



School has felt a little more “normal” this week with whole school face to face assemblies, a face-to-face Governor meeting, friends from different classes playing together at playtimes and lunches being eaten in the hall.

Oh, it was a wonderful feeling on Monday morning to have everyone in the hall together for our first face to face assembly of 2022. We discussed Martin Luther King Day sharing the message about the beauty of diversity, we also thought about the importance of standing up to injustice.

Our junior play leaders have been back in action each lunchtime leading games and activities for everyone to enjoy. On Monday great fun was had as the majority of the children played a game of Grandmothers footsteps. Our Junior Librarians have also been enjoying being able to open and manage the library at lunchtimes. Lots of children have shared books with friends and used the opportunity to read with others from different classes.

School council have also met this week. They had an important discussion about the Parish Council campaign to reduce the speed limit through the village. The children were keen to support the village community and have written a letter to the Parish Council supporting their plan after discussing the issues together.

Have a lovely weekend

### **Parking**

**Please do not park on the main road above the blue gates, this forces cars overtaking into the path of vehicles coming over the hill from Wincanton**

**Please tell others who are picking up for you**

### **Speed Limit reduction**

The Parish Council are currently running a petition to support a reduction in the speed limit through and within the village

Please sign the petition at [www.change.org/p/dorset-council-lower-speed-in-bourton-for-a-safer-community](http://www.change.org/p/dorset-council-lower-speed-in-bourton-for-a-safer-community) or ask at the school office for a paper copy

This closes at the end of January

Do you teach YOGA? Do you know a friendly YOGA teacher?

As part of our Children's Mental Health Week, we would love to run a Yoga session for the children. If you know anyone who could help us out, please let the office know.

### **Online Safety Advice**

It is important to supervise children when online, playing computer games or using apps. We have attached an information sheet with 7 questions to start a conversation about online safety with your child. On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February we will be taking part in Safer Internet Day in school.

### **LSA**

**We are looking for a Lunchtime Supervisor for 1 hour every day to join our staff team**

Please contact the office if you, or someone you know, is interested in finding out more about the role

## Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 21/01/2022

**Lucy (Hedgehogs)** – for making great progress in her reading. She has been helping others make the right choice and being a lovely friend.

**Scarlett (Squirrels)** – for being such an enthusiastic learner this week, putting her hand up in every lesson!

**Leo (Badgers)** – for Amazing effort with x4 in Maths.

**Dexter (Foxes)** - for always looking to challenge himself.

## Pupil of the week

Week ending: 21/01/2022

Hedgehogs: Niamh

Squirrels: Charlie

Badgers: Chloe

Foxes: Karis

**Well done**

## Bronze Star Awards

Week ending 21/01/22



James (Y6)

Elliot (Y6)

Billy (Y6)

Alex B (Y5)

Sonny (Y5)

**Congratulations**

## Learnimal Awards

Week ending: 21/01/2022

**Imogen** for being a Have a go Hyena

**Logan** for being a Have a go Hyena

**Isabella** for being a Have a go Hyena

**Harry R** for being a Teamwork Tiger

**Sophie R** for being a Teamwork Tiger

**Elsie SR** for being a Persevering Penguin

**Well Done**



## Attendance

Week ending 21/01/22

Hedgehogs – 97.2%

Squirrels – 95.2%

Badgers – 99.1%

Foxes – 96.4%

This week the winners are

**Badgers**



## Birthdays



**Bluebell (9), Sophie B (8), Lilly C (7)**

**Mrs Hudson, Mrs Rose, Mrs Nicholls**

***Many Happy Returns***

## Achievements Out of School

*Congratulations* to Honie-May who passed her Grade 1 Clarinet practical with Merit

## House Point Scores

**Sandways**

**367**

**Chaffeymoor**

**407**

**Queen Oak**

**350**

## Hedgehogs News

In Hedgehogs we have had a great week writing! The receptions have been working really hard in phonics and helping with sentence writing. The year 1s have been changing the lost and found story to make it their own, ready to plan and write next week. Maths has been number bond, number bonds, number bonds! We have been finding number bonds with lots of different resources to help us. We have some super speedy runners this week in PE. With distance being a focus, many liked running further distances others shorter. In Outdoor learning, Hedgehogs used their fine motor skills to make wire bird feeders and then to squeeze seed and lard into cups to make a tasty feeding station for the birds. We also made time to play seals on the grass.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Ramage and Mrs Nicholls



## Squirrels News

Squirrels started this week off with an exciting Forest School session of making soup. They learnt about healthy eating and worked in small groups to chop and peel their vegetables. After that they added the vegetables to the pot to be cooked over the fire. Thank you so much to those parents who came in to help Ms Rankin this week. The children had a tasting session the next day during snack time and there were many empty cups!

