



It's hard to believe we have been back in school only a week since the Christmas holidays. The children are once again immersed in their learning and the staff have been busy organising timetables and planning ready for us to get back to whole school events from Monday. I am very much looking forward to Monday morning being able to stand in front of the whole school once again in the hall for our assembly – virtual assemblies just aren't the same.

With this in mind a reminder that we are once again inviting parents back into school on Friday afternoons to join with us for our Achievement Assembly at 2:40pm. Please ensure you wear a face covering and arrive at the school gate on time (2.30pm) to be welcomed into the hall. We will once again have hand gel available on the doors and are asking all visitors to kindly take a Lateral flow test before arriving in school to help us with our Covid restrictions. We are mindful that neither Hedgehogs or Squirrels got an opportunity to share some of their learning last term due to the increase in Covid restrictions so these will be the first classes to share this term. The dates will be shared next week. We are going to give the children a couple of weeks to get back into the swing of being in the hall together again before asking them to stand in front of an audience to present their learning.

I hope you all enjoy the weekend – I'm looking forward to getting outside and enjoying some dry weather after all the wet weather we've had recently.

Jill

Parking

Please do not park on the main road above the blue gates, this forces cars overtaking into the path of vehicles coming over the hill from Wincanton

Please tell others who are picking up for you

Amazon Wish List

A big thank you to all those people who have generously bought off of our school Amazon Wish list.

It makes a huge difference and is wonderful for the school to have even more amazing books for the children to enjoy.

If you'd like to donate, please click on the link to review the items on our wish list:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/16AOBV159X9M5?ref=wl_share

School Uniform/Coats

It looks like the colder weather has arrived and is here to stay for a while. Please ensure that all children have appropriate clothing such as a warm coat. Please can you ensure that all your child's items of clothing are named so that should they get lost, they can be easily identified and returned. Can I also remind you that children should be wearing appropriate footwear to school in the form of black shoes. Recently, some children have been coming in trainers and this is not our correct school uniform.

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 14/01/2022

Logan (Hedgehogs) – for trying exceptionally hard with his writing and phonics work.

Bea Mo (Squirrels) – for amazing maths and number knowledge.

Edith (Badgers) – for good focus & discussion in guided reading.

Esme (Foxes) - for having a fantastic attitude towards all her work.

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 14/01/2022

Halle for being a Have a go Hyena

Michael for being a Persevering Penguin

Isla for being a Concentrating Camel

Alicia for being a Persevering Penguin

Daisy for being a Persevering Penguin

Alexander for being a Have a go Hyena



Well Done



Pupil of the week

Week ending: 14/01/2022

Hedgehogs: **Charlie**

Squirrels: **Georgia-May**

Badgers: **Ernest**

Foxes: **Paddy**

Well done

Bronze Star Awards

Week ending 14/01/22



Dexter (Y5)

Emily (Y5)

Phoebe S (Y5)

Ruby (Y5)

Daisy (Y6)

Florence (Y6)

Maisie-Grace (Y6)

Ollie (Y6)

Oscar (Y6)

Paddy (Y6)

Sam (Y6)

Congratulations

Birthdays



Emily (10), Esme (10)

Annabel (9)

Many Happy Returns

Achievements Out of School

Congratulations to Rafe who has achieved Advanced Swimming Stage 8

LSA

We are looking for a Lunchtime Supervisor for 1 hour every day to join our staff team

Please contact the office if you, or someone you know, is interested in finding out more about the role

Attendance

Week ending 14/01/22

Hedgehogs – 98.8%

Squirrels – 95.8%

Badgers – 97%

Foxes – 95.9%

This week the winners are

Hedgehogs



House Point Scores

Sandways

252

Chaffeymoor

229

Queen Oak

216

Hedgehogs News

Hedgehogs have been getting familiar with our new topic of Arctic Animals! We have been looking at the difference between the Arctic and where we live in Science, while thinking about the climate in Geography.

In English we have been doing lots of writing linked to our story, Lost and Found, and will be turning it into our own Arctic story over the next few weeks. In maths we have been looking at number lines and how they look and work.

For PE we have been using up all our energy working on our fitness and focusing on running and how to do this safely!

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Ramage and Mrs Nicholls

Squirrels News

In Squirrels this week we have started our English unit based on the book Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. We have created a story map of our own version of the story and learnt about the different sentence types within it. We have learnt about using the conjunctions 'and' and 'but' to join two ideas together. In maths, we have been revising the place value of numbers and comparing numbers too. Year 1s have practiced counting in tens and ones when looking at numbers to 50 and Year 2s have learnt about putting tens and ones to 100 on a place value grid. In DT we have been investigating all the different types of gloves, what they are used for, what they are made of and if they would be any good to use for an expedition to the Arctic. We looked at a lot of gloves: from boxing gloves to ballgown gloves! In PSHE the children are learning more about keeping themselves safe, especially online and when it is ok to share pictures with friends. I hope you have a lovely sunny weekend.



