



St George's C of E School
FRIDAY NEWS
19th November 2021

Unfortunately, we are still getting confirmed Positive Covid cases reported, 11 so far. Please can we advise everyone to book PCR tests if you have been identified as a close contact or if your child is unwell, thank you.

I want to begin this week's newsletter with a heartfelt thank you for your support over the last few weeks as we all work to keep the school site as safe as possible. As you are aware due to our increase in Covid cases over the last two weeks we have implemented some additional measures which we asked for you to help with, I really am grateful for your efforts. By wearing face coverings when on the school site and striving to leave the playground as soon as possible after dropping off/collecting your child/ren, we are able to help reduce the number of people in one place at one time.

As you know, we are also holding a virtual collective worship each day in school to try and reduce mixing when inside. This is taking some getting used to once again and even though it's not the same as being in the hall at least we do get time to see each other every day. Attached to this newsletter is a letter from Public Health Dorset which we received earlier in the week giving information on the Covid cases locally. Following advice from Public Health England and Dorset Council this week, we are now asking the school community to help us to continue with these additional measures until at least the end of November. With this in mind, we are busy making plans for how we are going to celebrate Christmas in school this year with the possibility that restrictions could still be in place. With this in mind we have decided that our younger children will be performing their Christmas Nativity in school time without a live audience and this will be filmed and sent out for everyone to view. We understand that this is a disappointing message (it certainly isn't what we want to be doing) – however our main priority is to ensure everyone stays safe and well and is able to celebrate Christmas with their families without illness.

Further information regarding other Christmas activities will be sent out over the coming weeks.



Next week the Scholastic book fair will be arriving on Tuesday. Due to us keeping to our bubbles, we have decided to open the book fair for one evening for each class. Stringent COVID safety measures will be put in place to keep everyone safe, including a one-way system (you will be able to go around the one-way system several times!) We also politely request that you wear a mask, keep a safe distance from each other and sanitise your hands before touching the books.

Below is the timetable for the days each class will be allowed to visit the book fair after school from **3.15pm to 3.35pm**.

Tuesday 23 rd November	Wednesday 24 th November	Thursday 25 th November	Friday 26 th November
			

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from and prices start from £2.99. Stock up on Christmas presents and for every purchase you make a percentage will be given to the school to select books from the fair for our library. If you can't make it to our Book Fair, try the discounted Gift Vouchers available at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents. They're a great way to ensure your child doesn't miss out. Also, browse the books available at the fair here <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases> and decide what you would like before you come!

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 19/11/2021

Michael (Hedgehogs) – for trying very hard when using magnetic letters during phonics and being a superstar learner!

Emilia (Squirrels) – for focus and determination in all her learning.

Thea (Badgers) – for being so helpful and stepping in and helping with the light monitors when they were short staffed.

Hollie (Foxes) - for having great focus all week and producing pleasing work.

WELL DONE!

Achievements Out of School

Well done to Dulcie who completed a 1.5k race for Movember, supporting men's health. She completed this in 6 minutes

Congratulations to Amy has just become a Sixer in her group at Brownies.

Well done to Joanna who has successfully completed her Stage 3 swimming and moved up to Stage 4 this week.

Pupil of the week

Week ending: 19/11/2021

Hedgehogs: **Willow**

Squirrels: **Pippa**

Badgers: **Harry R**

Foxes: **Oscar**

Well done

Bronze Star Awards

Week ending 19/11/21



Hazel (Y1), Joey (Y1),
Jemima (Y1), Aralynne (Y1),
Isla (Y2), Joanna (Y2),
Eliza (Y2), Ethan (Y2),
Elsie (Y2), Ivy (Y2),
Alice (Y2), James (Y2)

Congratulations

Birthdays



Miss Frewer and Miss Travers

Many Happy Returns

Learnimal Awards

Week ending: 19/11/2021

Percy for being a Planning Panda

Freda for being a Noticing Newt

Amy for being a Have a Go Hyena

Alex for being a Persevering Penguin

Well Done



Attendance

Week ending 19/11/21

Hedgehogs – 100%

Squirrels – 94.9%

Badgers – 97.7%

Foxes – 95.3%

This week the winners are

Hedgehogs



House Point Scores

Sandways

564

Chaffeymoor

536

Queen Oak

505

Hedgehogs News

Hedgehogs have been doing brilliantly in English thinking about Samuel Pepys Diary and starting to write their own. Reception have been able to sequence what happened, starting to write words to show understanding. In maths we have been working on comparing. The children loved playing mucky monsters, finding which monster had more germs! In Maths, on Wednesday, Hedgehogs measured out the ingredients for bread, then on Thursday, at Forest School, the children rolled the dough around the ends of sticks and toasted it over hot embers until it was ready to eat. We went on a sound walk in Science, learning about our hearing. The children were really good at making quiet and loud noises! Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ramage and Mrs Nicholls



Squirrels News

In Squirrels this week, we started our new diary writing unit. We have found out all about the Great Fire of London through reading Samuel Pepys' diary in history, but now we have looked at how the text is written. We decided on a set of 'Top Hat Top Tips' for how to write a diary (Mrs Toy even wore a top hat during this lesson!) and we looked closely at the types of sentences used. Next week we will start writing our own version of the diary. In Maths we have continued our work on addition and also subtraction, showing our understanding using resources. In Science, we have been finding out about the sense of sight. We found some small objects and used magnifying glasses to study them; we paired up and looked closely at our partner's pupils to see what happens when they are exposed to more and less light and we labelled a diagram of the eye and did a survey to see which is the most prevalent eye colour in Squirrels class. In RE we looked at a piece of artwork called The Mystic Nativity by Botticelli and discussed how Jesus is represented as a king.

