



It's hard to believe we are already in October. We started the week thinking about welcoming change into our lives through our virtual whole school worship, we thought about the changing seasons and changes in our school life. The children across school have amazed me at how quickly they have settled into the new school year welcoming the changes. They have all quickly become used to learning and having break and lunches in class bubbles, following one way systems, sharing collective worship remotely and washing and sanitising their hands regularly. Our Reception children attended school full time this week and have adapted marvellously.

Keeping our pupils, their families and our staff safe in the current circumstances is vitally important and we must all adhere to the guidance for as long as necessary. Of course, we are all missing the sense of community and togetherness that we usually enjoy – stopping to chat on the playground, inviting volunteers in to help out in classrooms and celebrating achievements through assemblies – but we are confident that these events and others, that contribute to our “St George's magic” will resume in time.

This term, our calendar of events would ordinarily see us extending warm invitations for you to attend church services, phonics workshops, and parents' evenings in school. However, in light of the current Government guidance, we are busy preparing alternative arrangements to ensure events still take place, albeit remotely. Parents' Evenings will take place remotely during the week beginning 2nd November, where you can join us from the comfort of your own homes, with a large mug of tea or coffee! More information and joining details will follow very soon. It's not our way to be deterred or defeated by obstacles that come our way... together we will think around things and find a way to do things differently for a while. Have a lovely weekend

Jill

#HelloYellow day –

Friday 9th October



On Friday 9th October we will be joining thousands of schools, offices and community groups taking part in #HelloYellow and raising vital funds to support the charity YoungMinds.

The children are invited to come to school wearing yellow in exchange for a donation.



HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Every year we celebrate Harvest in school and this year is no exception. We may not be able to join together in St George's Church as in previous years, but we are still going to celebrate the Harvest in school.

Our plan is to spend Wednesday 7th October as a Harvest Day. Each class will be taking part in Harvest related activities throughout the day and Rev Ben will help us celebrate the Harvest with a virtual worship.

We are now able to collect food items for the Lords Table food bank in Yeovil – please see the attached list of suggested donations.

Just a gentle reminder that the school car park is for school staff and visitors only. This is important now more than ever as we are encouraging families to socially distance in the car park area at school drop off and pick up times (the staff will all be safely parked by this time).



Sad news about our School Guinea Pigs

While we have been on lockdown Mrs Shears and her family have been kindly looking after our school Guinea Pigs, keeping them company and enjoying taking care of them, we have had lots of photographs of them playing in the Shears garden. Unfortunately, we have to share the news that Ginger has sadly passed away. He wasn't poorly and died peacefully in his sleep. Mrs Shears and her family are continuing to look after George, who is missing Ginger but doing well.

Head Teacher's Award

Week ending: 2/10/2020



Scarlett (Hedgehogs) - for the excellent effort she is putting into independent learning.

Ethan (Squirrels) – for having a positive attitude to all his learning.

Chloe (Badgers) - for being a lovely, polite and calm member of the class always aiming to please.

Florence B (Foxes) - for working incredibly hard and even trying some of the extra challenges in Maths.

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards

Week ending: 2/10/2020



Joey for being a Reviewing rabbit

Sophie R for being a Reasoning Robin

Alex for being a Teamwork Tiger

Billv for being a Reasoning Robin



Pupil of the week

Week ending: 2/10/2020



Hedgehogs: Dulcie

Squirrels: Dolly

Badgers: Phoebe S

Foxes: Daisy D

Birthdays

Ivy (6), Ethan (6), James (10) and Jacob (8)



Many Happy Returns

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. children in school with severe Nut Allergies.



Achievements Out of School

Ethan (Y1) – was awarded a medal for doing brilliant listening and concentrating well during football training.

Congratulations!



Christian Value of the Month:

Community

Attendance

Week ending 2.10.20

Hedgehogs - 99%

Squirrels – 97.8%

Badgers – 96.7%

Foxes – 88.4%

This week the winners are

Hedgehogs



Useful websites

Is my child too ill for school? NHS guidelines:
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



House Point Scores

Sandways

449

Chaffeymoor

360

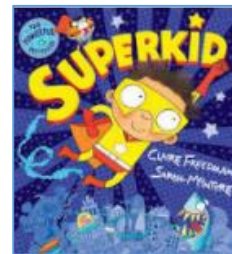
Queen Oak

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As we are not able to welcome parents into school for our weekly Achievement Assemblies the classes will share a little of what they have been up to here on the newsletter. Awards will start again next Friday.

