



# St George's C of E School

## FRIDAY NEWS

18th September 2020

We've had yet another wonderful week back in school, the sunny weather has certainly helped. Everyone has been working incredibly hard and the children are approaching their learning with enthusiasm. Their adaptability has been immense to all the changes, routines and procedures – we've never used so much soap! Our reception children have completed their first full week of mornings in school and will be staying for lunch next week. They have settled in brilliantly. They are all enjoying our wonderful new EYFS outdoor area, see pictures below.

We greatly appreciate all the support you have been giving behind the scenes at home, ensuring the children are arriving on time and leaving at the correct time each day and have everything with them that they need. Many thanks for all your support with social distancing on the footpath and outside the gates, this is a great help to us in school but also to our families.

The up-coming dates section is, I'm afraid, very empty at the moment and looks set to be for a while yet. We usually pride ourselves on planning events well in advance, but this is just not possible in the present situation. Normally we would be sharing an exciting dates list for the term ahead including harvest festival, achievement assemblies, music concerts, nativity plays, church worships, sporting competitions and more.

At the moment we are unable to confirm what we will and won't be able to do but plans are in place for a virtual Parents Evenings, a Harvest festival, and virtual open evenings and we wait and see what the guidance will allow as we get closer to Christmas. We will keep you informed once decisions have been made.

Please remember we are always here if you have questions or concerns as we all continue to get to grips with the new way of doing things.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, Jill

### **EYFS Outdoor Revamp**

A big thank you to the Hedgehogs staff team (and their families) who spread their magic (and worked incredibly hard) to transform the outdoor learning spaces for the children in Hedgehogs and Squirrels. We have new mud kitchens, outdoor book corners, water play, sand play, construction areas and a stage! The children are thoroughly enjoying learning and playing outside. We are now hoping to fundraise to purchase a canopy so the children can be outside in all weathers.



**PE DAYS** Remember children need to come to school ready for PE on their PE Day

**Hedgehogs - Monday & Friday**

**Squirrels - Monday & Thursday**

**Badgers - Wednesday & Friday**

**Foxes - Tuesday & Wednesday**

#### Have your details changed?

Our priority in school is to keep all our children safe whilst they are at school.

Therefore, please inform the office of your contact details, home time arrangements or if your child's medical needs have changed so we can update our records.



*Christian Value of the Month:*



#### Playtime Snacks

The children in Hedgehogs and Squirrels are offered a fruit snack in school provided by the school fruits and veg scheme.

If your child is in Badgers or Foxes they can bring their own playtime fruit or vegetables snack in to enjoy.

#### Starting School 2021—Year 6

The deadline for applications for a Secondary School place is **31st October 2020**.

On 29th September at 3pm Mr Nicholson (Head at Gillingham School) will be visiting to talk to our Year 6 children and their parents (socially distanced). Look out for an email with further details next week.

#### 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.



#### Birthdays



*Mrs Martin, Ben (5), Noah (9), Lucas (11) and Hazel (5)*

*Many Happy Returns*

#### Head Teacher's Award

Week ending: 18/9/2020



**Bea Munster (Hedgehogs)** - for making a fabulous start to the year.

**Victoria (Squirrels)** - for approaching all tasks with a positive and mature attitude.

**Dexter (Badgers)** - for excellent responsive class contributions—a great start to Year 4.

**Lochi (Foxes)** - for being thoroughly engaged in all his work and trying really hard as a Year 6.

**WELL DONE!**

#### Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 18/9/2020



**Arabella** for being a have a go Hyena

**Leo** for being a Have a go Hyena

**Alicia** for being a Concentrating Camel

**Maisie— Grace** for being a Persevering Penguin



#### Pupil of the week

Week ending: 18/9/2020

Hedgehogs: Lilly

Squirrels: Eliza

Badgers: Bluebell

Foxes: Lewis



## Lunch Time Supervisors

### Wanted

Do you have a hour to spare every day or a few days each a week?

Are you interested in becoming a lunchtime supervisor for the most amazing children.

If so please let us know. Ask at the office for an application form and job details.

## Wet weather

This wonderful warm sunny weather is set to change next week with rain forecast. The children will still be going outside in the rain so please ensure your child has a coat in school and ideally a pair of Welly Boots. Our field gets rather muddy so a change of footwear is recommended.

## Attendance

### Week ending 18.9.20

Hedgehogs - 98.6%

Squirrels - 97.7%

Badgers - 98.7%

Foxes - 96.3%

This week the winners are

## **Badgers**



## Wallace and Gromit charity fundraising home clothes day.

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in our home clothes day today and donated towards the Wallace and Gromit charity to support families of children who are ill in hospitals around the UK. Together we raised **£243.70**

## House Captains

Every year our Year 6 children get the opportunity to apply for the role of House Captain. The children write a letter of application and are selected because they are excellent role models to all the children in school.

