



Kindness, Thankfulness, Perseverance

It has been another busy week and there are a few tired children and staff after watching England progress to the final of Euro 2020 on Thursday night. Fingers crossed for Sunday.

I am sure that you would have seen the Government briefing earlier in the week about the further lifting of COVID-19 restrictions on 19th July. The DfE has updated the school guidance in preparation for September. As the end of this term gets closer, our priority is to stay open and we are hoping to be able to keep the children in school but I would ask that everyone remains vigilant to the symptoms.

We have made the decision to continue to operate our current procedures including staggered starts and ends to the days along with our bubbles until the end of this term. We want to ensure everyone can end the year safely without any bubbles popping. We have been extremely lucky that we are one of the very few schools to not have had any bubble closures. Our measures have worked, and we thank you all for supporting us through what has been the most challenging of years. The children have been phenomenal and our staff outstanding for their contribution to keeping us all safe. I am extremely lucky to lead such a wonderful school.

A long letter is due out next week with all the updates for September (I apologise in advance as there is a lot to share) but here are the main headlines:

- Nationally ALL education settings will be open fully from September and attendance for children is mandatory.
- There will be no bubbles from September so we can get together again for assembly and playtimes.
- Staff will continue to test twice a week until the end of September when this will be reviewed by the DfE.
- Face coverings will no longer be advised for staff and visitors in either classrooms or communal areas of school.

As a school we have taken the Covid restrictions as an opportunity to rethink how we do things to ensure the children receive the best education possible. We have taken on board comments from the children, staff and parents and put together a plan for us moving forward. Some things we will keep (our Covid Keepers) and other things we will be pleased to see the back of (our Covid Sleepers). The letter coming out next week will explain everything. We are very much looking forward to September – welcoming our new children, new staff and being able to get back to a little more normality.

Have a lovely weekend – Good Luck England!



Leaver's events:

- **On Tuesday 20th July Foxes are having a day on the water as we go sailing off Portland.**
- **Our Year 6 Parents are invited to a special “outdoor” leavers service on Thursday 22nd 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.**
- **On Thursday 22nd July in the afternoon, we will be having a fun afternoon which will involve a House Team Water Fight. The children will need to bring a change of clothing, a towel and a water pistol!**
- **School finishes on Friday 23rd July at 1:30pm with a round of applause for our wonderful year 6 children.**

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 9/7/2021

Charlotte (Hedgehogs) – for amazing motivation for writing. We enjoyed her story being read to us in class!

Edith (Squirrels) – for great problem solving in Maths.

Esme (Badgers) – effort to improve swimming with good results and general maturity.

Lewis (Foxes) – for always being so thoughtful and helpful.

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 9/7/2021

Emilia for being an Imagining Iguana

Eliza for being a Reviewing Rabbit



Leo for being a Concentrating Camel

Annabel B for being a Concentrating Camel

Elliot for being a Have-a-go Hyena

Well Done



Pupil of the week

Week ending: 9/7/2021

Hedgehogs: **Bea Mo**

Squirrels: **Harry R**

Badgers: **Dexter and Alex (B)**

Foxes: **Oscar**

Well done

Silver Star Awards

Charlotte (Y4)

Flo (Y4)

Reuben (Y3)

Laila (Y4)

Alfie-Jack (Y3)

Arya (Y2)

Well Done

Attendance

Week ending 9.7.21

Hedgehogs – 98.7%

Squirrels – 97.8%

Badgers – 98.8%

Foxes – 98.3%

This week the winners are

Badgers



Cake Sale

Daisy R in Y6 is holding a Cake Sale on the school field on Saturday 17th July to raise money for Hanna's Holiday Appeal

Happy Birthday



Sonny (9)

Many Happy Returns

Gold Star Awards

Emily (Y4)

Ruby (Y4)

Well done

Achievements Out of School

Evie (Y6) ran the Bath 10k Inflatable last Saturday which is the largest Inflatable run in the UK and she ran the whole 10K!

Congratulations!

