



What a week!

This week, as you know, we have unfortunately had a rapid rise in positive Covid cases across the school. Thank you to those families and staff who have taken a PCR test to check, even if your child did not have symptoms.

I'd also like to thank all the staff for working so incredibly hard this week; making sure everyone is safe, happy and continuing to learn despite the additional challenges. Many have stepped in to cover additional roles during staff absence – we really do have a fabulous staff team at St George's!

A reminder from the letters we sent out this week:

If your child is awaiting a PCR test result and DOES HAVE SYMPTOMS (or if they are unwell with other illness)– they DO need to isolate until they receive a negative result and SHOULD NOT attend school as normal.

Can we also kindly ask that you inform the school office of PCR results as soon as you receive them whether the result is positive or negative.

I absolutely understand that the ever-changing guidance can be very confusing but we are working closely with Public Health Dorset to ensure that we have the most up to date information and guidance. We have put in additional measures for the next two weeks to attempt to limit the rate of transmission. These measures include social distancing at drop off and pick up times, wearing of face coverings when dropping off and picking up, **NO after school clubs for two weeks**, virtual assemblies and meetings, additional cleaning measures, no visitors into school, separate bubbles at playtimes and lunchtimes and increased ventilation within school.

We will get through this if we all play our part – you, me, us & everyone. This is very frustrating for all of us – although the children's outlook is positive and they haven't lost their love of learning!

Our priorities continue to be the safety of our children, staff and families and hope that those who have tested positive keep well. Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to send messages of support for all we are doing at school – it really does mean a lot to all of us.

If you have any concerns, please do contact the School Office where we are very happy to talk it through with you.

In the meantime, sending hugs (albeit virtual) and lots of love (and schoolwork!) to the children (and staff) who are isolating at home and looking forward to seeing you soon!

Jill

Covid Reminders

In order to help us, we ask that children, once again limit the things they bring into school and do not bring in toys or large rucksack bags.

We are also asking that children **come into school in their PE kit on days they have PE**. A reminder below of the days each class has PE:

Hedgehogs: Wednesday and Friday

Badgers: Monday and Friday

Squirrels: Wednesday and Friday

Foxes: Monday and Thursday

Please ensure that your child has lots of layers on each day and a warm coat as we will be having all the doors and windows open to increase ventilation around school.

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 12/11/2021

Felicity (Hedgehogs) – for fabulous manners, being very helpful, excellent tidying and following instructions.

Ivy (Squirrels) – for always being responsible, helpful and a wonderful learner.

Harry F (Badgers) – for working incredibly hard on his Maths and handwriting.

Honie-May (Foxes) - for being a kind and helpful member of the class.

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards

Week ending: 12/11/2021

Willow for being a Concentrating Camel

Seb for being a Noticing Newt

Annabel for being a Have a Go Hyena

Ed for being a Persevering Penguin

Noah for being a Concentrating Camel



Well Done

Achievements Out of School

Congratulations to Joshua who was awarded a trophy for "man of the match" playing for Gillingham under 11's football team against Weymouth on Sunday

Pupil of the week

Week ending: 12/11/2021

Hedgehogs: **Lilly**

Squirrels: **Aralynne**

Badgers: **Arya**

Foxes: **Charlotte**

Well done

Netball

Well done to all the children who represented St George's in the recent Netball Tournaments at Gillingham School.

They were all excellent Sportsmen and played well as a team

Attendance

Week ending 12/11/21

Hedgehogs – 97.2%

Squirrels – 94.0%

Badgers – 99.6%

Foxes – 97.5%

This week the winners are

Badgers



Birthdays



Ed (9)

Many Happy Returns

House Point Scores

Sandways

432

Chaffeymoor

397

Queen Oak

377

Hedgehogs News

Hedgehogs had a great start to the week continuing money. They went on a coin hunt and were able to match what coin they had to the value. There were lots of children exploring the tough tray trying to find the buried treasure! They have also been exploring weight, the children have loved using scales and finding out that a large ball weighs less than a small stone.

Year 1s did an amazing job finishing their firework poems while others made explosive rockets!

