



## *Kindness, Thankfulness, Perseverance*

Every year is different in school but the academic year of 2020/2021 will certainly take some beating! We have all had to face some new (and often bizarre!) challenges but I do think **we** should all look back with a lot of pride at how we have all responded. A key strength of St George's is the partnership we have with our parents and community and we are incredibly thankful at how supportive everyone has been this year. From supporting our approach and the rules to Covid measures along with the time you have taken to read the many "long" letters and Covid updates I have had to send every time the Government guidance changed – THANK YOU!

The staff have worked incredibly hard and I am so thankful to them all for their dedication this year. They have all gone that extra mile to ensure our children have not suffered and have received a fabulous learning offer through difficult times. They are all ready for a well-deserved rest – I don't think there is a teacher in the country who will forget the last year! I know it will go down in my memory bank as the year that challenge school leaders!

And finally the children...what else can I say but WOW! We have amazing children here at St George's. They have shown true resilience, perseverance and commitment to their learning and adapted well to the changes in school with smiles on their faces. They should be proud of their achievements this year – I am certainly proud of each and every one of them.

As we enter the last week of the term we do need to continue to be cautious – I am hearing on a daily basis from Headteachers who have bubbles closing and positive cases in schools. We have got so far without being affected here at St George's. Therefore, next week despite the lifting of restrictions on Monday we will continue with our safety measures so everyone can enjoy their summer break. We continue to ask anyone who has COVID symptoms (High temperature, new and continuous cough, loss of taste or smell) to self-isolate, to get a PCR test and if this proves positive, then to continue to self-isolate for ten days. This will continue into the new school year and we thank you for your vigilance and support with this.

We know that this has been a very difficult time for many people and have included the section from the DFE guidance (later in the newsletter) containing a list of places you can get guidance to support your child's mental health and well-being.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend and stay safe ready for the last week of term.

The Department for Education state that all state funded schools in England will be required to teach CPR and First Aid as part of children's health education.

More than 30,000 cardiac arrests occur out of hospital every year in the UK, and evidence shows that survival rates from cardiac arrest are up to three times higher in countries that teach CPR in schools.

We believe this is a vital skill and were delighted to welcome Loraine (Dolly & Jasper's Mum) and Jess (Daisy's Mum) into school to train all the children in basic First Aid. The older children learnt CPR and what to do if someone is choking, whilst the younger children learnt how to make a clear and efficient call to emergency services and practiced basic first aid using plasters and bandages.

According to The British Red Cross "up to 59% of deaths by injury could be prevented in the UK if first aid was given prior to the arrival of medical services". A big thank you to Loraine and Jess for giving up your time to come into school. Please see our Twitter page for Photos.

## Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 16/7/2021

**Pippa (Hedgehogs)** – for always trying her best and for working hard.

**Vita (Squirrels)** – for showing great perseverance when faced with a Maths problem.

**Alexander (Badgers)** – for a good week with great effort and concentration.

**Arthur (Foxes)** – for his dedication to all his work especially when learning pieces of music.

**WELL DONE!**

## Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 16/7/2021

**Jemima** for being a Noticing Newt



**Dolly** for being a Concentrating Camel

**Barney** for being a Concentrating Camel

**Paddy, Daisy R, Barni, and Bryony** for being a Teamwork Tigers



**Well Done**

## Pupil of the week

Week ending: 16/7/2021

Hedgehogs: Georgia-May

Squirrels: Ethan

Badgers: Flo

Foxes: Thisbe

**Well done**

## Platinum Star Award

**Sophie R (Y2)**

**Well Done**

## Silver Star Awards

**Florence (Y5)**

**Bea Mo (Y1)**

**Lilly (Y1)**

**Dulcie (Y1)**

**Edith (Y2)**

**Alexander (Y4)**

**Scarlett (Y1)**

**Noah (Y4)**

**Chloe (Y3)**

**Daisy TD (Y6)**

**Karis (Y4)**

**Connie (Y5)**

**Keeleigh (Y6)**

**Bea Mu (Y1)**

**Well Done**

## Attendance

### Week ending 16.7.21

Hedgehogs –95.7%

Squirrels – 100%

Badgers – 95.9%

Foxes – 97.1%

This week the winners are

**Squirrels**



## Gold Star Awards

**Arthur (Y2) Dexter (Y4) Phoebe P (Y4) Robyn (Y2) Joanna (Y1) Victoria (Y2) Annella (Y3) Ernest (Y2)**

**Well Done**

## Achievements Out of School

**Oliver (Y1) passed his Stage 3 Swimming Award**

**Congratulations!**

## House Point Scores

**Sandways**

**759**

**Chaffeymoor**

**685**

**Queen Oak**

**757**

## Hedgehogs News

The pool has been beautifully warm this week and Hedgehogs have been working really hard at swimming across the pool with or without buoyancy aids, trying not to touch the bottom! We are lucky that we still have two more swimming sessions to enjoy next week. In English we have been reading poems and wrote our own version of a poem called When I Close my Eyes. We had to use our imaginations and senses to complete our own poems. The Reception children wrote a poem together and Year 1s wrote them individually. Some fantastic ideas and great vocabulary used by the children – the Word Womble was very impressed! On Tuesday we had a first aid session with Miss Mullins leading it. We learnt all about what to do when someone gets injured and had great fun bandaging each other up! In science, we have been using our senses again... this time to smell and taste all different items. In D.T. we made a sliding picture and the children enjoyed explaining their creation to the class. They should have all brought them home to show you. Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine!

Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff ☺



## Squirrels News

This week in Science, Squirrels have been harvesting the potatoes that they grew with Mrs Welshman. They worked in small groups to carefully cut up their potatoes into chips, before cooking them in the oven and adding seasoning. They all enjoyed eating them in the class and I heard they were "DELICIOUS!!"

In History they have been looking closely at the life of Captain Sir Tom Moore as part of our "Be the Best!" topic work. The children researched his life finding out that he was born on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 1920, that he was a soldier who was based in Burma during the Second World War and that during the pandemic he walked 100 laps of his garden at the age of 99 and raised an amazing £32 million for the NHS. We all agreed that he was someone who most definitely demonstrated our three Christian Values.

Finally, in Swimming the children have been focussing on swimming on their backs. They have all made great progress and I look forward to handing out lots of certificates next week. Well done Squirrels. Mr Abbott



### **Badgers News**

This week Badgers have been finishing their illustrated poems using The Lost Words book and trying really hard with their handwriting. Furthermore, they have been drawing pictures of images of the village. These are potentially both entries are for the September Bourton Village Show - don't forget to enter them in time for what should be an enjoyable Saturday just before the beginning of next term.

We also had our final Samba drumming session. We made a video of our samba groove ostinato complete with the class' own rhythm. The teacher Mr Randall was really impressed with Badgers as apparently they were the only class in the area he's been teaching to have managed this! The children have also been trying hard to achieve their swimming grades. Can they complete their lengths without putting their feet down/with good style/do a mushroom float for 10 seconds? And much more.....

In RE, we have been learning about the dedication of the Salvation Army and their foundation based on trying to live as Jesus did, acting out of love for others.

Ms Rankin and Mrs Welshman

### **Foxes News**

In Foxes this week Miss Mullins, who is a paramedic, and Mrs Twiston Davies, who is a nurse, came in to teach us some vital first aid skills linked to our topic 'A Healthy Heart'. We learnt what to do if someone chokes, burns them self or has serious bleeding. We also practised resuscitation and rehearsing what to say if you need to dial for an ambulance. This was a wonderful session and we appreciate the time and effort the ladies put into this for us.

In English Foxes wrote a balanced argument about whether Cameron Kelsey, a character from our class reader, should have a pig's heart transplant. The children worked hard thinking about quotes to use in the debate and selected some strong vocabulary.

In Maths we plotted shapes on a grid and read the coordinates. We then considered what the new coordinates would be if we moved the shapes. Year 6 even used grids with 4 quadrants, using negative coordinates. We also enjoyed our last session in the pool this week by having lots of fun races and relays.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman

Uniform swap, donate or buy stall after school on Wednesday on the field by the Hall doors.

If you have spare or outgrown uniform, please come along to either donate or swap.

If you need uniform for September we have lots of spare uniform which you can purchase for a donation towards school.

### Dates for the Diary:

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> July – Foxes to ASC Portland – Sailing Day  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> July – School Transition morning/day  
Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> July – 9.15am Leavers Service (Year 6 Parents ONLY)  
Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Fun afternoon including Water Fight!  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Break up for Summer Holiday **1:30pm FINISH** we will be clapping out our Year 6 children so please join us if you are waiting by the gate!

