schools over the past few weeks. Can I please remind you that applications have to be in to the Local Authority by **31st October**.



Happy Birthday

Bea Mo (8)

Rupert (5)

Amy (10)

Flu Vaccinations

On Tuesday 22nd 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.

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.



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

The main problem areas appear to be in Church Close, Church Track and the West Bourton Road. We have had confirmation that Church Close is residential parking and we understand signs are in the process of going up.

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. The highways agency will be out patrolling next term with the hope of easing the issues.

The school car park is for staff use only and for the school taxi and after school club only. Please make sure you are walking down the footpath next to the church wall to prevent any accidents.

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.



Are you great with a paintbrush?

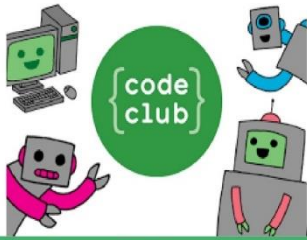
We want to revamp the front outdoor area for the children and would like some volunteers to help paint the fences, the playhouse and the revamp the houses by the play boat area.

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

Parent Evening Consultations will be taking place on during the week beginning **Monday 7th November**. Each teacher has different times and dates. Please be aware there will be **NO** after school clubs running during the week beginning 7th 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.

Code Club

Code Club is Back! Join us on Tuesday afternoons to learn about coding with Scratch, HTML and Python. Suitable for children age 8 and over.



Gillingham Library

**Every Tuesday
5:00pm - 6:00pm**

Spaces are strictly limited so booking is essential on:

For more information ☎ **01747 822180**

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

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Wargaming Club

If you are a beginner, or curious about Warhammer come and give it a go! Try out playing the game, painting models and more! Suitable for ages 10 and up. Please book via the Library.



Gillingham Library

**Saturday 5 November
11:00am - 1:00pm**

For more information ☎ **01747 822180**

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The Midnight Mission!

Something's going bump in the night! Work against the clock, as you chase leads, decipher clues and interview suspects. A quirky family-friendly comedy, inspired by Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein'. Adult: £6.00, Under 18s: £5.00, Family of 4 (max 2 adults): £20



Gillingham Library

**Wednesday 26 October
11:00am - 12:00noon**



Booking essential on Eventbrite

For more information ☎ **01747 822180**

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MERE SCHOOL FIREWORKS NIGHT

Saturday 5th November

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Fireworks 6.30pm

Bar

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Ice Cream

& Much Much More!



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