



## *Kindness, Thankfulness, Perseverance*

Happy Friday everyone! It has been another busy week at St George's with lots of lovely learning. The weather has been changeable however we were still able to welcome our new Reception Starters on Monday afternoon for an outdoor story time session with Mrs Ramage and Mrs Toy. We are very much looking forward to them starting their learning journey with us in September.

This week has seen the staff putting the finishing touches to the children's end of year reports. Our teachers take a lot of time and care writing these and I really enjoy reading them all before making my comments on each report. We are hoping to complete the final checks on them next week ready to send out to you all during the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> July.

I am finding it hard to believe we are now in July. It strikes me as strange how quickly the abnormal feels normal; how quickly we have all adjusted to the changes that COVID has brought about. It has been another immensely strange year in school, with bubbles, staggered starts, separate playtimes, and everything else we've had to put in place. We were all hoping to be able to relax slightly towards the end of term, however I was reminded this week of the continuing risks as local schools have had to close classes and year groups due to positive cases. It is a reminder, if we needed one, that we still have to be careful, not just in school but out of school to protect the whole school community. Public Health England has reminded schools of the need to stick to restrictions for the rest of this year and not be tempted to relax them! We are one of the very few schools who have managed since March 2020 without any bubbles popping! I know it is tricky and we are all desperate to get back to some normality, but we really do want to get everyone safely to the summer holiday without having to self-isolate and miss school. Therefore, a gentle reminder that if your child (or any family member) has COVID symptoms the whole household needs to self-isolate until a negative test result is given. The staff are continuing to carry out Lateral Flow tests twice a week and will do so until the end of the term. Thank you for your understanding and support.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and if you are watching the football – I'll keep my fingers crossed it's the result England are wanting!

**Sports Day Photos are all on our website – please have a look: Classes tab then click on the Sports link.**

As I write this, the sky is full of clouds but with this ever-changeable weather please make sure that your child has the right clothes... On sunny days – your child will need a sunhat/cap. Please apply sun cream before school. On rainy days – your child will need a raincoat so that we can still get out as much as possible. Thank you for your help with this – the weather is so unpredictable at the moment!

**Christian Vision and Values review:** Due to the weather we were unable to hold our Parent Forum session on the playground to gather ideas for our Vision. As we can't guarantee the weather will be dry for a new date we have decided to change our plans on how we can gather your views. Next week you will be receiving the option to send your ideas into school electronically. Look out for an email at the start of the week.

**After School Clubs - Craft and Athletics -** Due to other events taking place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July there will be no after school clubs on that date

## Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 2/7/2021

**Scarlett (Hedgehogs)** – for independent and focused learning at home: learning her spellings and looking after her sunflower.

**Elsie T (Squirrels)** – for always applying herself and working hard to master complex sentences.

**Laila (Badgers)** – for sharing her excellent knowledge of the world and enthusiasm for nature learning.

**Billy (Foxes)** – for being so incredibly enthusiastic about his work and always wanting to challenge himself.

**WELL DONE!**

### Attendance

#### Week ending 2.7.21

Hedgehogs – 95.1%

Squirrels – 94.1%

Badgers – 95.9%

Foxes – 96%

This week the winners are

### **Foxes**



## Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 2/7/2021

**Arabella** for being a Reviewing Rabbit

**Ernie** for being a Concentrating Camel

**Sonny** for being a Reviewing Rabbit

**Joshua** for being a reasoning Robin



**Well Done**

### Pupil of the week

Week ending: 2/7/2021

Hedgehogs: Willow

Squirrels: Sophie R

Badgers: Bert

Foxes: Elsie

**Well done**

### Wonderful Writers

Aralynne (YR)

Rafferty (YR)

Joanna (Y1)

Ivy (Y1) Vita (Y2)

Chloe (Y3) Phoebe S (Y4)

Thisbe (Y6)

Maisie-Grace (Y5)

**Well Done!**

### Cake Sale

Daisy R in Y6 is holding a Cake Sale on the school field on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July to raise money for Hanna's Holiday Appeal

## Happy Birthday



Daisy R (11)

Dolly (7) Dulcie (6)

Robyn (7) Oscar (10)

Mrs Toy

Many Happy Returns

### Silver Star Awards

Ava-Fee (Y6) Lucas PT (Y6)

Harry F (Y2) Well done

### Marvellous Maths

Joey (YR) Ben (YR)

Eliza (Y1) Arthur (Y2)

Barney (Y3) Jacob (Y3)

Daisy R (Y6) Honie-May (Y5)

**Congratulations**

### House Point Scores

**Sandways**

**394**

**Chaffeymoor**

**370**

**Queen Oak**

**375**

## Hedgehogs News

This week Hedgehogs were very excited to meet Mrs Ramage who will be the new teacher for Hedgehogs in September. The children had a chance to ask Mrs Ramage questions and there were lots of interesting ones!