I am delighted to announce that our House Captains this year are:

**Chaffeymoor – Bryony and Daisy TD**

**Sandways – Arthur and Keeleigh**

**Queen Oak – Lewis and Evie**

Our first house challenge of the year is planned for Thursday 1st October. The children will compete for their house in their class bubbles with the winning houses in each class announced.

Today the House Captains joined in our Virtual Achievement Assembly and announced the first house points of the year.

**COVID 19** still dominates our lives and we continue to focus on keeping children and staff safe. Please remind your child of the following to reinforce what they are learning in school:

**HANDS** – wash hands regularly

**FACE** – Avoid touching your face

**SPACE** – Keep a distance from others

We are entering cold and flu season and so we're beginning to see children with runny noses and sore throats. A high temperature is common with many illnesses which complicate things.

Please refer to the flow chart attached if your child is unwell.

## 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.

**Phoebe P**—was part of a winning Wyllye Valley Show Jumping Team on Sunday at an event.

**Congratulations!**



## House Point Scores

**Sandways**

150

**Queen Oak**

135

**Chaffeymoor**

136

Please remember to include cutlery for your child to eat their packed lunch as access to the kitchen is limited



As we are not able to welcome parents into school for our weekly Achievement Assemblies the classes will share a little of what they have been up to here on the newsletter. Awards will start again next Friday.

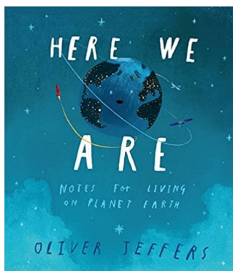
## **Hedgehogs News**

This week we welcomed all our Hedgehogs into school each morning. The new Hedgehogs have been getting used to our class routines like snack time and hand washing. The Year 1s have been brilliant at modelling how to do this and have felt very grown up! We have discovered the woodland area, the school field and the adventure play equipment. In class, we have all been exploring numbers and how to represent these using symbols, objects and pictures. We have been reading the book 'Here We Are' and learning about our planet and ourselves. We have had lots of discussions about our likes and dislikes and how we are similar or different to others. It has been a busy week!



Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff

## **Squirrels News**



In Squirrels this week we have continued to read "Here we are" by Oliver Jeffers. We have looked closely at the amazing animals that live on planet Earth and the children enjoyed talking about their favourite animal. The children also grouped animals according to the habitat that they live in before finally discussing the endangered animals of our world and how we can help to protect them.

In PE we have been practising our ball skills. The children have been developing their coordination and accuracy to throw, bounce, dribble and kick the ball in different ways. We also managed to practise our counting at the same time by counting how many times we caught the ball without dropping it – I think the record was 67.

Mr Abbott



## **Foxes News**

In Foxes we continued reading 'Here We Are'. We drew self-portraits and celebrated how everyone one is special and should be treated equally and co-exist peacefully. We read the 'Universal Declaration of Human Rights' and drew illustrations to accompany these and linked it to the recent Black Lives Matter protests. We considered how to keep ourselves safe and made little informercials for our school. We also wrote our own advice for living on planet Earth. We have been making the most of the sunshine and have been outside to do shotput and tag rugby.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman

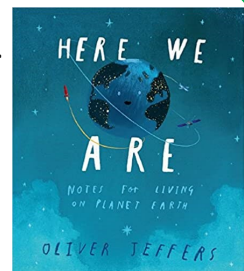
## **Badgers News**

Everyone in Badgers have worked very hard in maths this week, the children have been recapping their knowledge of place value.

They have done some great self-portraits for their 'Here we are' work.

In PE there was a lot of fun enjoying learning the batting and fielding skills of rounder's.

Badgers have also started to explore facial expression in Roman busts (sculpture) and doing self portraits of our fiercest faces in mirrors, in preparation for making clay busts ourselves! Ms Rankin and Mrs McGinty



## **Local lockdown, Class self-isolation and Home Learning**

If we find ourselves in a position of a member of our school community testing positive for Covid 19 there will be a closure of class bubbles and anyone who has been in close contact with the positive case will be asked to self isolate. This could mean we will need parents to collect their children throughout the day. Please can you make sure the school office has your up to date contact details.

In the case of a local or class lockdown the children will receive work via the class Teams account. Please regularly check your child's class Teams account to ensure they are able to access any work set and to communicate with the teachers. The teachers will set a range of activities for the children to complete, mainly independently and they will give feedback on work where appropriate. The teachers will not be providing live video lessons but will be in contact with children via Teams and email. If your child has mislaid their Teams log in detail, please contact the school office or class teachers for a new password to be sent.