



Kindness, Thankfulness, Perseverance

Well done everyone, another week completed! The last two weeks have been a steep learning curve for many of us; families mastering juggling home working and home learning, and the staff in school mastering remote teaching and online live lessons. Just to add to the “fun” this week we also had a major power cut on Tuesday morning which lasted all day. I think Mrs Shears wondered if she’d clicked the wrong button during Foxes live lesson as she went to share a PowerPoint on the call at the same time the electricity went off. Then today we have had no telephone line and no internet – it’s been a challenging week! We have to find the tiniest things to celebrate when things get tough. Today we have reached the January half-way point and that’s a milestone on our journey towards Springtime. Oh and it’s Friday!

This week, I have been thankful for our remote learning, it has been wonderful to see everyone during the class live lessons and having the opportunity to say hello. I really do miss having a full school to lead. I enjoyed taking part in a Scavenger Hunt with Squirrels and a playdough elephant art lesson with Hedgehogs. It has also been lovely seeing all the amazing home learning everyone is completing. Foxes have completed some fabulous Greek Vase designs and Badgers some amazing model teeth and gums.

I do appreciate that things are not easy at the moment for many of us and I do want to say Thank you. Thank you to our families for coping with the uncertainty that last week brought and for the many positive comments of support we have received. Thank you to our amazing parents who have taken on the role of home educator; especially to those parents who are trying to juggle both working from home and home educating – we all know it’s challenging – you are our heroes. A big thank you to all our children for the amazing work they have already produced. Thank you to our amazing staff team who have been willing to give new things a go and persevere with the technology to deliver some great remote lessons as well as being in school. Finally, a thank you to our Critical Front Line Workers who are keeping our country going and working in often challenging roles.

I hope you all have a safe and happy weekend. Enjoy the well-deserved break from learning.

Critical Workers

The numbers of COVID cases are rising rapidly in our area as well as nationally and the government has updated its guidance to make it clear that children of critical workers should stay at home if they can. The rapid rate of transmission means we must do everything we can to protect our school community: pupils, parents, and staff alike.

Critical worker places in school should only be used if the child not being in school would prevent the critical worker from attending their critical role away from home. Where there is a parent or carer working at home, the best place for your child is at home. If this updated guidance means you no longer need the place allocated to you next week, please email office@bourton.dorset.sch.uk. to let us know that your child/children will not be attending.

Happy Birthday

Emily (9), Esme (9)
Annabel (8)



Many Happy Returns

P.E. and Home activities.

Below are links to a variety of P.E. ideas and other home activities that you may be interested in taking part in with your families.

Chance to Shine Cricket delivered its first ever live streamed session for everyone across the country to take part. It can be watched here:

<https://www.chancetoshine.org/live>

P.E with Joe can be accessed via his YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>



St George's School Storytelling Competition

Do you have a favourite story? Do you like acting?

Why not enter our competition?

Video you and/or your family retelling your favourite story. Be creative in how you retell your story?

You could act it, sing it, dance it or even use animation. Use fancy dress and props if you can.

The choice is yours.

Competition closes on Friday 22nd January

Upload your entries onto your class Teams account or email

office@bourton.dorset.sch.uk



Winners will be announced in the Friday Newsletter published on 29th January.

We are offering 10 house points to every child who enters and an additional 10 points for every family member or pet that appears in your video/film.

House Points during Lockdown – we are continuing to award House Points while school is closed via our new weekly challenges. This time round your family can help you win extra house points too. The winning House will have their reward when school reopens. Sandways House, we haven't forgotten that you still need your reward for last term. Due to the Lockdown, it has just been postponed and definitely not forgotten.

DfE Support

Schools can now request help to increase mobile data allowances for children and young people who:

- do not have fixed broadband at home
- cannot afford additional data for their devices
- are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education

Or

If increasing mobile data isn't a suitable option for some children, schools can also request 4G wireless routers. If you think either of these options would help you with remote learning please email office@bourton.dorset.sch.uk to register your interest.

