



St George's C of E School

FRIDAY NEWS

9th October 2020



This week we celebrated Harvest with the whole school carrying out activities throughout the day based on Harvest. We enjoyed scarecrow making, bread baking, poem writing and Harvest prayer writing along with an opportunity for the whole school to gather for the first time this year to sing – outside and socially distanced! The sun shone and we sung the Harvest Samba with gusto for the village to hear. Revd Ben joined us remotely to lead a wonderful assembly over at Home Farm where we all enjoyed seeing how the crops are harvested and to give thanks. Look at our Twitter page for a video of us singing.

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for the foodbank – we have delivered it to the Lords Larder Foodbank in Yeovil.

Last weekend a fabulous team of Dads came into school and worked their magic creating additional handwashing facilities for all our children in each classroom. We would like to say a huge big “Thank You” to Will LaTrobe-Bateman, Carl Harvey, Chris Jenkins and Gary Phillips; not only did they give up their weekend they also very kindly provided the sinks, taps, pipes and fittings. It has made a tremendous difference to each class, reducing the time it takes for all the regular handwashing – Thank you.



We are really excited to announce that we're are now a Music Mark School after being nominated by the Dorset Music Service for the award.

The award has been presented as a recognition of the value we place on music as part of our broad and balanced curriculum. We want to say special thanks to Ms Rankin who expertly leads music across the school.



Parents Evening Week – 2nd November 2020

Unfortunately, this year we are unable to hold Parents' Evening in the usual face to face manner. We are however able to hold a video call with parents using Microsoft Teams. We have been using Teams within school to hold meetings and seem to be getting the hang of it. Each meeting will be 10 minutes long and teachers will be able to share with you how the children have settled back into the school year and any targets they are working on. Please look out for an email from the office with more information on how to book your appointment.

This week we welcomed Miss Moores to our school. Miss Moores will be working in Squirrels class alongside Mr Abbott as she completes her Teacher Training.

Flu Immunisations 14th October 2020

The nasal influenza vaccination is being offered to all children in school. The immunisation team are visiting school on Wednesday 14th October.

If you have not provided consent for your child, prior to the **12th October**, unfortunately this will not be able to take place at school. Those who haven't completed the process were contacted earlier this week.

Head Teacher's Award

Week ending: 9/10/2020



Rafferty (Hedgehogs) - for using his frog leg fingers when holding a pencil.

Elsie-Brooke (Squirrels) – for being a kind and considerate member of the class who always thinks of others.

Annabel (Badgers) - for being a kind and caring member of the class, always trying hard.

Oscar (Foxes) – for great focus in his learning and going that extra step. (Fantastic harvest poem, brilliant research in topic and fantastic perseverance in Maths.)

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards

Week ending: 9/10/2020



Emilia for being a Reviewing Rabbit

James J for being a Have a go Hyena



Hollie for being a Persevering Penguin

Ollie D for being a Reviewing Rabbit



Pupil of the week

Week ending: 9/10/2020

Hedgehogs: Annabelle

Squirrels: Isla

Badgers: Jacob

Foxes: Connie



Achievements Out of School

Sonny (Y4) – passed his Seal 1 in junior lifeguards this week.

Congratulations!

Birthdays

Harry (7) and Eliza (6)

Many Happy Returns



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.



Attendance

Week ending 9.10.20

Hedgehogs – 99.1%

Squirrels – 98.5%

Badgers – 99.3%

Foxes – 97.4%

This week the winners are

Badgers



Thank you to the Reception parents who joined us for our Virtual Phonic Information Evening. We hope you found it useful.

School Twitter Page:

@StBourton



Christian Value Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed our Christian Value Survey. The results will be analysed and the results shared with everyone over the coming weeks. This week the children have also voted for the top three Christian values important to them.



House Point Scores

Sandways

541

Chaffeymoor

465

Queen Oak

470

As we are not able to welcome parents into school for our weekly Achievement Assemblies the classes will share a little of what they have been up to here on the newsletter.

Hedgehogs News

In Hedgehogs, our hero focus this week has been farmers. We read a non-fiction text all about life on the farm and wrote about the animals and crops. In phonics sessions we are continuing to work on blending sounds to read words and some of the reception children are able to read words using the letter sounds we have learnt already. It has been very exciting! The year 1s are working on writing words containing 'special friends' (two or more letters together that make a new sound). In maths we have continued to use the conkers, this week to help us with our addition and looking at part-part-whole models. Everyone designed and made a mini scarecrow to protect the crops in the farmer's fields, which are on display in the classroom. For our Harvest Festival, Bea made a traditional harvest wheatsheaf at home and brought it in for us all to see – well done Bea! We also had a lovely singing session on the field with the whole school and it was lovely to get to wave to everyone from our area.

Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff



Squirrels News

In Squirrels this week, we celebrated Harvest. We enjoyed singing on the field, writing acrostic poems and creating a fruit and vegetable alphabet, which, after careful research, included dragon fruit, quince, yam and zucchini.

