



Kindness, Thankfulness, Perseverance

Well, 12 months has passed since we closed school in the first lockdown and on Tuesday we all joined together on the playground to reflect on the joys and sorrows of the last year. We are so happy to be back together as a school community.

It seems hard to believe that we are entering the final week of this term. The extremely challenging times in early January have certainly moved forward, and we're starting to enjoy some spring weather and sunshine which lifts everyone's spirit. The children in school continue to take things in their stride and I think that you can all be very proud of your children for adapting and responding so well. We have been so impressed with how well the children have settled back into their routines. It almost feels like they were never away – although they all seem super tired by the end of the week!

This week I carried out some Pupil Voice interviews with groups of children across the school to gather their views on the return to school. All the children spoken too reported enjoying being back at school, with all noting the importance of being back with their friends. Some of the children have found not being at home with Mum or Dad a little challenging but feel the staff in school are supporting them really well. The children reported enjoying the way they are greeted at the gate everyday as making them feel happy and wanted in school.

In terms of the challenges faced this term, pupils appear to have accepted and adopted well to the new restrictions. They understand why they are in place but aren't keen on the amount of handwashing and time taken to wash hands. Some commented on their hands being sore from washing hands all the time. We are looking into sourcing different soap. A few children expressed concern at missing being with other year groups on the playground however the majority preferred the current measures as they like having more space for their class to play. The full pupil voice results will be posted on the school website.

We are aware that the impacts of the pandemic on all our children will not just be wiped away by the fact that they are back in school again. We are working very hard in school currently to assess the needs of every child in terms of their learning and their wellbeing. Next week is assessment week. The teachers will use these assessment results to plan the curriculum for the children in the Summer term.

Next week we finish school on Thursday at 1:05pm (Squirrels and Badgers) and 1:15pm (Hedgehogs and Foxes) for our Easter break. Have a lovely weekend.

Get Set Tokyo

On our journey to Tokyo we have not quite reached Atlanta, US. So we are still in Athens. Remember all you need to do is get active as a family and record your activity on the easy-to use [Log Activity](https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/log-activity) page (<https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/log-activity>). Logging your activity is easy. Just click on the link enter the postcode (SP8 5BN) choose your child's class, then get logging- make sure to include all adult activity in there too! As our kilometres tally up, you will be able to follow our journey around the world, stopping at various capital cities along the way. Keep an eye out for new challenges as we 'visit' each country.

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 26/3/2021

Lilly (Hedgehogs) – for trying her best when completing independent work.

Sophie R (Squirrels) – for being actively involved in all our lessons, sharing detailed and thoughtful ideas.

Karis (Badgers) – for a really confident first week with great contributions.

Thisbe (Foxes) - for giving her all in everything she does and always being prepared to stretch herself and try something new.

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 26/3/2021

Scarlett for being a Persevering Penguin

Madison for being a Persevering Penguin

Harry R for being a Concentrating Camel

Dexter for being a Reviewing Rabbit

Florence B for being a Have a Go Hyena

Albert for being a Persevering Penguin



Pupil of the week

Week ending: 26/3/2021

Hedgehogs: Annabelle

Squirrels: Ernie

Badgers: Annabel

Foxes: Jasper

Well done

Silver Star Awards

Ruby (Y4),

James (Y1)

Ethan (Y1)

Isla (Y1)

Ivy (Y1)

Freda (Y1)



Well done

Attendance

Week ending 26.3.21

Hedgehogs – 98.2%

Squirrels – 100%

Badgers – 99.1%

Foxes – 97%

This week the winners are

Squirrels



Bronze Star Awards

Noah (Y4)

Esme (Y4)

Wilfred (Y3) Well Done



Achievements Out of School

Masie-Grace (Y5) has been awarded a **Blue Peter Badge**

Well Done

Marvellous Mathematician

Alice (YR), Bea Moran (Yr1)

Vita (Y2) Charlie (Y1)

Coby (Y3), Kenan (Y3)

Reuben (Y3), Sam (Y5)

Arthur (Y6), Keeleigh (Y6)

Congratulations



Excellent Writers:

Emilia (YR)

Bea Munster (Y1)

Sophie B (Y2), Ethan (Y1)

Rory (Y4), Charlotte (Y4)

Emily (Y4)

Billy (Y5), Lillianna (Y6)

Congratulations



House Point Scores

Sandways

342

Chaffeymoor

368

Queen Oak

479

Hedgehogs News

This week Hedgehogs completed this term's pirate topic. We created pirate telescopes and made colourful parrots in our Art/DT sessions. The children also experimented using different materials to make pirate ships and tried to make them float in our water tray.