Reading Books:

We will be providing an opportunity for you to change your child's reading books on a Monday and Thursday. Please send the teachers a message before these days to notify them that you will be wanting books and we will put books in packs outside by the main gate (weather permitting) for you to collect. As we need to quarantine all books before they are used we will leave a box by the gate for used reading books to be placed in. Thank you

Daily Live Online lesson Times via TEAMS

| Class | Time |
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| Hedgehogs | 10:30am |
| Squirrels | 9:30am |
| Badgers | 1:30pm |
| Foxes | 11:30am |

Free School Meal Vouchers

During the National Lockdown children who are registered for Income based Free School Meals will receive a weekly £15 food voucher.

If you'd like more information on this, please contact the school office.

School Closure:

During the school closure the office will be manned daily so please feel free to still call for day to day queries.

Leave a message if you do not get an answer and we will contact you.

Alternatively, you can email school on office@bourton.dorset.sch.uk

Or the class teachers on

hedgehogs@bourton.dorset.sch.uk

squirrels@bourton.dorset.sch.uk

badgersclass@bourton.dorset.sch.uk

foxes@bourton.dorset.sch.uk

Don't forget to share pictures of your amazing home learning. Keep looking on our twitter page and website for updates.

School Twitter

Page:

@StBourton



Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. Blue Peter have launched Blue Peter on YouTube. To access the resources click this link. <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!)



CORONAVIRUS ADVICE STAY AT HOME, STAY SAFE AND HELP THE NHS

Following the Government's announcement on Monday, the school will be closed until at least the February half term holiday. The single most important action we can all take, in fighting coronavirus, is to stay at home in order to protect the NHS and save lives. This means you should **NOT GO OUT AT ALL** except for essential reasons which are below.

You must not meet in groups of more than 2 people and should not let your children go and play in playgrounds or be out by themselves.

If you do go out, always stay at least 2 metres away from others.

The ONLY reason you should go out is for one of the following reasons:

1. Shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible.
2. One form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle - alone or with members of your household.
3. Any medical need, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person.
4. Travelling to and from work, but only where this absolutely necessary and cannot be done from home.

Where you can, you should work at home unless you have no other choice as you are working in a critical key job or have a child who is vulnerable please DO NOT send your child to school.

This is to protect your child, your family and others as well as school staff.

Families can be travellers from their own home - some of the world's biggest galleries, museums, religious sites and cultural landmarks are offering virtual tours, most of which are free to view. Here are some of our favourites for you.



LONGLEAT

Longleat has launched a virtual safari narrated by BBC Animal Park presenter Kate Humble. The guided tour is on the park's Facebook page and is free to view on the Longleat website and across its digital platforms. Kate Humble has recorded an introduction, and the tour uses a mix of audio commentary with video footage and photos.

The British Museum has virtually opened the doors to its esteemed collection of international artifacts. You can go on a virtual visit to more than 60 galleries – perfect for creating your own bespoke tour around your favourite periods in history. Highlights include the Rosetta Stone in the Egyptian Sculpture Gallery or discover gems like the beautiful textiles in the Sainsbury African Galleries. The galleries also have their own podcast, which is available on Apple Podcasts and other podcast providers.

The British
Museum

Coronavirus: resources for dealing with the effects of lockdown

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There are lots of new situations and emotions that children may be experiencing during the lockdown. There may be more conflict at home, increased levels of loneliness and isolation, or even difficulty sleeping.

We've rounded up guidance, videos and practical activities to support children and families with the different effects the lockdown may be having on them.

There are lots of new situations and emotions that children may be experiencing during the lockdown. The Anna Freud Centre have put together a coronavirus toolkit with guidance, videos and practical activities to support children and families with the different effects the lockdown may be having on them. It can be found via this link:

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/coronavirus-dealing-with-the-effects-of-lockdown-toolkit-5/?page=1&IssuePageId=12639>

Look at some of our amazing Lockdown Learning from Hedgehogs and Foxes.

