



St George's C of E School

FRIDAY NEWS

25th September 2020

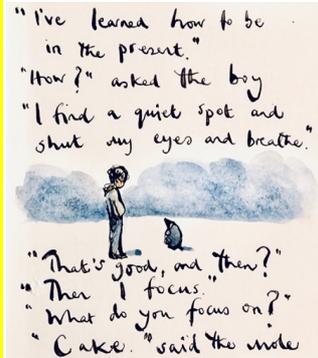
A wet Wednesday meant fun outside for Hedgehogs as they jumped in puddles and had fun on the field.



As the weather is turning Autumnal (its certainly chilly today) the children will need to come to school dressed warmly—all the classroom doors and windows will continue to be open each day to aid ventilation and reduce the transmission of viruses including Covid.

The children also need a coat everyday—even if the weather looks dry and they arrive at school in a car. We are using our outdoor space as much as possible. A pair of welly boots is also required as our field can get ever so muddy in the rain. Thank you.

Mindfulness



Each week Ms Rankin is leading the whole school in a Meditation to music session as part of our Tuesday Worship.

The staff and children have an opportunity to relax. To sit and take stock of their day.

Mindfulness meditation, at its simplest, is paying attention to what is happening in the present moment.

Cold, flu or the virus?

We know that one of the challenges for everyone is distinguishing coronavirus from other common illnesses, particularly amongst children. A reminder that the symptoms of Covid-19 which mean that the household must self-isolate and the parent advised to arrange a test are:

- *a high temperature
- *continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if the child usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- *loss of taste and smell

If a child is unwell with other symptoms such as sore throat, earache, stomach ache, runny nose, skin rashes, or a winter related illness such as norovirus with vomiting and diarrhoea, then parents are advised to check online health condition advice – is my child too ill to go to school, and contact their local pharmacy or GP if they need further help.

The NHS 111 phone line should only be used for an urgent medical problem where parents or carers are unsure what to do. If your child is too ill to attend school, you should advise the school as per normal and arrange to care for the child at home until they are well enough to return.

Children with these symptoms do not need to arrange a test, and members of their household do not need to self-isolate, unless they are also experiencing a high temperature, continuous cough, or loss of taste and smell.

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

Useful websites

Is my child too ill for school? NHS guidelines:
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Christian
Value of the
Month:



The Rule of 6

The 'Rule of 6' is now law and should be obeyed. The law does not apply when you or your child is in school as you are not gathering socially and are moving away from the site as soon as possible. The law does apply when you leave the site or are in the park.

Year 6 Secondary School Admissions 2021 – Current Year 6 Children

Applications are now open

Closing date: 31st October 2020

It is really important that you apply on time. If you apply late you may be less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools. Mr Nicholson will be in school on 29th October @ 3pm to talk with year 6 children about Gillingham School.

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.



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

Head Teacher's Award

Week ending: 25/9/2020



Joanna (Hedgehogs) - for always doing the right thing and making the right choices. A fantastic role model to others.

Ivy (Squirrels) - for her enthusiasm and love of learning.

Reuben (Badgers) - for his incredible classroom behaviour—he is always one of the first ready to learn.

Ryan (Foxes) - for super focus in his learning and being a really good role model to others.

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 25/9/2020



Bea Moran for being a Have a go Hyena

Charlie for being a Concentrating Camel

Amy for being a Imagining Iguana

Thisbe for being a Persevering Penguin



Pupil of the week

Week ending: 25/9/2020

Hedgehogs: Pippa

Squirrels: Arya

Badgers: Emily

Foxes: Honie-May



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.

Safeguarding

We are concerned about the number of children who report being on sites such as TikTok which requires children to be at least 13 to use the full app. There have been reports about disturbing content and I would urge you to really check what your child is viewing and who they are in contact with when gaming and whether it is a site they should be on.

Each month we will be sending home a Safeguarding Newsletter with tips on how to keep children safe. This week our School Staff and Governors attended a virtual safeguarding training session. Look out for the first Safeguarding newsletter coming home next week.



#HelloYellow day – Friday 9th October

Evidence has shown that lockdown has affected children and young people's mental health.

On Friday 9th October we will be joining thousands of schools, offices and community groups taking part in #HelloYellow and raising vital funds to support the charity YoungMinds.

The children are invited to come to school wearing yellow in exchange for a donation.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Every year we celebrate Harvest in school and this year is no exception. We may not be able to join together in St George's Church as in previous years, but we are still going to celebrate the Harvest in school.

Our plan is to spend Wednesday 7th October as a Harvest Day. Each class will be taking part in Harvest related activities throughout the day and Rev Ben will help us celebrate the Harvest with a virtual worship.

Unfortunately we are unable to hold our usual fresh produce stall after school and Gillingham Food Bank are in the unusual position of having a very full food store with more than enough stock to keep them going for a while, therefore they have informed us they are unable to accept any harvest donations this year. The future is very uncertain for many people and we don't know what demands there will be on the foodbank going into winter and beyond, so we hope we might be able to ask for your help again when they need it.



