



Kindness, Thankfulness, Perseverance

We have had a wonderful start to the summer term with the sun shining all week. We have welcomed some new families to our St George's community this week and we hope they will be very happy here. A big welcome to Elliott, Milly, Ed and Karis. We have also welcomed Miss Finn to Squirrels class as part of her teacher training.

Today we celebrated St George's Day in style. The children and staff looked fabulous wearing red and white and we even had a few dragons and knights with us too. The children all took part in a St George's themed House Challenge today, creating a family of dragons. Each child got to vote as part of our Achievement Assembly this afternoon to help decide the winning team. Well done to Sandways and Queen Oak, joint winners!

We also enjoyed our Achievement Assembly outside in the sunshine – a lovely way to see the whole school together once again. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and that the sun continues to shine.



St George's Day Fun – dragons, knights and lots of red and white!

After School Clubs start next week but both of the Monday Clubs (Craft for Foxes and Athletics for Squirrels) will not start until Monday 10th May as teachers have a joint staff meeting on Monday 26th April and Monday 3rd May is a Bank Holiday so the school will be closed.

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 23/4/2021

Ben (Hedgehogs) – for great focus in maths, knowing tens and ones.

Eliza (Squirrels) – for being a focussed and hardworking member of the class, who always applies a great deal of detail to her work.

Emily (Badgers) – for her Kindness and thoughtfulness - acting on seeing other children unhappy and seeing if they're ok.

Rafe (Foxes) - for his mature attitude to his learning and for being kind and welcoming to everyone.

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 23/4/2021

Charlotte for being a Questioning Queen Bee

Arya for being a Have a Go Hyena



Annella for being a Teamwork Tiger

Ryan for being an Imagining Iguana

Ollie D for being a Reasoning Robin



Happy Birthday



Victoria (7)

Annabelle (5)

Arabella (6)

Many Happy Returns

Achievements Out of School

Florence (Y5) achieved the Pony Club Accumulator Rosette for most badges earned and most events attended in 2020.

Ethan (Y1) won the player of the match award at his first Football training session back after lockdown lifted.

Phoebe S (Y4) competed in the Team SJ at Dorset Showground for her Pony Club - Wylve Valley. The Team won the 60cm and Phoebe was 6th individually and the Team also won the 70cm. She has now qualified for the 50 /60 and 70cm Mini South West Show Jumping Championships in August 2021

Congratulations!

Bronze Star Awards



Amy (Y3), Coby (Y3),

Bluebell (Y3), Jacob (Y3),

Ralph (Y3), Sonny (Y4),

Barnaby (Y3), Beatrice Munster (Y1),

Dulcie (Y1), Lewis (Y6),

Bea M (Y1), Lucas H (Y6)

Well done

Pupil of the week

Week ending: 23/4/2021

Hedgehogs: Joey

Squirrels: Max

Badgers: Sonny

Foxes: Lochi

Well done

Silver Star Awards



Emily (Y4), Alice (Y1), Oscar (Y5)

Elsie T (Y1), Charlie (Y1), Elsie-Brooke (Y2)

Harry R (Y2), Arthur (Y2),

Victoria (Y2), Eliza (Y1)

Well done

House Point Scores

Sandways

140

Chaffeymoor

96

Queen Oak

126

Hedgehogs News

This week Hedgehogs started the topic of World Kitchen. We investigated the seasonality of fruits and where our fruit comes from in the world. We also used a computer simulation programme to grow different plants.

In English sessions we have started a unit on Red Riding Hood. We walked through the woodland area thinking about all the sights, sounds, smells and feelings Little Red would have had on her way to Grandma's House. We will use these ideas in our writing.

In Maths we have been making the numbers from 11 to 20 using various resources. The year 1 children have been looking at making larger numbers as well.

Today the children enjoyed a day finding out about St. George. We made dragons and dragon eggs for our house challenge and enjoyed lots of different dragon activities. It was great fun!

It has been a lovely week and we have enjoyed the sunshine doing outdoor maths and lots of outdoor explore time.



Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff ☺

Squirrels News

It has been great to welcome the children back to Squirrels class after the Easter break – they have returned with lots of enthusiasm, an eagerness to learn and bags of energy.

In Maths, they have been learning about the unit of Position and Direction and focussed on describing movements and turns. On Wednesday with Mrs Welshman, the children went on the playground and had to give their partners directions to follow to find the treasure. They had to use the key vocabulary of forwards, backwards, left and right as well as clockwise and anticlockwise turns.

In Art the children have been refining their sketching skills. Using different pencils (ranging from B to 6B) they went on to the field to sketch the trees on our school grounds. They looked closely at the different details on the trees and used their pencils to add shade and texture to their sketches.

Finally, we have welcomed Miss Finn 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 weeks.

Mr Abbott



Badgers News –

This week in Badgers we have enjoyed welcoming in two new pupils - Ed and Milly - (and Mrs Welshman to our team!); they are a lovely addition to our Badgers class. We hope they will love St George's.

We have started our new topic, which is the Stone Age. On Monday, the children started their Science 'rocks and fossils' topic and they looked at igneous rock and how it is formed. We explored just how long ago the Stone Age really started, using a timeline outside on the swimming pool fence, and found out when the first cave painting was made, the first Stonehenge stone set and when the first upright 'human' walked. The children learnt that prehistory is discovered through archaeology. We had a go ourselves at being archaeologists, digging in sand and finding pictures of types of stone and flint tools. Later in the week we tried to make our own stone age cave art using our desks on their sides as the walls of the caves. The results were wonderful!

Thursday was the 51st 'Earth Day' and we discussed global warming and ways in which we can help. Today (Friday) is St George's Day - a big day for our school of course - and we have had a 'make a collage dragon' house challenge as well as coming into school dressed in red and white.

The weather has been lovely and we have spent as much time outside as possible. The term has started with a great few days.

Ms Rankin and Mrs Welshman



Foxes News

Foxes have enjoyed seeing each other and being back in school again. We also welcomed Elliot into Year 5. We started off our topic of dragons with reading dragon poetry and then wrote our own poems using similes and positive and negative imagery. In Art, we used water colour pencils to draw our dragons, focusing on colour and shading.

In Maths we tried to be bargain hunters and calculated percentage increases and decreases. The children were keen to consider what they would do with the money they had saved! This also fitted into our PSHE work, thinking about saving and spending.

We are all trying to get fit and improve our stamina so we started the Couch to 5K this week, around the school field.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman

Bikeability

This term we are only able to offer Bikeability sessions to our Foxes.

Level 1 will take place on Monday 10th May from 3.30-5.30pm.

There are 3 **Level 2** courses on Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th May during the school day, we will group the children and let you know which day. Please look out for forms being sent home next week.

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.



Dates for the Diary:

Mon 19th April – Thurs 27th May - Summer Term 1
Thur 29th April – Woodwind/Brass Lessons start
Fri 30th April – Guitar Lessons start
Mon 3rd May – Bank Holiday ~ **school closed**
Mon 10th May 3.30-5.30pm - Bikeability Level 1
Mon 24th May – Bikeability Level 2 Group 1
Tues 25th May – Bikeability Level 2 Group 2
Wed 26th May – Bikeability Level 2 Group 3
Fri 28th May - INSET Day
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June May - Half Term
Mon 7th June – Fri 23rd July – Summer Term 2

Reminder

The Car Park is for Staff Use only.

Attendance

Week ending 23.4.21

Hedgehogs – 99.5%

Squirrels – 100%

Badgers – 100%

Foxes – 100%

Excellent attendance in all classes



Volunteers:

Do you have an hour or so free to hear readers?
If yes, please let us know as we are welcoming back volunteers.

We are asking that you carry out a Lateral Flow Covid Test before coming in.

School Twitter

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@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!

A few reminders:

In the sunnier weather, please can the children come to school with sun hats and a named water bottle.

Rucksacks and equipment from home: Please remember that we are still not able to allow the children to bring in equipment or toys from home. If possible could the children also refrain from bringing in large rucksacks as space is limited as we are not using the corridor cloakrooms.

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.