In class, we have been working hard in maths on number bonds. We have been finding two pieces of numicon that match together to make a certain number up to ten (or 20 for the Year 1s). Some of us tried to fit 2 pieces into a puzzle shape, some of us played a beanbag game on a ten frame outside and some of us made number bonds to ten towers. We have also started a new English unit based on the book Perfectly Norman. We thought about super adjectives to use to describe the wings Norman grew and how we would feel if we grew wings. We are continuing to learn about different athletes each week and this week we found out about Ellie Simmonds, who won two gold medals for Great Britain at the age of 13. Yesterday afternoon the children explored the grounds on a senses hunt to find different objects of different colours.

They had to work together in teams to find as many as they could.

Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff ☺



## Squirrels News

This week in Squirrels we have been focussing on telling the time in our Maths sessions. The children have been reading analogue and digital times as well as drawing o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to times on clock faces. Finally, the children talked about seconds, minutes and hours and grouped activities under the unit of times that they are best measured in.

In Science with Mrs Welshman the children learnt about all the different food groups and how we need to have a mixture of them each day to ensure we have a balanced diet. The children then designed their own meal plan making sure that they had foods that included carbohydrates, fruits and vegetables, proteins, dairies and fats.

Finally, in Art we have been looking at the work of Keith Haring and in particular his sport figures. The children copied his style of work, using bright colours and different sporting equipment, before creating their own by choosing a different sport. We had lots of "imagining iguanas".

Mr Abbott



## **Badgers News**

In Badgers this week we continued to explore the life cycle of flowering plants. On Tuesday we went for a walk up the hill in Bourton and named many of the trees and plants there. We showed the children the 'dark (coniferous) wood' and enjoyed the view across the Blackmore Vale. We then sat down and sketched trees at Ms Rankin's house. The children used charcoal - so as to draw expressively and with a free movement - and they managed to use this medium really effectively and with great focus.

We have started looking at the book of poems 'The Lost Words'. We discovered that sadly words featured in this book have been left out of the newest edition of the Oxford children's dictionary. Acorn, bramble, newt, weasel, skylark, dandelion, bluebell and more. We are making sure we explore the words and give them lots of air time. We are writing our own dictionary definitions to start with.

Have a good weekend.

Ms Rankin and Mrs Welshman



## **Foxes News**

In English this week, we have been looking at balanced arguments. We read a range of debates: Should children do housework? Should boys learn cooking? Should children have less playtime? These caused lots of discussions in the class. We then held a debate about whether children should be allowed unlimited screen time. The children were amazing at getting into role and sharing their views passionately. A couple of children have even decided to have a go at limiting their screen time for the next month to see how they get on.

We had an energetic session from Maths on the Move, flipping cones and throwing balls to help us generate 3-digit decimals. Whilst others had to follow a Maths trail around the classroom, converting measures. We have also started to think about ratio and the relationship between quantities.

In topic, we started to explore how much sugar is in our everyday foods and compared this to the recommended allowance for children. Foxes were shocked that some cans of drink and chocolate bars contain more sugar than their recommended daily amount. They then made a game to show some healthier swaps for traditionally higher sugar snacks.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman

Reminder: There should be **NO PARKING** on the main road next to the church by the grassy area and school blue gates. There have been a couple of near misses as cars are having to overtake parked cars on the brow of the hill with oncoming traffic! **Please pass this information to others who are collecting your children.**

Please Park safely and sensibly. A few extra footsteps could prevent an accident.

### Dates for the Diary:

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> July – pm New Reception Children to visit  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> July – 6pm New Reception Parents Meeting (Teams)  
Tues 13<sup>th</sup> July - pm New Reception Children to visit  
Tues 20<sup>th</sup> July – Foxes to ASC Portland  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> July – School Transition morning/day  
Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> July – 9.15am Leavers Service (Year 6 Parents ONLY)  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Break up for Summer Holiday **1:30pm FINISH we will be clapping out our Year 6 children so please join us if you are waiting by the gate!**

### School Twitter Page:

@StBourton



### A Polite Plea:

Can we please ask everyone to check and name their child's clothing this weekend, especially jumpers. We have found lots without names in!

**Transition days:** Following on from the DfE guidance we have been working hard to create a way for our children to be able to spend time safely with their new class teacher next year. On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July all children will spend the morning with their new class teacher to coincide with Gillingham School Year 6 Transition day. This however, will depend on the easing of Government restrictions beforehand.

We have also managed to safely plan and arrange for our new starters to come into school to meet their new teacher Mrs Ramage. We are looking forward to welcoming them for a classroom session on Monday.

**Leaver's events:** Unfortunately, the guidance has also meant we are unable to hold our normal celebrations for our wonderful Year 6 children. We have put on our thinking caps and instead we are inviting Year 6 parents ONLY to a special "outdoor" Leavers service on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 9:15am on the school playground. We are hoping the weather will be kind to us however if it isn't we will resort to holding a "Virtual" event at 6pm on the same evening instead.

