



St George's School Bourton

A Church of England School

*work together, play together
learn together ... shine!
"Let your light shine" ~ Matthew 5:16*

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Dear Parents,

Welcome! It has been lovely to welcome your children to school again today and we have loved seeing them looking so smart and keen to come in. We would like to invite you into the classroom on **Thursday 16th September** for a 'Meet the Teacher' session from 3.15pm for around 15/20mins. This will be a chance for us to explain the expectations for Hedgehogs in detail as well as give you the chance to ask any questions or queries about anything you are unsure of. It will also be very exciting to have you in school and you will be able to see our classroom! Please note, this is not an individual parent consultation, these will be available in Autumn term 2.

Here are a few bits of information to help you to know what is happening until we get to explain it to you in more detail...

Reading

Individual reading books will be coming home this week. The children will have a wordless book to begin with. We will explain more about reading during our 'Meet the Teacher' session on Thursday 16th September. Please could their books and reading records be kept in their book bags every day. Please record whenever you read or share a book with your child at home, as often as possible, preferably daily. Also, the children will be visiting the library on a **Wednesday** every week to choose a book to share with you at home. Please return this book each Wednesday so that it can be returned to the library and the children will then get to choose another.

Tapestry

Our online Learning Journal is currently being set up. More information on how to access this will be available at the 'Meet the Teacher' session next week.

Wellies and Forest School

The children will need wellies in school every day. Please could they bring them in and leave them in school for the term.

P.E. Kit

The children will be doing PE on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings, starting this Wednesday (8th September). It would be best if they could bring in their PE Kit and leave it on their peg. If it becomes muddy or wet after a PE session, we will send it home to be washed and returned. They will need shorts, school t-shirts, tracksuit trousers, sweatshirt and plimsolls.

Snacks and Drinks

We encourage the children to drink water frequently throughout the school day to keep them hydrated. A named water bottle needs to be brought into class daily, preferably one that does not spill if knocked over. Bottles should contain water only, not squash or diluted juice.

The children are given a fruit or vegetable snack each morning. Please let us know if there are any foods your child must avoid. If you send in an alternative snack for your child, please make sure it is clearly named. Snacks from home can be fresh fruit or vegetables only (not fruit bars or wafers). At snack time the children can drink their water or have milk. If your child would like to continue having milk after their 5th birthday, please sign up at www.coolmilk.co.uk

Naming

Please ensure that **all children's uniform** is clearly named, including their **PE Kits, coats, shoes** and especially **jumpers/cardigans**. Please also clearly name **bookbags, water bottles, lunchboxes and wellies**.

School Day

After Hedgehogs introduction weeks, our school day begins at **8.45am** and ends at **3.15pm**. Please drop your child at the brown gate in the mornings (church car park) and pick up from the designated area on the playground at the end of school. The children will have their lunch in the school hall.

Topic

Our introductory topic to settle the children back to school for this first week is called '**Hedgehogs**'. You will then receive a topic web by email to give you more information about the exciting learning we will be doing for our Autumn 1 topic of '**Toys**'.

We are looking forward to welcoming your children back again tomorrow and hope to see you all next Wednesday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ramage and Mrs Nicholls