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> September new term starts**

### School Twitter Page:

@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!

### End of year reports

Today your child has been sent home with their annual end of year report. Please look out for it in their book bags. The report is generally the same as previous years however it does not include any attendance data and there are no SATs results for Year 6 either.

The report recognises what your child has achieved in school from the start of the school year, throughout the period of lockdown, and since returning to school in March.



### 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.



**Reminder: The Car Park is for Staff use only this includes when dropping off for breakfast club.**

### 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.

### SUNTAN CREAM

The forecast for next week is hot and sunny so can we please ask that the children have suntan cream applied before school. Unfortunately, we are not able to assist children in applying sun cream throughout the day so a once-a-day cream would be good.





We have made it all the way to Tokyo! Well done we have arrived just in time for the delayed Tokyo 2020 games to begin.

### Cake Sale

**Daisy R in Y6 is holding a Cake Sale on the school field on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July to raise money for Hanna's Holiday Appeal.**

### The Year of Reading at St George's

This year, ready to launch our **Year of Reading** in September, we have redesigned our writing curriculum. We have placed key reading books at the heart of our units, along with identifying key texts to use across the other curriculum subjects. I have spent many hours researching a wide range of reading books and selected high-quality texts to complement our curriculum. I have compiled a list of these books using an Amazon Wish List, as to purchase them all in one go would be a huge cost. If anyone would like to purchase and donate a book to us at school and start us on our way, we would be very grateful. We would add an acknowledgment in the front of the book to thank whoever so generously donated the book to us. We are also happy to add a message to the note in the front of the book too, if you wish. Please have a look at the books by following the link below...

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/16AOBV159X9M5?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/16AOBV159X9M5?ref=wl_share)

### **Book Amnesty – return school books before the end of term!**

Please keep searching book bags and book cases at home and return any school library or reading books. The teachers will be gathering in the books so we can audit them over the holiday. If you would like to borrow school books over the holidays, please let the class teachers know so we can arrange for your child to take them home.

**Next week will be an emotional one as we come to the end of the term and say farewell to some of the children who are leaving for pastures new. Our Year 6 children have an exciting week ahead of them as we remember their time with us. To celebrate all their memories, we are holding a special Leavers' Service on Thursday morning outside. Unfortunately, we can only invite Year 6 parents as we are still following the Government guidance for schools until the end of term. Year 6 parents please bring tissues as the children and staff will be sharing their memories.**

**The children often like having a school shirt signed. To do this we are asking them to bring in a spare school shirt from Monday for everyone to sign. The children will still need to wear full uniform until the end of term and will not be able to have a shirt that is being worn signed.**

**On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July Foxes are having a day on the water as we go sailing off Portland – please complete the permission forms so your child can attend. Don't forget they need to be in school at 8am!**

**On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July in the afternoon, we will be having a fun afternoon which will involve a House Team Water Fight. The children will need to bring a change of clothing, a towel and a water pistol! The children have all worked incredibly hard this year (as have the staff) and this is an opportunity to have some fun in the sun.**

**Finally, school finishes on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 1:30pm – we will be gathering on the playground to give our Year 6 leavers a round of applause.**



**BRUTON SCHOOL  
FOR GIRLS**

**Musical Theatre  
Summer School**

**Monday 16th - Friday 20th August**  
10am to 3pm

Suitable for 8-14 year-olds  
Food provided  
**£200 for 5 days**

Learning and performing a new musical  
theatre production written by **Paul Denegri**

**TO BOOK**  
please email Mr Dury, Director of Music  
by **Friday 25th June**  
mdury@brutonschool.co.uk

On the 8th of August 2021 Sue Maidment will be doing a sponsored skydive in aid of The Grand Appeal.

It is a charity very close to our hearts.

If you would like to make a donation to this amazing charity please click the link below to find the Just Giving page:

<https://bit.ly/3e7QTKy>




**26 - 30 July 2021 ~ Fun, free, family-friendly activities**

**WOODLAND WILD THINGS** drop in anytime  
@ Angus Wood, Blandford Forum  
Monday 26th July ..... 10am - 3pm  
Woodland and nature-based activities, including have a go at owl pellet dissection!

**BUMBLEBEE DAY** BOOKING REQUIRED  
@ Martin Down National Nature Reserve  
Wednesday 28th July .... 10.30am - 12.30pm  
Games, creative activities, species ID and bumble bee handling.