Hedgehogs News

In Hedgehogs, we started our new topic of 'Heroes and Heroines'. We read the story of Superkid and thought about what he was like. We had lots of ideas like brave, helpful, awesome and strong. The Word Womble gave us some more words to use: fearless and tough. We were all "Have-a-go Hyena's" and did some writing to go on display. Year 1s also wrote the ending to the story about his helpful sidekick the Hamster. We continue to have phonics sessions every day and are working on blending sounds to read words. We also made superhero bracelets and masks. Some of our superhero toys were trapped and we used tweezers to rescue them, strengthening our fingers and practising fine motor control. We have also had lots of conker fun this week. We used them in maths to do some conker counting, focussing on the language of 1 more. We also explored 1 less, when the squirrel came along and ate the conkers! Year 1s explored the same concept using number lines up to 20. In the courtyard, we had conker shells and explored which tools were the best to get the conkers out of their shell. We also investigated the best way of rolling conkers down gutter channels, problem-solving to make the slopes higher or lower and looking at which shaped conkers roll the best. Conkers were also used in the kitchen corner to make some delicious conker soup! A lovely week.



Squirrels News

This week in Squirrels we continued to look at the story Supertato as part of our "Heroes and Heroines" topic. We have focussed on writing questions for Supertato using words like Why, Where and When and ending them with a question mark. The children then enjoyed our hot-seating activity where they became Supertato and the rest of the class asked them questions – they all enjoyed being "Questioning Queen-Bees!"

In Science we have been looking at, sorting and describing different materials such as metal, wood and glass. The children were able to share what objects are made from as well as being able to group objects according to their properties. Mr. Abbott



Badgers News

This week in Badgers we have continued to learn about the Roman Army. We are sharing a wonderful book about a Roman boy called Marcus who is adopted by some Iron Age Britons and therefore can see 'history' from both sides.

We have practised improving our writing using interesting connectives and have also made reading a focus in small groups, comprehension practice and in the reading challenge; see our photo of the winner and runners up of this first trip to the moon.

Badgers children are back on the starting blocks of the launch pad and the next moon landing could be anyone's!

Ms Rankin and Mrs McGinty



Foxes News

This week in Foxes we have continued to find-out about life in South America and designed our own plants suitable for the Amazon rainforest. We finished planning our Brazilian carnival masks and started to look at the works of Brazilian artist Romero Britto. Outside, we practised standing long jump and were astounded at how far some of us can jump in just one leap. In Maths this week we completed a couple of Maths investigations involving column addition and saw some real focus and determination to solve the problem. We also had fun with the house challenge and had some very creative ideas.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman

House Challenge – Sandways came first overall – 100 extra points! Well done

This week we held our first House Challenge of the year. The children worked in their houses (within each class) to try to create the tallest tower using only 4 pieces of sugar paper and a roll of masking tape. The winning structure from each class earned their house extra house points. The children were great “planning pandas” and “team work tigers” as they worked together.



Reception Virtual Phonic Meeting – Tuesday 6th October 6:30pm

This meeting will explain more about how we teach Reading and Phonics here at St George's. It is beneficial for all parents, including those with siblings in higher year groups as we have changed to the Read Write Inc scheme recently and would love to update you with the changes.

Reception parents please look out for an invitation via email to attend.

Year 1 and 2 parents watch out for a date coming out inviting you to a phonic screening check meeting.

Survey about Home Devices

To enable us to plan ahead and explore the options for home learning in the event of a bubble shut down or partial closure of the school we have put together a short survey. We would be grateful if you could complete the survey so we know the availability of access to IT for children whilst at home.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fQh5oZPWrUm-Ap1nWCqtvgsTDSKJ-3pHrnYswhl6v69UNVVERE1ZMIINT0xFRIdQUE1ZWFc2RUpRRC4u>

Dorset Libraries have a range of FREE online events taking place this month.

- On Saturday 10 October 10.00am – 11.00am Treehouse Theatre will be performing the *Magic Paintbrush*. When Liang, a Chinese peasant boy is given a paintbrush by a mysterious stranger – he discovers that whatever he paints magically come to life. Join in at home and share your speedy sketches. This is an online event using Zoom. Ideal for families with children aged 2 – 7 years. Book a FREE ticket for the whole family on [Eventbrite](#) now!
- On Friday 16th October 9.30am – 10.15am award winning children's author Teresa Heapy will be sharing stories from her Very Little series of Fairy Tales and talking about being a writer in this **event for schools**. There'll be a Q & A at the end, so thinking caps on for those questions. Limited places available, so book a FREE ticket for your class on [Eventbrite](#) now!
- On Friday 29 October 11.00 – 11.45 ZooLab will be taking us on a wicked adventure! Families can follow our friendly witch, Zog, on a rhyming broomstick ride! She offers a ride to a selection of amazing animal hitchhikers, who the children will get to meet! However, it's not all plain sailing. Will Zog's journey end with a bump? Ideal for families with children aged 5+ Book a FREE ticket for the whole family on [Eventbrite](#) now!