



## *Kindness, Thankfulness, Perseverance*

I hope that everyone is keeping well and looking forward to the brighter weather that half term is hopefully bringing! It is hard to believe that we will very shortly be in the last half term of this academic year! Due to the current situation many of the usual planned activities for the summer term will not be possible again this year, however we will continue to deliver enriched curriculum opportunities whenever possible. As you are aware, we hear about changes to the roadmap out of lockdown at the same time as everyone; we will keep you informed of any changes to protocols or procedures through our newsletters and emails.

I would like to say a really big well done to the children. Things have changed enormously for them over the past 18 months and we are very proud of how they have adapted to the changes that have happened. I hope that they are able to have a good week off, be well rested when they return on the 7th June and ready for a lovely term 6!

From today—Thursday 27th May there will be no need for adults to wear masks when dropping off and picking up at the gate but staff in school will continue to wear them when moving around the building. All we ask is that parents please continue to remain socially distanced from others when waiting to collect their child.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for abiding by the restrictions we have needed to put in place to mitigate risk since March 2020. Although there are still many uncertainties related to new variants, we are really hoping that everything is moving in the direction of returning to much of our pre-covid way of life.

Finally, I will share information about staffing with you after the half term break. We are delighted to have appointed a new teacher this term, Mrs Ramage, who will be joining us in September but coming in to get to know the school when she can in term 6.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term holiday.

### **Happy Birthday**



Joshua (10)

Hollie (9)

Willow (5)

Pippa (6)

Mrs Travers

Miss D

*Many Happy Returns*

### **House Point Scores**

**Sandways**

**992**

**Chaffeymoor**

**763**

**Queen Oak**

**931**

This terms winners **Sandways**

### Attendance

#### Week ending 27.5.21

Hedgehogs – 98.9%

Squirrels – 100%

Badgers – 99.3%

Foxes – 99.3%

This week the winners are

### **Squirrels**



### Breakfast Club

Our breakfast Club has spaces throughout the week. It is open from 7:45am and the children who are attending have great fun playing games, making things and eating breakfast in school. Book a place for your child at:

<http://phsports.co.uk/online-bookings/>

It is with great sadness that I write to let you know that Harry Lawes passed away peacefully this week. Harry has been associated with St George's School for over 40 years as a friend, neighbour, Governor and parent. We send our deepest condolences to Harry's family at this very sad time.

### **Dates for the Diary:**

Fri 28th May - INSET Day

Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June - Half Term

Mon 7th June – Fri 23rd July – Summer Term 2

Thurs 10th June – Gillingham Teachers to visit Yr6

Tues 15th June – Class Photos

Wed 16th June – KS2 Tri-Golf session

Mon 21st June – Life Education Van Visiting School

### School Start Times

It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class and to prevent unnecessary crossing in to bubble groups by adults escorting late children. We are seeing an increase in the number of children arriving late to school.

**Badgers and Squirrels start time is 8:40am**

**Foxes and Hedgehogs start time is 8:50am**

Congratulations to our Year 5 and Year 6 children who completed their Bikeability 2 course this week. They all now know how to cycle in torrential rain!

Well done, Sam, Oliver R, Daisy TD, James L, Florence B, Elsie SR, Joshua, Lochlan, Daisy D, Arthur R, Maisie-Grace, Paddy, Rafe, Billy, Keeleigh, Honie-May, Elliot and Bertie

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out with Swimming sessions. We are still short of helpers for Hedgehog Class on a Wednesday afternoon. If you are able to help please let us know so our younger children get the full benefit of using the pool.

### Swimming Pool

**Good News the pool is warming up and we are planning on Swimming lessons starting on Tuesday 8th June**

### POP UP CAFÉ – Stourhead

#### **Sunday 30th May**

Please come along to the PTFA pop up café at the Memorial Hall on the Stourhead estate on Sunday 30th May

open 10am – 5pm.

The PTFA will be selling delicious cakes and serving hot drinks.

See you there!