We hope you have a good weekend everyone and stay safe.

Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff



Badgers News

In Badgers this week we have we looked at the rules for adding speech to our writing. We wrote direct speech in speech bubbles and then wrote it in text using inverted commas. We wrote a section for our class wishing tale adding dialogue.

In PE we learnt extra movements in step aerobics and practised moving in time to the music. We made mini routines as a class and performed these together.

In Forest School, the children improved and upgraded our Bug Hotel, complete with signage and luxury spaces for bugs of all shapes, colours and sizes! The children worked hard to cut their bamboo sticks to a tin sized length with loppers and secateurs. Badgers also got stuck into some very effective weeding and the beds look much better. We have some crocus bulbs planted and ready to sprout in late winter.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman



Foxes News

This week in Foxes the children have been looking at dissolving as part of their “Properties and Changes of Material” Science Unit. We discussed how if a solid dissolves in a liquid it is soluble and if a solid does not dissolve in a liquid it is insoluble. The children then investigated which solids were soluble or insoluble, making detailed predictions and recording their findings in a table. We then discussed if it was a reversible change and how we could get the original solid back.

In Forest School with Ms Rankin on Tuesday, the children learnt about the Green Man - a mythical wild man whose head, carved in relief, is often seen in churches despite his pagan flavour. He usually has foliage coming out of his nostrils and ears, sometimes completely covering his face. The children then created their own version of the Green Man in clay and added leaves and the results were stunning - they were so engaged in making them. Well done Foxes!

Mr Abbott



Books, Books, Books!

We are so, so grateful to our St George's community. Thank you so much for your generous gifts of books. Thank you to Oliver's family and Madison & Georgia-May's family for the wonderful books you have gifted. We are busy sticking little thank you plaques inside the front covers, so keep your eye out for them! We are overwhelmed by your kindness, thank you.



Our Amazon Wish list - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/16AOBV159X9M5?ref_=wl_share



PE Kit

Could we please ask you to ensure that your child wears their school PE T-shirt and school jumper/cardigan/hoodie or plain navy/black sweatshirt/hoodie along with plain black or navy leggings/joggers on PE days. We are seeing an increasing number of patterned and brightly coloured clothing items being worn which are not part of our PE uniform.

Dates for your Diary

23rd Nov Flu Spray for Children
23rd-26th Nov Book Fair in School
25th Nov Governors Full Board Meeting
17th Dec Break up @ 1.30pm

We have been notified of several cases of Headlice in school please check your child/ren over the weekend. Thank you.



If your child is in Squirrels or Hedgehogs, you will be aware that Year 1 pupils will be taking a National Phonic Screening check in the Summer Term this year and that Year 2 pupils will be taking their test in December 2021.

The Year 2 children will continue to practise their phonic knowledge and skills on a daily basis throughout the rest of this term.

If you would like to know how you can help your child to work towards and achieve their own individual target in this area, please do speak to/email Mrs Toy.

Your Digital footprint

What is a Digital Footprint?

A Digital Footprint is any information that is available online about you (even information shared by others), for example, photos, posts, and comments that you have made. We need to support children in developing a positive footprint by encouraging them to think about what they share and that they have appropriate privacy settings in place.

Further reading:

Childline provide further information as well as tips on how to protect your privacy and how to delete things online:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/taking-care-your-digital-footprint/>



Reporting Absences and after school collection

Please send notification of Absence or after school collection to the office email or mobile Teachers are not always able to check the class emails during the day so might miss this important information

office@bourton.dorset.sch.uk

Mobile - 07530 878675

**We would like to invite you to 'Meet the Team in your Locality'
24 November 2021 ~ 11.00 to 13.00**

Durweston Village Hall, Church Road, Durweston, DT11 0QA,

Find out who's in your locality team and how they support children & young people with special educational needs or disability (SEND).

- The SEND Local Offer – what is it? and how do we make it better?
- And let us know what you would like to hear about at future 'Let's Talk' Locality events. These events are information sharing sessions and as such we will not be able to address individual concerns or questions.

Please express your interest to attend using the link below or URL code below

<https://forms.office.com/r/mv75QFsvGe>



Safeguarding



Many parents/carers often need advice on issues such as deciding whether a child is ready to go out on their own or not. The NSPCC website has lots of useful links and leaflets available for parents of children of all ages, please visit their website: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets> You can also speak to a DSL within our school if you have any specific concerns about a child.



Anti-Bullying Week

The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week has been 'One Kind Word'. This compliments St George's Core Christian Value of kindness beautifully and we have been raising awareness throughout the week.

The campaign's call to action is: 'Ask if someone's OK. Say you're sorry. Just say hey.'

"In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying. Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. So from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity.' 'It starts with one kind word. It starts today.'

We have thought carefully in our assemblies and classrooms this week about the ripple effect of kindness. The children have all been set the challenge to see how many acts of kindness they can perform.

Climate Change Champions

This week in Forest School sessions the children have been thinking about recycling and have plans to turn old welly boots into planters and to reuse tin cans to create bug hotels.

Our Badger children have been busy in their role of light monitors; checking in on each of the areas of school to see if everyone has remembered to turn off the lights when the room isn't being used. The results are announced in our Friday afternoon TEAMS assembly.

★ Christmas Lunch



On **Thursday 16th December** our Meal supplier Chartwells will be cooking a traditional Christmas Lunch which is available to order at dorset.mealselector.co.uk The Menu and allergen details are attached to the email. Please amend/place your order by **Sunday 5th December 2021**