Mrs Toy & Mrs Milsom

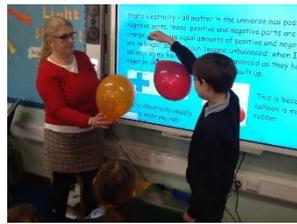
Badgers News

In Badgers this week, we started our topic based in Europe. We used atlases to name the seven continents and oceans. We then looked in detail at the countries in Europe.

In English we read and wrote character descriptions using similes and expanded noun phrases. We also practised writing questions to create suspense. Our favourite one was, could it eat me? We then used these skills to write the opening and build-up of a meeting tale based in Paris. Of course, our story features the Eiffel Tower!

To begin our learning in Science about electricity, the children had great fun exploring what happens to balloons when they are charged with static electricity. We found they were attracted to some surfaces but two charged balloons repelled each other. We also enjoyed trying to get different hair styles when we rubbed them on our heads!

Mrs Shears & Mrs Welshman



Foxes News

This week in Maths the children in Foxes have been focussing on fractions and decimals. They have looked closely at numbers with 3 decimal places, recognising the tenths, hundredths and thousandths. They have also converted fractions to decimals by making the denominator 100, as well as ordering and comparing different fractions and decimals. We have had lots of "preserving penguins."

In Science, the children have been continuing with our "Evolution and Inheritance" unit and have been investigating fossils. They researched how fossils are made before creating a flow diagram to explain using key vocabulary such as sedimentary rock, minerals and ammonite. Then in art the children completed some drawings of fossils using different sketching pencils.

Finally, in PE the children have been refining their hockey skills. This week we practised dribbling, passing and shooting and the children were great "teamwork tigers".

Mr Abbott



Your School Lottery

Did you know we have our own School Lottery? There is a guaranteed winner from St George's School every week! It's a great way to fundraise for the school so please consider buying tickets to be in with a chance of winning.

This half term there is also an added prize. A chance to win a Forest Holiday worth £500 in one of 11 locations throughout the UK. To sign up click the link below:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-georges-bourton>

Dates for your Diary

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| 15 th Jan | Applications for September 2022 Admission closes |
| 19 th Jan | Handball Club starts (tbc) |
| 20 th Jan | Brass/Woodwind Lessons start |
| 21 st Jan | Guitar Lessons start Handball Club starts (tbc) |
| w/c 24 th Jan | After School Clubs start |
| 1 st Feb | Chinese New Year |
| 8 th Feb | Safer Internet Day |
| 21st – 25th Feb – Spring Half Term | |

Digital Parenting

Later this term we will be participating in Safer Internet Day in school. Today your child will be coming home with Vodafone's Digital Parenting magazine. This is a free magazine produced by Vodafone providing practical information and advice for families to live a happy and safe digital life.



DfE Online Safety Advice for Parents

The DfE have just released a new guide for parents called 'The things I wish my parents had known'. It is full of useful guidance on how to address online abuse and sexual harassment, something that far too many young people experience.

The DfE have also released a new guide for parents called 'The things I wish my parents had known'. The document can be found here:

https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/?utm_source=16%20December%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Healthy Lunchboxes

Since the return to school following the Christmas break it has been noticeable that some of the children's lunchboxes are becoming less healthy. We have a few simple suggestions for lunches that we would appreciate parents following:

- No sweets or pure chocolate bars - any bars should have a biscuit or cake base
- No more than one packet of crisps
- A sandwich/roll or something that provides carbohydrates and protein
- Lunchboxes should include at least one piece of fruit or vegetables
- No fizzy drinks
- NO NUTS or products containing NUTS (this includes within cereal/snack bars)

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Volunteers

We are now able to welcome volunteers back into school to help with Forest School and to hear readers. If you are able to help please let the class teachers know or contact the school office. All we are asking is that you wear a face covering when in school and take a Lateral flow test before coming into school. Thank you for your understanding in advance.

TRANS FAMILY DAY

Saturday 29th January 2022

Bridport Youth & Community Centre (BYCC)

Gundry Lane, Bridport DT6 3RL

For Dorset's transgender young people (including those questioning or gender non-conforming) and their families: parents/carers, siblings, & any other significant relatives

Arrive: 10:15am welcome for 10:30 start

10:30am - 12:30pm activities

12:30pm - 1:30pm lunch (provided)

1:30pm - 2:30pm feedback session

Booking is essential!

For more information, please

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