In our Maths sessions we have been recognising and recalling bonds to 10 and 20. We used numicon and dienes to help us solve problems and wrote number sentences, drew bar models and created part-part-whole models to help explain our answers. We have also compared numbers to 50 using the symbols $<$ and $>$. Colin the greedy crocodile has helped us find the answers, as he always eats the greatest number.

Finally, we have welcomed Miss Moores to our team. We have enjoyed getting to know her and she has supported us with our learning. We look forward to working with her over the next few months.
Mr Abbott



Badgers News

This week Badgers celebrated Harvest by singing and making bread rolls; we really enjoyed the process although after cooking them on a fire outside they were a little barbequed!

In Maths, Badgers also learnt how to scale up a recipe when cooking for larger numbers. We stretched our art ability in Roman themed sculpture while trying to make a Roman bust in clay, complete with a ferocious, warlike expression.

In Literacy we are learning about the gods in Roman myths.

Ms Rankin and Mrs McGinty



Foxes News

This week in Foxes we started to make our Brazilian carnival mask using Modroc. This was lots of fun and we are keen to paint them next week. During our harvest celebrations we wrote poems about what we are thankful for at harvest time. We also found out about foods grown in South America which we import to the UK including blueberries from Peru, pineapples from Colombia and mangos from Brazil. In English we researched what we could do on holiday in South America and planned our travel guide. We created our own hyphenated words to add to this including 'vine- draped', 'colour-laden' and 'palm-fringed'. We also created funny faces as part of our Yellow mental health awareness work.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman



Foxes PE days have changed to Tuesday and Thursday

Local lockdown, Class self-isolation and Home Learning

If we find ourselves in a position of a member of our school community testing positive for Covid 19 there will be a closure of class bubbles and anyone who has been in close contact with the positive case will be asked to self isolate. This could mean we will need parents to collect their children throughout the day. Please can you make sure the school office has your up to date contact details.

In the case of a local, class lockdown, or if a child is self-isolating awaiting test results the children will receive work via the class Teams account. Please regularly check your child's class Teams account to ensure they are able to access any work set and to communicate with the teachers. The teachers will set a range of activities for the children to complete, mainly independently and they will give feedback on work where appropriate. The teachers will not be providing live video lessons but will be in contact with children via Teams and email. If your child has mislaid their Teams log in detail, please contact the school office or class teachers for a new password to be sent. Our Remote Learning protocol has been sent home along with this newsletter for your information.

Dear St George's family

I just wanted to thank you all for your wonderful fundraising efforts for The Grand Appeal Charity.

My daughter, Lily, has been in hospital for ten weeks now and we feel very lucky to have a room to stay in just opposite the hospital so that we can be close to Lily and spend as much time as we can with her while she is recovering. The room is provided by the charity you supported.

Not only does the charity help parents stay near the hospital but it also provides tickets to places in Bristol so that children can enjoy days out. Yesterday, Lily, her dad and I were given a ticket to visit the aquarium and had a lovely afternoon out of the hospital.

Thank you so much for your generosity. I thought you would like to hear that your donations will really make a difference to children in hospital and their families.

I am missing my St George's family and hope to see you all soon. Meanwhile, stay amazing and stay safe.

With love from

Mrs Westerman-Loe x

Survey about Home Devices

To enable us to plan ahead and explore the options for home learning in the event of a bubble shut down or partial closure of the school we have put together a short survey. We would be grateful if you could complete the survey so we know the availability of access to IT for children whilst at home.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fQh5oZPWUm-Ap1nWCqtvgsTDSKJ-3pHrnYswHl6v69UNVVERE1ZMIINT0xFRIdQUE1ZWFc2RUpRRC4u>

Primary & Secondary School Admissions

If your child's birth date is between **1st September 2009** and **31st August 2010** you should complete a **secondary school application** form by **31st October 2020**, for entry into Year 7 in September 2021.

If your child's birth date is between **1st September 2016** and **31st August 2017** you should complete a **primary school application** form by **15th January 2021**, for entry into Reception in September 2021.

All applications are online through your home county school admissions website.

COVID 19 still dominates our lives and we continue to focus on keeping children and staff safe. Please remind your child of the following to reinforce what they are learning in school:

HANDS – wash hands regularly

FACE – Avoid touching your face

SPACE – Keep a distance from others

Absence from school: **it is crucial that we are made aware if your child has Covid related symptoms.**

Please can we ask that when contacting school or leaving a phone message explaining absence that you inform us of why your child is absent from school. **We also ask that you inform us if a family member has Covid 19 symptoms or is awaiting test results.** Thank you for your understanding.

We are entering cold and flu season and so we're beginning to see children with runny noses and sore throats. A high temperature is common with many illnesses which complicates things.

Is my child too ill for school? NHS guidelines: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>