In English, we have innovated our story of Lost and Found, changing the main characters and events so that it has an Arctic theme. We had narwhals appearing in baths and polar bears standing at the windows – all very exciting. The children wrote their stories using their innovated story maps and then used their purple pens to improve them. In maths we have been working on number bonds and learning our number bonds to ten by heart. The year 2s have been learning about using our number bonds to ten when adding larger numbers. In Science we grouped animals into mammals, fish, birds, amphibians, reptiles and insects, beginning to look at the characteristics of each group. Have a good weekend everyone.

Mrs Toy & Mrs Milsom





## Badgers News

In Badgers this week we familiarised ourselves even more with different countries in Europe and their location. We made a quiz for others to guess our mystery country and used geographical clues such as: It is a landlocked country in Southern Europe which borders Austria, Romania and Croatia. (Answers on a postcard please!)

In Maths, we focused on our times tables knowledge, particularly x8 facts and x7. We considered the difference between sharing and grouping when dividing, using these number facts. We also wrote and solved number stories involving multiplication and division. Today we also thought about 3D shapes, making them from marshmallow and spaghetti and identified the vertices, faces and edges.

We explored simple circuits in Science and had fun lighting a bulb. We considered which components are essential to make a complete circuit and how the circuits can vary.

Mrs Shears & Mrs Welshman

## Foxes News

This week in English, the children in Foxes have been focussing on the story of Lego. They watched a video about the struggles that its creator Ole Christiansen was faced with, and how he showed perseverance and great courage to overcome them. They then wrote detailed reports about it, which are going to be displayed in the school corridor.

In our "that's so last century" topic work we have been comparing the 1950s to today, and discussed what has changed and what is still the same. The children enjoyed looking at pictures of 1950s classrooms and debated whether classrooms are better today.

Finally, in Forest School with Ms Rankin the children have been focussing on British birds. Firstly, in class, the children discussed British birds they knew and completed a quiz - Ms Rankin was impressed by the children's initial knowledge. Afterwards, they went outside and worked as teams to create hanging food for birds that they have now been placed in the Forest School Area. It has been another productive week in Foxes. Well done everyone. Mr Abbott



## RSPB Bird Watch

The children have been learning all about Garden Birds in their forest school lessons this week. They have made bird feeders which are hung around the school grounds.



Ms Rankin has also been talking to the children about the forthcoming RSPB Bird Watch. To find out more and to take part in the RSPB Birdwatch (data collection) weekend please click on the link below.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

## Dates for your Diary

w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	After School Clubs start
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9am PTFA Meeting
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Chinese New Year
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Numbers Day – wear a ‘number’
7 <sup>th</sup> –13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Children’s Mental Health Week
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yr5/6 Hockey Festival
<b>21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – Spring Half Term</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Cricket sessions for all
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Spring Term
25 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Summer Term

## How five-day isolation rule works in England



## Safeguarding

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is  
Mrs Farndale

Our Deputy Safeguarding Lead is  
Mr Abbott

## Covid Update

We continue to encourage members of our school community to test regularly with Lateral Flow Tests to help prevent the spread of COVID19. Staff are continuing to test on a regular basis.

We currently have 3 confirmed positive cases in school. Most of the people who have tested positive have had no symptoms or very mild symptoms, similar to a cold and it has only been through regular testing that positive cases have been identified.

Please remember if your child displays any of the following symptoms:

- Continuous cough,
- High temperature
- Loss/change of taste or smell

They MUST stay at home and get a PCR test.

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January, people who are self-isolating with Covid 19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature.

The test can be taken on day five (not before). If it is negative, another test can be taken 24 hours later, on day six. Assuming this is also negative – and you do not have a temperature – you can immediately leave isolation.

If the LFD tests between day 5 and day 9 are positive you will need to keep self-isolating until day 10 as before, and only end your isolation if you do not have a temperature.



## Coming Soon: Children's Mental Health Week

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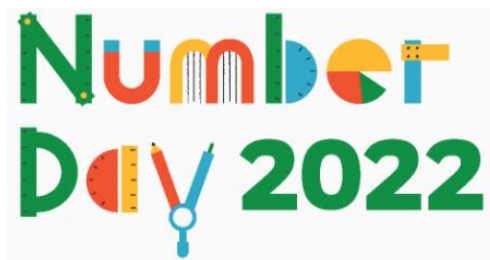
Just to make you aware that this half term it will be **Children's Mental Health Week**. It is taking place on **7-13th February 2022 (Week 6)**. This year's theme is **Growing Together**.

