



## *Kindness, Thankfulness, Perseverance*

What a busy week we've had! Racing pigeons, fire engines, Governor meetings, sports activities and swimming, all on top of the regular school week events!

On Tuesday lunchtime our fire alarm sounded – and it wasn't a fire drill. The children and staff were amazing and calmly evacuated the building while we waited for the fire crew to arrive.

Three engines arrived, one from Mere, Wincanton and Gillingham much to the excitement of the children and staff! The crew took control and checked the entire building, including the loft spaces before deeming the building safe for us to resume a late lunch and afternoon lessons.

The whole process proved that our evacuation procedures and regular fire drills really do work to ensure we are all safe while in school.



### **Move It Week**

The children have had a very active "Move It Sports Week" celebrating sport and physical activity. Every child in school has taken part in our Cancer Research Sponsored Race for Life running and walking around the school field. We will let you know how much we have raised for Cancer Research next week once all the sponsor money is in.

The weather held today, and we also managed to complete our Sports day races. The children all completed and had a wonderful time however we did miss the cheering from spectators – fingers crossed next year will be slightly more normal. See Photos on the last page in this newsletter and on the website.

The children have also been sent home with an activity passport in which they can log any activities they have done during this week; full instructions are on the passport.

**Christian Vision and Values review:** This year as a school we have been reviewing our Vision and Christian Values. As part of this work, we would like to gather the views of the parents regarding our Christian vision. On **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 9-10am** we will be hosting a Parent Forum session on the playground to gather ideas. If you would like to attend, please let the school office know. We are having to limit the number of people due to Covid restrictions; the meeting will be held outside.

## Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 25/6/2021

**Niamh (Hedgehogs)** – for fabulous bean bag throwing and being a fantastic sport in Sports day.

**Oliver (Squirrels)** – for showing great effort and focus when writing his Journey story.

**Alicia (Badgers)** – for excellent effort and achievement in all sports. Good steady sponsored run technique along with fantastic listening in swimming.

**Ollie (Foxes)** – for great attitude towards his learning this week. **WELL DONE!**

## Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 25/6/2021

**Hazel** for being a Reviewing Rabbit

**Robyn** for being a Have-a-go Hyena



**Kenan** for being a Persevering Penguin

**Daisy D** for being a Persevering Penguin

**Keeleigh** for being a Persevering Penguin

**Well Done**



### Attendance

#### Week ending 25.6.21

Hedgehogs – 96.4%

Squirrels – 100%

Badgers – 97.6%

Foxes – 97.4%

This week the winners are

**Squirrels**



### Pupil of the week

Week ending: 25/6/2021

Hedgehogs: Lilly

Squirrels: Charlie

Badgers: Milly

Foxes: Lucas PT

**Well done**

### Gold Star Awards

**Alice (Y1)**

**Elsie-Brooke (Y2)**

**Harry R (Y2)**

**Oscar (Y5)**

**Freda (Y1)**

**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 TD (11)**

**Daisy D (10)**

**Coby (8)**

**Thisbe (11)**

**Many Happy Returns**

A big **Thank You** to Mr La Trobe Bateman and Mr Philips who kindly helped Mr Abbott put our new pool cover on the pool this week. Great Teamwork Tigers!

### Achievements Out of School

**Lillianna (Y6)** has successfully passed her Grade 2 Ballet Exam with a Merit.

**Elsie (Y5)** has passed her Grade 1 Violin Exam with a Distinction.

**Congratulations**

## House Point Scores

**Sandways**

**230**

**Chaffeymoor**

**216**

**Queen Oak**

**222**

## Hedgehogs News

Sports Week began this week with swimming in the rain – much to the amusement of the children! We have had lots of opportunities to complete different physical activities this week and the children have been fantastic. At the beginning of the week we completed some multi-skills activities which helped us to practice a variety of skills; throwing, rolling, balancing, running and sprinting. We used the running track on the field and learnt how to start correctly, run in between the lines and finish strong by running past the finish line. We held relay races, sack races and even had a go at some hurdles. Yesterday we completed our sponsored run around the field and the children ran their socks off! Also this week we have been lucky enough to have had a Life Education session and the children got to meet Harold the Giraffe. He helped teach the children all about keeping healthy and making good choices.