In English sessions we used the clips from the film 'Song of the Sea', describing scenes from the film in detail. We looked closely at the underwater scene and the sea creature's movements. Word Womble helped us with words like *diving*, *delving*, *gliding* and *snaking*. The reception children wrote their own movement words and phrases and the year 1s wrote sentences using expressive verbs and adjectives, concentrating on sentence punctuation too!

Everyone also wrote a message that they would send if they were stuck on an island on the middle of an ocean. We put each one in a 'bottle' and added it to our seascape display.

In maths we have been looking at teen numbers and comparing them. The year 1 children have been learning about the $<$, $>$ and $=$ symbols as well. We have had lots of time outside on the Jammy Dodger (Pirate Ship) and enjoyed the sunshine this week.



Squirrels News

In Squirrels this week, we have been focussing on the four seasons of the year and how the weather/climate changes during them. Firstly, the children drew pictures for each season and wrote sentences to describe the weather. Then they investigated different weather recording equipment before designing and making their own wind sock and rain gauge.

In Maths, the children have been looking at numbers up to 50. They have been counting forwards and backwards, finding 1 more and 1 less and comparing numbers using the terms "more than" and "less than". The children have also enjoyed partitioning the numbers into ones and tens and making numbers up to 50 using Numicon.

Finally, in PE we have been developing our hockey skills. We practised keeping control of the ball and dribbling around cones before passing the ball to a partner. The children were all great "teamwork tigers" and worked superbly together. Mr Abbott



Badgers News

This week Badgers have enjoyed making sliders out of card to make their rainforest animals pop up. In Science we also improved our knowledge of animal groups with a detailed exploration of vertebrates and invertebrates. What the difference is between an amphibian and a reptile? And how is a shark a fish and a whale a mammal? The children also like discussing birds' nests and other signs that spring has fully sprung. In Maths we have been comparing different sized fractions and fractions with decimals; adding decimal points to numbers and exploring uncharted territory as we add new columns to our place value chart (Y4).

Badgers children have also been thinking about rainforest destruction, the links to climate change and why it matters that the logging is sustainable. They may be checking food packets at home looking for palm oil!

We are working towards writing our own adventure stories set in the rainforest.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ms Rankin and Mrs McGinty



Foxes News

Foxes have been super busy again this week. In Art, we explored the work of Northern Ireland artist and sculptor, Ross Wilson. We looked at his metal sculpture of C.S. Lewis and used tin foil to create our own sculptures of figures. We created ballerinas, footballers and even Willy Wonka.

We enjoyed continuing our body percussion sessions in Music with lots of clapping and finger snapping and even used empty cups to make a great rhythm. We continued thinking about our body in French and have learnt different parts of the body. Look on our twitter feed for a video.

In Science this week, we have been learning that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible. We set up lots of dishes of salt and water around the classroom last week and this week we observed how they have changed.

We practised attacking and defending skills in football, before playing mini games. We also continued with our mini-circuits trying to build up our strength and stamina. Many have improved upon their initial scores although some have commented on having sore calves the next day!

In RE we have been looking at stories from the Old Testament. This week we focused on Joshua and how he led the army to destroy the walls of Jericho using just marching and trumpets



Reading Please listen to your child read as regularly as you can. Remember we do not have helpers in school at the moment, so one to one reading opportunities are limited. Reading in school is mainly taught by group and whole class reading lessons.

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.



Term Dates for the Diary:

Spring Term: Tuesday 23rd February – Thursday 1st April (School finishes at **1:05/1:15pm** on Thursday 1st April)

Summer Term: Monday 19th April – Thursday 27th May

INSET Day Friday 28th May

May Half Term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June



A helpline is available for families worried about how their child is coping with the coronavirus crisis and lockdown.

Dorset Council Educational Psychology Service has set-up a helpline to support those who are worried about their child or teenager during the lockdown.

The helpline number is: **01258 474036**. It is open from Monday to Friday from 9am to 4.45pm. Callers need to ring and make an appointment for a 30 minute phone consultation.

Reminder

The Car Park is for Staff Use only.