Attendance

Week ending 25.9.20

Hedgehogs - 98.1%

Squirrels - 98.5%

Badgers - 95.9%

Foxes - 95.6%

This week the winners are

Squirrels



Achievements Out of School

A big apology to Phoebe Smith as last week I wrote the wrong name next to the picture!



Phoebe S—was part of a winning Wylve Valley Show Jumping Team on Sunday at an event.



Congratulations!

House Point Scores

Sandways

224

Queen Oak

191

Chaffeymoor

208



Just a gentle reminder that the school car park is for school staff and visitors only. This is important now more than ever as we are encouraging families to socially distance in the car park area at school drop off and pick up times (the staff will all be safely parked by this time).

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.

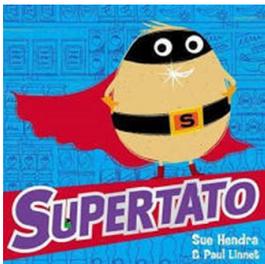
Hedgehogs News

This week was our final week of Here We Are. We looked at the variety of amazing animals on Earth and where they live. We drew our favourite animals and talked about how we can look after them and care for nature around us. The Reception children have started learning their letter sounds (phonics) m, a, s, d and t with great enthusiasm. The Year 1s have been revising their phonics learnt during lockdown and practising using these in sentence writing. In maths we have enjoyed using the number tiles to count forwards and backwards (we have especially enjoyed counting backwards when we get to blast off at the end!) We have also loved being on the field in all weathers – thank you for all bringing your wellies in! The Reception children have been staying for lunch this week and will stay all day from next week.

Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff



Squirrels News



In Squirrels this week we began our new topic of “Heroes and Heroines.” The children enjoyed listening to the story of Supertato and how he saves the day from the evil pea. The children wrote about their favourite part of the story, before creating sentences to describe Supertato. All the children were “imagining iguanas” and used exciting adjectives and detailed similes to describe him.

In our maths lessons we have been exploring a range of numbers and investigating different ways to make a specific number. The children have also solved problems involving ordering and partitioning – drawing bar models and using Numicon and dienes to help explain their answers.

Mr Abbott



Foxes News

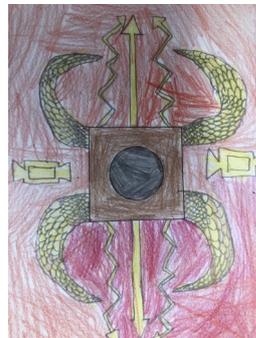
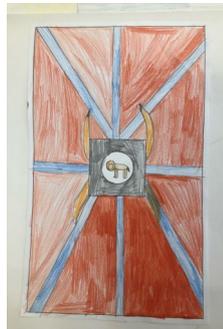
Foxes enthusiastically started their topic on America this week. They looked at Brazilian carnival masks and have started to design their own. In English, they read extracts of travels guides about Central America and considered the features of these texts: many children are now planning a holiday across the Atlantic Ocean! They also completed a quiz about South America which was fun and recapped continents and oceans. In PE they practised relay running just before the rain came!

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman

Badgers News

This week in Literacy we have been spicing up our writing with adventurous adverbs and adverbial phrases. In Maths the year fours are stretching themselves with formal methods of addition. The children designed their own Roman shields using the traditional symbols - the eagle, laurel crowns, lightning bolts and mythical animals.

Ms Rankin and Mrs McGinty



Dolly from Squirrels class shared a picture of her sunflower this week. She grew it with the seeds we sent home when the lockdown started. It has been looked after well and grown so tall it towers over Dolly.

Who thinks they can work out the height? Here is a clue: Dolly is 105 cm tall!

PTFA Facebook page

Our page is a 'closed' group (for privacy settings and security) and therefore you will need to send a request to join. To do this, please search for St George's School PTFA Group on Facebook and then you can send a request to join the group. This will then be approved by one of the group administrators.

If you have trouble finding the group send your facebook name in an email to the school and we will try to find you.

DOES YOUR 5-10 YEAR OLD CHILD HAVE FUNNY OR INSIGHTFUL OPINIONS?

At a time when adults can be afraid to say what they think, we want to hand the news over to someone else - The Kids.

The makers of **The Secret Life of Four Years Olds** are looking for **children with wit and wisdom** to give us their perspective on the world for a new programme for a major broadcaster.

We are looking for children between the ages of 5 and 10 years old who are smart, funny and opinionated who can offer us a fresh take on the world around us.

If you think your child would be interested, please apply on their behalf by emailing newsat5casting@RDFTelevision.com

As a company and a production team we are following all current and ongoing guidance regarding Covid 19.

Please note, we are conducting all forms of auditions remotely via Skype or FaceTime - whatever is most convenient for our applicants.

We will collect and process your and your child's personal data in accordance with our [privacy policy](#)

