



# 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 back! It has been lovely to welcome your children back to school today after the summer break and we have loved seeing them looking so smart and keen to come in. They were excited to see the changes in our classroom and have their first experience of Forest School with Ms Rankin. We would like to invite you into the classroom on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September** for a 'Meet the Teacher' session from 3.20pm for around 15/20mins. This will be a chance for us to explain the expectations for Squirrels 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!

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 read on a regular basis in school, both in phonics sessions and the books in their book bags. Please could their books and reading records be kept in their book bags every day. As with last year, please continue to record whenever you read with your child at home, as often as possible, preferably daily. There is a school expectation that all books are read three times. Once to decode, once to understand and finally a third time to develop fluency and confidence with reading.

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.

## Star Charts

The children have been given a Bronze Star Chart to keep in the classroom. Stars are given out for good learning and added to their star chart. Once the chart has been filled with 20 stars, they will receive a certificate from Mrs Farndale. They will then begin filling a Silver Star Chart with the stars they earn.

## Home Learning

All children will receive **weekly spellings and a mental maths sheet** on Fridays on TEAMS. This will be for you to practice, share and complete with your child each day. This will start on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September. The children will have their **Mental Maths test on a Thursday** and their **Spelling test on a Friday**. Please ensure that you start the mental maths sheet on Friday and leave the Thursday slot free for testing in school. Please let us know if you have any problems logging into teams.

### 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 mornings and Friday afternoons, starting this Wednesday (8<sup>th</sup> 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 winders). At snack time the children can drink their water or have milk. If your child would like to have milk, please sign up at [www.coolmilk.co.uk](http://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

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 '**Squirrels**'. 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 Toy and Mrs Cuff