## Hedgehogs News

Super Science Week! Hedgehogs have been busy little scientists this week, investigating all sorts of ideas and questions. We started with a Mad Scientist session led by Super Sian exploring movement of air, air pressure and air vacuums. We continued the theme of air by making some straw aeroplanes. We predicted which one we thought would fly the furthest and then tested them to see if we were right, concluding why we thought that was the case. On Tuesday, we had a bubble day. We began by trying to make a giant bubble using a hoop. It started well, but the wind was not on our side! We then went on to investigate which shape of bubble wand makes the best bubbles. We were pleasantly surprised by how well they all worked! We also made some bubble pictures by blowing bubbly paint – much fun. On Wednesday we completed a House Challenge to make a boat which could float in water and hold up 20 marbles. It was very exciting; only 5 boats sank and 8 boats held all 20 marbles without toppling over. This morning we have been investigating whether the size of a paper aeroplane affects how far it will fly and this afternoon we have been investigating which is the best biscuit for dunking! A super investigative Science Week.

We hope you have a fantastic half term. When we return, we will be starting swimming on the first Wednesday back. Stay safe and fingers crossed for lovely warm weather over the break. Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff



## Squirrels News

### Science Week in Squirrels

This week the children in Squirrels class have enjoyed our Science week and all the fun and engaging experiments that we have been doing. On Monday we had our Mad Science workshop with Super Sian and the children learnt all about air pressure and were amazed when she managed to get an egg into a small beaker. She also used a hair dryer to make a balloon and ping pong ball float in the air.

On Tuesday the children enjoyed investigating bubbles. They were challenged to make different shapes of bubbles using pipe cleaners, before seeing if they could make a giant bubble using a PE hoop. Also on Tuesday, the children explored density by mixing oil and water. They discovered that the two liquids separate and the oil sits on top because it is "less dense.". They then placed small items into the jars to see if they float on the top or sink, or sink only half way down the jar.

Finally, on Wednesday the children participated in the House Challenge to design and build boats which could float on water while carrying marbles. The winning boat was able to hold an incredible 78 marbles before it sank. In the afternoon, we used magnets to investigate materials that are magnetic. We discovered that objects made from metal usually are magnetic, however not always, as an old 2p coin was not attracted to the magnet!

A massive thank you to all the children for their enthusiasm this week. Mr Abbott



## **Badgers News**

Badgers have had a lovely final week of this half term. We have been exploring Science in a variety of ways. Like the rest of the school, we had a wonderful bubble day. We found that we could make bubble snakes out of old plastic bottles and socks. It needed a lot of puff! The children learnt that bubbles stick to wet surfaces without popping and that the popping happens as a result of the evaporation of the water content. On Tuesday we tried to make butter by shaking cream in a jar; the fat globules stick together and gradually form a clump. This was linked to our Stone Age topic. We also made bread rolls to put the 'butter' on.

Our final Science day was a day investigating the helicopter- like mechanism of sycamore seeds. We testing our paper helicopters for accuracy, number of spins and speed. The rest of the day was spent comparing the dunkability of a variety of biscuits! How long before they break in liquid?

Have a lovely Whitsun holiday.



Ms Rankin and Mrs Welshman

## **Foxes News**



Foxes have thoroughly enjoyed our Science and STEM week. We started the week by finally making our dragon models which have moving parts powered by cams. We had dragon jaws which opened and breathed fire, dragons which spun and hatching eggs. They had to persevere and solve problems and everyone managed to make a successful model.

We also had fun playing with bubbles; exploring how to make different shaped bubbles. The class were teamwork tigers and decided they wanted to make bigger bubbles so joined their bubble wands together.

We further developed our problem solving skills when we designed boats for the house challenge. Foxes were really good at testing ideas and making alterations...especially if their boat sunk. Queen Oak had an amazing design which held 76 marbles before sinking to the bottom.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman



# Reminders

## Covid Tests

If you or a family member has had to have a Covid-19 test, please make sure you inform school of the test results BEFORE sending your child back in. Test results should be sent to [office@bourton.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@bourton.dorset.sch.uk)

## Headlice

We have had several cases of headlice in school recently. Please make sure you check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary.

## 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.



## A Polite Plea:

Can we please ask everyone to check and name their child's clothing this half term holiday, especially jumpers. We have found lots without names in!

## Reminder

The Car Park is for Staff Use only.

## School Twitter Page:

@StBourton



## Warmer Weather:

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

## 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.

## Absence

When calling in to report your child's absence please tell us what is wrong with them. Please don't just say not well as we are having to keep a close eye on illnesses during this time due to Covid.

## 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.

**Half Term Track and Trace:** We have been asked by the DfE to continue to provide a Track and Trace facility during the holiday. Please inform [head@bourton.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:head@bourton.dorset.sch.uk) if your child or someone in your family develop symptoms during the holiday or a member of your household needs to have a Covid Test so we can inform all close contacts.