**FAMILY ACTIVITY DAY** BOOKING REQUIRED  
@ National Trust Fontmell Down Forest School  
Tuesday 27th July ..... 10am - 3pm  
Woodland fun day - den building and more - led by a Level 3 Forest School Practitioner.  
Ages 5-11.

**BAT WALK** BOOKING REQUIRED  
@ Larmer Tree Gardens  
Wednesday 28th July ..... 9pm

**RIVER DIPPING** BOOKING REQUIRED  
@ Broad Chalke (venue tbc)  
Tuesday 27th July ..... 10am and 11am  
River dipping and invertebrate monitoring  
For all ages - two x 1 hour sessions.

**FAMILY ACTIVITY DAY** BOOKING REQUIRED  
@ National Trust Fontmell Down Forest School  
Thursday 29th July ..... 10am - 3pm  
Woodland fun day - den building and more - led by a Level 3 Forest School Practitioner.  
Ages 5-11.

**WILD FAMILY FUN** drop in anytime  
@ Coombe Bissett Down Nature Reserve  
Friday 30th July ..... 10am - 1pm  
Creative activities, nature hunts and trails.  
Park at Village Hall.

**BOOK YOUR PLACE...**

[www.cranbornechase.org.uk/events](http://www.cranbornechase.org.uk/events)  
#chaseandchalke  
(Children to be accompanied by adults at all events)

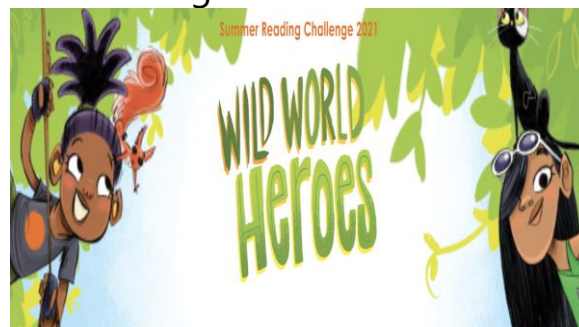
Funding for the Chase & Chalke Landscape Partnership Scheme comes from the National Lottery Heritage Fund thanks to National Lottery players.

### **Library reading challenge**

All our local libraries will once again be hosting a Summer Reading Challenge. In the past we have had high numbers of children complete the challenge over the holiday. It would be lovely if we can break a record and have even more children taking part this year. This year the theme is "Wild World Heroes". You will need to visit the website

[www.wildworldheroes.org.uk](http://www.wildworldheroes.org.uk)

to find out more and register for the challenge.



## **Support for children and parents**

Encourage your child to talk to you or their teacher if they are feeling anxious or stressed.

Online resources to help you support your child with mental health and wellbeing, include:

- MindEd - a free educational resource on children and young people's mental health
- Every Mind Matters - an online tool and email journey to support everyone in taking action to look after their mental health and wellbeing
- Bereavement UK and the Childhood Bereavement Network - information and resources to support bereaved pupils, schools and staff
- the DfE blog - includes mental health resources for children, parents, carers and school staff.

Public Health England's (PHE) advice and guidance for parents and professionals on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing includes actions you can take to support your child and emphasises the importance of taking 60 minutes of daily physical activity.

Youth Sport Trust and Sport England have advice and support on helping children and young people stay physically active.

NHS mental health services remain open and have digital tools to connect with people and provide ongoing support. Please use your local children and young people's mental health service when needed.

Get free, confidential support at any time by:  
texting SHOUT to 85258  
calling Childline on 0800 1111  
calling the Mix on 0808 808 4994

Find help online through:

- Young Minds - information on coronavirus (COVID-19) and mental health
- Think Ninja - a free app for 10 to 18 year olds to help build resilience and stay well
- Every Mind Matters - building resilience and supporting good mental health in young people aged 10 to 16 PHE has also launched new e-learning which can help parents and carers to support their children and young people in emergency or crisis situations.

Barnardo's See, Hear, Respond service, provides support to children, young people and their families who are not currently seeing a social worker or other agency, and who are struggling to cope with the emotional impacts of COVID-19.

Use the See, Hear, Respond self-referral webpage or Freephone 0800 151 7015.

Report any safeguarding concerns you have about any child.

Contact the NSPCC helpline.