We will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow. **Growing Together** is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'.

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February we will be taking part in the NSPCC's Number Day.

The children will be spending the day carrying out fun filled number activities and games as well as taking part in a House Challenge.

We will be asking for a £1 donation to go toward supporting the NSPCC's service (Childline) in exchange for the children coming to school in number themed clothes for the day.



### PTFA

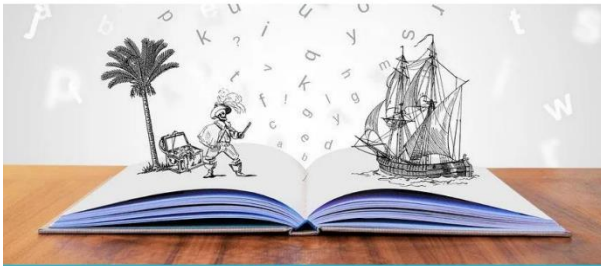
The PTFA are busy looking for new members. Our PTFA supports school by raising money to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for all pupils. Being a member of the PTFA offers a way for parents to be engaged in their child's education as well as being able to meet up together with parents from other year groups socially.

The next meeting of our PTFA is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 9am in school. It would be lovely to welcome new members. There is no commitment to participate in every event but please do come along for coffee and to meet everyone. If you cannot make the meeting but have suggestions to share on future fundraising and social events, please let us know via the school office or the PTFA Facebook page.



## Childrens Fun for National Storytelling Week

Children and Families come and play a game of "story consequences", and hear a traditional tale.



**Gillingham Library**

**Saturday 29 January**  
**10.30am - 11.30am**

Places are limited and must be booked via the Library

**For more information** ☎ **01747 822180**

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

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[dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries)

## Chinese New Year of The Tiger

Children and Families Craft Activities to celebrate Chinese New Year of the Tiger.



**Gillingham Library**

**Tuesday 1 February**  
**3:40pm - 4:30pm**

Places are limited and must be booked via the Library.

**For more information** ☎ **01747 822180**

Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult.

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## Safer Internet Day - Basic Advice For Families

A short introductory session for Adults with children in Primary School. Crafts to be provided for the children during the session.



**Gillingham Library**

**Tuesday 8 February**  
**3.40pm - 4.30pm**

Booking essential, please contact the library on [gillinghamlibrary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:gillinghamlibrary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) or:

**For more information** ☎ **01747 822180**

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## Starry, Starry Nights Art Activities

Help us celebrate our status as an International Dark Sky Reserve and join us for a FREE two-hour Starry, Starry Night-inspired art session at Coombe Bissett Village Hall, Shutts Lane, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LU

**When:** Thursday 24th February from 10am to 12 noon or from 2pm to 4pm or Friday 25th February from 2pm to 4pm

**Where:** Coombe Bissett Village Hall, Shutts Lane, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LU

**Suitability:** Ages 4-11 (but all ages welcome)

**To book:** The event is FREE to attend but please ensure you book a space for each child that is attending. See our website for how to book

[www.cranbornechase.org.uk/events/](http://www.cranbornechase.org.uk/events/) or search 'Chase and Chalke' on Eventbrite

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult



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## Volunteers

We are now able to welcome volunteers back into school to help with Forest School and to hear readers. If you are able to help please let the class teachers know or contact the school office. All we are asking is that you wear a face covering when in school and take a Lateral flow test before coming into school. Thank you for your understanding in advance.

## TRANS FAMILY DAY

**Saturday 29th January 2022**  
**Bridport Youth & Community Centre (BYCC)**  
**Gundry Lane, Bridport DT6 3RL**

**For Dorset's transgender young people (including those questioning or gender non-conforming) and their families: parents/carers, siblings, & any other significant relatives**

**Arrive: 10:15am welcome for 10:30 start**  
**10:30am - 12:30pm activities**  
**12:30pm - 1:30pm lunch (provided)**  
**1:30pm - 2:30pm feedback session**

**Booking is essential!**  
**For more information, please get in touch with Dean:**  
**[dean@spaceyouthproject.co.uk](mailto:dean@spaceyouthproject.co.uk)**  
**07584 096444**