## Squirrels News

This week it has been "Sports Week" and the children in Squirrels have enjoyed participating in a range of physical activities. On Monday the children continued their swimming lessons - we focussed on front crawl and used a float to perfect our kicking action as well as practising breathing to the side.

On Tuesday the children completed a variety of indoor athletic activities which focussed on a variety of skills. These included balancing, throwing, rolling and jumping. We recorded the children's results, before entering them in a county competition - we are currently sitting top of the league table.

On Thursday the children completed their sponsored run on the field. I was impressed with how "persevering" the children were to not give up when they found the running hard. They kept going and nearly all the children managed to run more than 10 laps with the highest score being 15 completed laps. Thank you to everyone who has generously sponsored - we look forward to sending your valuable donations to Cancer Research UK. Mr Abbott.



## **Badgers News**

Our focus on Sport has been popular with the children in Badgers; and it made it easier to slip a few end of year assessments into the week between sponsored runs and press ups!

We have done cricket, fitness, football skills, running, pentathlon, swimming and even skipping. Many of us had forgotten that using a skipping rope is harder than it looks! Elaborate skipping skills even more so.

The unexpected visit of the firemen on Tuesday was exciting but also a slightly worrying first for most children, used as they are to drills rather than the real thing. We felt well looked after as we had engines from all three counties, and it turned out that after all smoke without fire does exist! All went back to a safe normal fairly quickly. Badgers' walking and sketching trip was postponed but we practiced tree sketching from pictures on the white board.

Badgers wrote a story entitled 'The Journey', in their pink independent writing books; this gave the children the chance to show what they have learnt this year in writing. As part of our British Landscape, we have been making temporary art in nature from a variety of found natural materials; the children have been impressed by the commitment and skill of Andy Goldsworthy and were inspired to copy him. We had a wonderful swim on Thursday with all of the adults noticing improved strokes already. We have enjoyed our Sports 'Day' afternoon today, it was enjoyable but we did miss having out parents, friends, and relatives there to cheer us on.

Ms Rankin and Mrs Welshman



## **Foxes News**

We have enjoyed getting active in Foxes this week despite the unpredictable weather. We had another visit from Maths on the Move and practised adding numbers with 3 decimal places whilst playing relays and bingo. Those involved in these sessions taught some of the games to the rest of the class and we had an adding fractions relay (which we discovered sneakily involved multiplying fractions too!) Everyone showed great dedication and determination towards the sponsored run for Cancer Research at the same time as really supporting and encouraging each other. Great achievement Foxes, well done. Foxes were delighted to be able to get in the pool on Thursday and are continuing to work towards their swimming grades with children swimming up to 12 continuous lengths! We have also been busy practising for sports day which we hope to be able to tell you all about at the end of the day (fingers crossed for no rain).

Foxes also enjoyed their visit from Katie and Harold from the Life Education service. They had a really thoughtful and challenging session about ways to look after both our emotional and physical health. They also explored strategies to manage situations when they may face peer pressure and how to make wise and informed choices.

No doubt the children have also shared with you the excitement of having a visit from the fire brigade and a lost racing pigeon who they named Barry!

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 28<sup>th</sup> June 9-10am Parent Forum session (Our Vision)  
Mon 28<sup>th</sup> June – pm New Reception Children Story time sessions  
Mon 5<sup>th</sup> July – pm New Reception Children to visit  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> July – 6pm New Reception Parents Meeting (Teams)  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> July – Squirrels Mini Olympics at Wyke (tbc)  
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 (tbc)  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Break up for Summer Holiday

### 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 an outdoor story time 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.



A few photos from Sports Day today...



These are a few photos from this afternoon, more will follow next week.