Happy Birthday



Jasper (11)

Ralph (8)

Many Happy Returns

School Twitter Page:

@StBourton



Staff Testing:

All of our staff are continuing to test for covid19, using a Lateral Flow Test, on a Sunday and Wednesday. This is to detect any asymptomatic cases and help stop transmission. Should a member of staff test positive, we will work with the Public Health Team.

Please be aware that we may need to contact you on a Sunday or Wednesday evening to inform you your child's class is closed the following day should a member of staff tests positive.

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.

Operation Encompass

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Dorset Police.

Operation Encompass is the notification to schools when a child or young person has experienced any domestic abuse, this information will be shared with the schools.

Operation Encompass will ensure that senior safeguarding members of the school staff, (DSL/DDSLs) known as Key Adults, are trained to allow them to receive information from the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in a domestic abuse incident. Our Key Adults are Mrs Farndale and Mr Abbott.

Staying Safe Online Tik Tok and Omegle

All parents and carers should be aware that allowing children to access sites such as Tik Tok (age 13+) can be deemed as putting them at risk. Sites such as Tik Tok have a significant number of online users who are not using the platform as intended. They can be seen as online predators and try to contact other users by engaging them in online conversations. Children using Tik Tok have been encouraged to access another site – Omegle. This is a chatroom used by thousands of users. Parents need to know that Omegle is an anonymous video chat client intended for adults. There's a website with the same name, though they don't seem to be connected. Users are asked several times to verify that they are at least 18, but all that's required is entering a birth date.

Mental Health Support

In January 2021, NHS England and NHS Improvement have published new guidance on children and young people's mental health from Dr Prathiba Chitsabesan, Associate National Clinical Director for Children and Young People's Mental Health.

This includes advice for parents/carers and information on how to access services.

Please follow the link below for further information:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/blog/advice-for-parentsguardians-and-carers-on-how-to-support-a-child-or-young-person-if-youre-concerned-about-their-mental-health/>

A message from Mr Manley:

Emily, Eliza and I would like to thank everyone who has been so thoughtful and generous donating to Weldmar in memory of Katie.

Katie was a huge supporter of the school and would be humbled with the kindness everyone in the school community has shown.

We hope to have a memorial service and celebration when restrictions allow and everyone is welcome.

Best wishes to you all, Jon



Improving our Children's Mental Health

Due to the changing lifestyles, which have emerged since the Covid Pandemic began last March, improving children's mental health will continue to be a focus for some time ahead.

NSPCC Learning has launched three videos on children and young people's mental health, looking at: how mental health can become a safeguarding concern; the impact of abuse and neglect; and ways professionals and parents can support children and young people, who are experiencing issues with their mental health. The three videos can be found on the '**WHO IS AT RISK?: Responding and Understanding**' sections of the child mental health page. Click [here](#) to open the link.

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EASTER HOLIDAY 2021 MINI & JUNIOR COACHING CAMPS

NOW INCLUDING STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING TRAINING

MONDAY 5 APRIL	TUESDAY 6 APRIL	WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL	THURSDAY 8 APRIL	FRIDAY 9 APRIL
FROME RFC (MIXED)	WELLS RFC (GIRLS & MIXED)	NORTH DORSET RFC (MIXED)	WIMBORNE RFC (MIXED)	BATH RFC (GIRLS & MIXED)
MONDAY 12 APRIL	TUESDAY 13 APRIL	WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL	THURSDAY 15 APRIL	FRIDAY 16 APRIL
DEVIZES RFC (MIXED)	SOMERTON RFC (MIXED)	SUPERMARINE RFC (MIXED)	CORSHAM RFC (MIXED)	COMBE DOWN RFC (MIXED)

RUGBYCAMPS.CO.UK/BATH

SESSIONS RUN FROM 9:30AM TO 3:30PM
£30 PER PERSON



Did you know we have our own St George's Lottery? It's been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

**WIN
A WHEELIE AWESOME PRIZE!**

- Please help give our fundraising a boost this term
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Cash prize winner EVERY week
- You could even win the £25k jackpot!

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VOUCHER**

Buy A Ticket

THE **BIKE** FACTORY Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 17th Apr 2021. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).

Recycle with Michael

Our clothes recycling bank is still available for you to fill with your unwanted items of clothing. Please pass your bags to the member of staff at the gate to pop them in for you. The Salvation Army give a cash donation back to the PTFA for all items collected.