### 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.



**Reminder: The Car Park is for Staff use only this includes when dropping off for breakfast club.**

### Covid19 Update:

Just a reminder that if your child or any member of your household (including your childcare bubble or support bubble, if you have one) develops Covid19 symptoms all members of your household should isolate. You must book a test for the symptomatic person and phone or email the school office to let us know.

You can arrange a test through <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by phoning 119.

The symptoms to look out for are:

- New, persistent cough
- High temperature
- Change to sense of taste or smell

If you do need to get a test for a member of your household, once you get the result, please let us know the result. If we do get a positive case in school, we will work with the Public Health Team to identify close contacts and they will be asked to isolate.

### SUNTAN CREAM

Hopefully we will be blessed with lots of Sunny weather this term so can we please ask that the children have suntan cream applied before school. Unfortunately, we are not able to assist children in applying sun cream throughout the day so a once-a-day cream would be good.



## Pet Service

HOME FARM  
BA12 6QL  
Sunday  
11<sup>th</sup> July  
4pm



### Come and celebrate our Pets!

Do come along and enjoy this special service of praise for your beloved pets, whether they have fur, feathers or scales. For those who no longer have a pet, please bring a treasured photo and share your memories with us.

This service is suitable for all ages, and will be followed by pet treats and light refreshments.

Donations for Pets as Therapy & Cinnamon Trust most welcome.

This is a working farm: please follow the directions for parking and venue and be responsible. Keep your pet under control & clean up after your pet.

Contacts:  
Barbara 01747 840141  
Rev Ben Rundell-Evans 01747 840221

**BRUTON SCHOOL  
FOR GIRLS**

**Musical Theatre  
Summer School**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August**  
10am to 3pm

Suitable for 8-14 year-olds  
Food provided  
**£200 for 5 days**

Learning and performing a new musical  
theatre production written by **Paul Denegri**

**TO BOOK**  
please email Mr Dury, Director of Music  
by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June**  
mdury@brutonschool.co.uk

### Get to Tokyo Update:

Well done everyone we have reached China with the next goal Tokyo! Keep going with your physical activity in school and at home we are nearly there!



### PH Sport Breakfast Club Survey

PH Sport would like to get parent views and suggestions regarding Breakfast Club. Please complete the survey by clicking this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/gNqhxLSxDt>

### Library reading challenge

All our local libraries will once again be hosting a Summer Reading Challenge. In the past we have had high numbers of children complete the challenge over the holiday. It would be lovely if we can break a record and have even more children taking part this year. This year the theme is "Wild World Heroes". You will need to visit the website [www.wildworldheroes.org.uk](http://www.wildworldheroes.org.uk) to find out more and register for the challenge.



## Race for Life

Thank you so much for your fundraising efforts as our children participated in our very own 'Race for Life', in aid of Cancer Research last week. It was wonderful to see the effort the children put into this fun but challenging course.

At the last count, a massive **£2,386.40** has been raised (and still rising as money envelopes come into school). Please send in any outstanding sponsorship by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July**.

### **Sports Day House Team Results**

Last week the children had a great time competing in their Houses during Sports day to earn extra House Points.

Here are the results for the House Races:

Reception Hurdle Relay: Queen Oak 1<sup>st</sup>, Chaffeymoor 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sandways 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year 1/2 Hurdle Relay: Sandways 1<sup>st</sup>, Queen oak 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chaffeymoor 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year 3/4 Hurdle Relay: Queen oak 1<sup>st</sup>, Sandways 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chaffeymoor 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year 5/6 Hurdle Relay: Sandways 1<sup>st</sup>, Queen Oak 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chaffeymoor 3<sup>rd</sup>

Reception Bean Bag Race: Queen Oak 1<sup>st</sup>, Chaffeymoor 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sandways 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year 1/2 Bean Bag Race: Sandways 1<sup>st</sup>, Chaffeymoor 2<sup>nd</sup>, Queen Oak 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year 3 /4 Sack Relay: Chaffeymoor 1<sup>st</sup>, Queen Oak 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sandways 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year 5/6 Sack Relay: Chaffeymoor 1<sup>st</sup>, Sandways 2<sup>nd</sup>, Queen Oak 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year 3 /4 Long Relay: Queen Oak 1<sup>st</sup>, Sandways 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chaffeymoor 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year 5/6 Long Relay: Sandways 1<sup>st</sup>, Chaffeymoor 2<sup>nd</sup>, Queen Oak 3<sup>rd</sup>

**1<sup>st</sup> place = 20 points**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place = 10 points**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place = 5 points**

### Final result:

**Sandways: 125 points (Joint 1<sup>st</sup> place)**

**Queen Oak: 125 points (Joint 1<sup>st</sup> place)**

**Chaffeymoor: 100 points (2<sup>nd</sup> place)**

**Look on the school website for lots of photos of our Sports Day.**