House Point Scores

Sandways

640

Chaffeymoor

572

Queen Oak

649

Hedgehogs News

Hedgehogs have continued writing their story about Norman and how he flew with his fabulous wings. The Word Womble gave us some wonderful verbs to use and we came up with some of our own. The children drew themselves with wings and wrote sentences using verbs like soaring, pirouetting and twirling. Some super 'have-a-go' Hyenas this week at using more expressive language in sentences. Year 1s have worked really hard at writing longer pieces and punctuating every sentence.

In maths we have learnt about odd and even numbers and sorting them into groups, both using practical resources and digit cards. We enjoyed our swimming on Monday, but unfortunately the pool was too cold to swim on Wednesday afternoon - so we enjoyed Wellbeing Wednesday afternoon instead where the children enjoyed activities of their choice instead.

In science we have been investigating objects using our sense of touch. We visited the church with Reverend Ben and learnt about the different areas in the church and how they are used for worship.

Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff ☺



Squirrels News

This week in Squirrels we have been looking at different sentence types. The children read sentences and identified if they were a question, a command or a statement, before they wrote their own examples. Later in the week we investigated "homophones" which are words that have the same pronunciation but have different meanings.

In topic the children have been learning about the different bones in our bodies and their jobs. They enjoyed singing along to The Skeleton Dance before they made their very own skeletons using split pins and card.

Finally, in RE the children have been introduced to the religion of Judaism. They have been learning about the Jewish people's beliefs and festivals that they celebrate. We talked about how every Friday evening they celebrate Shabbat by having a special meal, saying prayers and lighting a candle. Mr Abbott



Badgers News

This week in Badgers we have continued our journey with *The Lost Words* book, in particular exploring a poem called *Weasel*, in which the animal is beautifully described using the metaphor of fire. The children have learnt a lot of new vocabulary and are planning and writing a character description of their own invented weasel. They have also copied out and illustrated one of the poems from the book, with a focus on fantastic handwriting.

In our British countryside topic, the children really enjoyed getting to know how to read, interpret and use an Ordnance survey map. They can now give the four coordinates for any point on the map and have learnt many of the OS symbols too.

Now they can happily be in charge if you feel like a long hike with an OS map!

Today - Friday - we immersed ourselves in French, adding a bit of 'bleu' to the red and white football-related excitement.

Badgers have learnt colours, numbers, classroom instructions and greetings. We discovered that playing *La Marelle*, which is France's name for hopscotch, is a good way to get the numbers to stick.

Ms Rankin and Mrs Welshman



Foxes News

In English we wrote a balanced argument about children's screen time and incorporated quotes, including some from people in our community! We continued thinking about health by looking at features of a balanced diet and we found out about what happens when you have a deficiency of a specific food group. We found-out about the causes of scurvy, how it was discovered and how it is prevented now a days. We read about pandemics over the years and considered what might be written about coronavirus in school history books in years to come.

We had super fun at the pool this week. We played tug of water, trying to see who can kick the hardest and push their partner backwards. We also tried some underwater swimming and a few even went swimming in their pyjamas to gain their grades 9 and 10 awards.

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 12th July – **Reports out this week**

Mon 12th July – First Aid sessions for Foxes & Badgers

Tues 13th July – First Aid Sessions for Squirrels & Hedgehogs

Tues 13th July - pm New Reception Children visit

Tues 20th July – Foxes to ASC Portland – Sailing Day

Wed 21st July – School Transition morning/day

Thur 22nd July – 9.15am Leavers Service (Year 6 Parents ONLY)

Thurs 22nd July – Fun afternoon including Water Fight!

Fri 23rd July – Break up for Summer Holiday **1:30pm**

FINISH we will be clapping out our Year 6 children so please join us if you are waiting by the gate!

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!

After School Clubs - LAST WEEK NEXT WEEK – NO Clubs in the last week of term.

End of year reports

Next week we will be sending out the end of year reports. The report is generally the same as previous years however it does not include any attendance data and there are no SATs results for Year 6 either.

The report recognises what your child has achieved in school from the start of the school year, throughout the period of lockdown, and since returning to school in March.



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
11th 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

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BRUTON SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS

Musical Theatre
Summer School

Monday 16th - Friday 20th 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 25th 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

to find out more and register for the challenge.