In science we have been continuing 'our body' and using mirrors to draw our faces! Their self-portraits are amazing! We focused on our sense sight this week and were able to label the key features of an eye! We even got to do an experiment with our pupils and the light, but first it had to get very dark!

In RE we discussed babies as a way in to thinking about Jesus and his birthday. Forest school brought fun with autumn leaf crowns, making patterns and then constructing houses for our visiting cuddly friends; it was lovely to hear them talk about their animals and see them in the woodland setting.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ramage and Mrs Nicholls



Squirrels News

In Squirrels this week, we finished writing our poems about bonfires using our senses and then wrote our own poem about fireworks, editing them to produce our best poem for the display in the classroom. The Word Womble was very impressed with the fantastic language the children used to describe their feelings and the sights and sounds of the fireworks. In Maths we have been focussing on addition. The Year 1s have been representing addition using ten frames, part-part whole models and learning about bar models too. The Year 2s have been looking at the pattern of adding and subtracting tens from 2-digit numbers using a 100 square, base 10 and arrow cards. We have also been measuring mass using balance scales. In RE we have looked at the symbols of peace and on Wednesday we made poppies for Remembrance Day, when we held our 2 minutes silence outside. Mr Malleson joined us playing the Cornet. In Science we have revised our body parts and labelled them. We have continued to learn about the Great Fire of London, finding out how the fire started, how it spread so quickly and how it was stopped.

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

Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff



Badgers News

In Badgers this week, we continued to consider how Hindus celebrate Diwali and compared this to some of the activities we undertook last week in our class Diwali party. The children also wrote a recount of our Diwali celebrations, focusing on including their personal responses to this experience.

In Maths, we recapped fractions, finding fractions of shapes and number. The children used bar models to help them show fractions and practised finding fractions of lots of different groups of items. We have also been working hard on our x3 and x6 tables and the children have already impressed themselves at the progress they have made in the last two weeks.

In Forest School this week the children completed a den building challenge at Ms Rankin's house. They planned and executed their dens using bow saws and loppers. They displayed good team-work tiger skills and the results were fabulous. Ms Rankin tested them to see if they were completely waterproof using a watering can. She concluded that they weren't! They all had great fun.

Mrs Shear and Mrs Welshman

Foxes News

This week in Maths the children in Foxes have been focussing on division. We have used a range of methods (short, long and chunking) to divide 3 and 4-digits by 1 and 2-digits. The children have solved word problems and found remainders either as a whole, a fraction or a decimal.

In Forest School the children went to Ms Rankin's house and were really excited to take part in a den building challenge. They planned and executed their dens using bow saws, loppers and good team work and the results were fabulous. Then Ms Rankin tested to see if they were completely waterproof using a watering can - they weren't

Finally, on Monday the children made poppies for Remembrance Day. They had to work in partners to carefully wrap black and red wool around two sticks. We had lots of "Concentrating Camels" and the children presented them after our 2-minute silence on Thursday. Mr Abbott



Brilliant Books!

More generous gifts of books from families and some more being ticked off our amazon booklist meaning even more quality books are being used in our writing curriculum. Thank you to Willow's family and Karis' family for their generosity. It is so heart-warming how generous everyone is being – thank you, thank you.



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

School Uniform

Several children have lost items of school uniform in the classrooms.

Please can you check at home to see if your child has accidentally picked up something that doesn't belong to them and return any items found.

Thank you

Dates for your Diary

19 th Nov	Children in Need
23 rd Nov	Flu Spray for Children
23 rd -26 th Nov	Book Fair in School
25 th Nov	Governors Full Board Meeting
26 th Nov	Achievement Assembly in Church - tbc
9 th Dec	Visit to Mother Goose Panto
15 th Dec	PTFA Christmas Fayre
17 th Dec	Break Up @ 1.30pm

We have been notified of a case of Head Lice in school please check your child/ren over the weekend.
Thank you.



Flu immunisation for children in years Reception to Year 6

Attached to the email you will find a letter giving details of how to register your child for the Flu Spray taking place in School on 23rd November 2021

Please complete the online form by Friday 19 November 2021

Children in Need

Friday 19th November

Wear something Spotty

for a donation to the Charity

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