



## *Kindness, Thankfulness, Perseverance*

Welcome back to Term 6, I hope you all had a restful half term and the chance to enjoy some of the lovely weather. It has been wonderful to see all the children back in school this week with the highlight being the opening of the swimming pool. Despite a slightly tense morning on Monday waiting to see if we could fix the heat pump after it stopped working over the weekend, we were able to open as planned on Tuesday morning to some very excited Squirrels. We are extremely lucky to have our own Swimming Pool and are extremely grateful to everyone for their donations which support the running costs each year. Mrs Moores worked out that the pool has been used here at St George's for 55 years this summer.

This week we welcomed Aralynne to Hedgehogs we hope she will be very happy here at St George's.

We have a busy term ahead of us and we were eagerly anticipating that the Covid guidance for schools would change to allow us to hold more "normal" summer activities with spectators, unfortunately the guidance hasn't changed and therefore we are planning our events this term under the current guidance. This does mean that we will be holding our Sports Day during the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> June but in class bubbles and without parent spectators. We will share all the news from Sports Races in the newsletter and aim to video record the event to share with you all. If you are able to volunteer to come and record the sports races for us, please get in touch with the office.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

**SUN SUN SUN!** Just a reminder as ever that children must have a bottle of water in school. Please also apply all day sun cream before coming to school. We have shaded areas in the school grounds and the children are encouraged to use them. It is also helpful if you send your child with a suitable hat for PE/break times which is named.

### **Euros Themed Non-Uniform Day –Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021**

To celebrate the Euros, we are holding a non-uniform day within Sports week to raise money for playground resources. A donation of £1 would be welcomed.

### **Year 6 leavers and new Reception starters:**

We are busy planning our Year 6 leavers events and transition sessions under the current guidance. A separate letter will be sent home to our Year 6 families inviting them to an outdoor socially distanced leavers service at the end of term, along with a Year 6 BBQ. We have also planned a very exciting sailing trip for our Year 6s during the last week of the term.

We are also looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children into school this term. We have story time sessions and class visits planned for them along with them joining us on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June as we hold our meet your new teacher morning across the whole school.

**Christian Vision and Values review:** This year as a school we have been reviewing our Vision and Christian Values. As part of this work we would like to gather the views of the parents regarding our Christian vision. On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 9-10am we will be hosting a Parent Forum session on the playground to gather ideas. If you would like to attend please let the school office know. We are having to limit the number of people due to Covid restrictions and the meeting will be held outside.

## Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 11/6/2021

**Aralynne (Hedgehogs)** – for settling in so well to our school, even swimming in her first week.

**James (Squirrels)** – for great descriptive sentences this week.

**Amy (Badgers)** – for being a good friend to others.

**Jasper (Foxes)** – for fantastic focus in his writing this week.

**WELL DONE!**

## Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 11/6/2021

**Ben** for being an Imagining Iguana

**Elsie-Brooke** for being a Concentrating Camel

**Phoebe S** for being a Teamwork Tiger



**Lucas H** for being a Have a Go Hyena

**Ava** for being a Have a Go Hyena



## Pupil of the week

Week ending: 11/6/2021

Hedgehogs: Jemima

Squirrels: Thea

Badgers: Hollie

Foxes: Ollie R

**Well done**

## Silver Star Awards

Arthur (Y6)

Evie (Y6)

Lochi (Y6)

Madison (Y2)

Vita (Y2)

**Well done**



## Attendance

Week ending 11.6.21

Hedgehogs – 96.1%

Squirrels – 100%

Badgers – 97.4%

Foxes – 98.3%

This week the winners are

**Squirrels**



## Happy Birthday



Mrs Welshman

Mrs Moores

*Many Happy Returns*

## Gold Star Awards

Ethan (Y1)

Elsie (Y1)

Eliza (Y1)

James (Y1)

Isla (Y1)

Sophie B (Y2)

**Well done**

## House Point Scores

**Sandways**

**64**

**Chaffeymoor**

**80**

**Queen Oak**

**71**

## Hedgehogs News

A sunny week to start the term and some very excited Hedgehogs. Swimming has been much anticipated and the children had a fantastic first dip in the pool with the sun shining. Back in the classroom, we have begun our 'Be the Best' topic where each week we will be looking at different famous sporting heroes and their achievements. In English we have been looking at fact files and rehearsing factual sentences, ready for writing. In maths we have been learning about addition and 'counting on' to find the answer. The Year 1s have also been using their knowledge of number bonds to add more efficiently. In topic we looked at books with moving parts and we all made a simple lift-the-flap picture to make a weightlifter lift the weights! In science yesterday we looked at how much our sunflower seeds have grown over the half term break and recorded the change in our seed diaries.



Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff ☺

## Squirrels News

Welcome back! In Squirrels, the children have been extremely excited as we started our swimming lessons. This week, the focus was swimming on our fronts, and the children used the noodles to perfect their front crawl leg kick as well as practising breathing to the side. We are looking forward to lots more swimming this summer.

This week, we also started our new topic of "Be the Best!" and in Science, the children have been looking at the parts of the body. With Miss Finn, the children went on to the playground, drew around each other and then labelled parts such as the brain, the heart and the lungs.

Finally, in DT, the children have been investigating levers and sliders. They used a template to make a magician's hat with a rabbit popping out of it, before designing and creating their own. We had lots of "Imagining Iguanas". Mr Abbott



## **Badgers News**

During our first week back, Badgers have enjoyed starting a new topic which is British Countryside. We have been exploring the flora and fauna of six diverse types of British Countryside. We started to think more about woodlands and identified the leaves of a variety of commonly found British trees. The children have done leaf rubbings and have had a go at botanical illustrations of leaves and seeds. In Science this term we will be discovering how the detailed properties of plants and flowers enable them to disperse seeds and reproduce.

The swimming sessions have been a highlight this week too. Despite the lockdown non-swimming period, the children's swimming looks fantastic! We are also practising our athletics skills - relay, sprinting, jumping and throwing. Next week, we have a visiting Tri- Golf teacher to give the children an experience of that sport.

In English we are finishing off our persuasive brochure writing, in preparation for trying our own persuasive text.

Musical notes: there have also been the encouraging signs of the new Badgers' violinists filling the school; meanwhile Samba is still going strong - and is great fun- and we're hoping that other children sign up for next term's group woodwind lessons!

Enjoy the sunny weekend,

Ms Rankin and Mrs Welshman



## **Foxes News**

We kick started our new topic, Healthy Heart, with an afternoon of sampling healthier snacks. We tried pea and bean sticks, spicy chickpeas, and best of all, we made heaps of popcorn and sampled various toppings. If parents are seeking inspiration for birthday or Christmas presents, many of Foxes are keen to get their hands on a popcorn machine! Although we also taught Mrs Moores how to make it in a pan too!

In English, we read a version of Anthony Browne's story, The Tunnel, and started to write our own adventure story, travelling through a tunnel and arriving in a mysterious land. We focused on techniques to engage the reader by varying our sentence openers and describing the settings in detail.

Another highlight of the week was definitely being able to go swimming. The sun shone down on us on Tuesday when we were in the pool and there was such a real buzz of excitement. The children quickly amazed us at how confident they were in the water and fun was had all round.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman



A big thank you to our PTFA for organising and running the POP Up Café at Stourhead over the Bank holiday weekend.

Thank you to everyone who helped on the day and to those who baked the cakes.

### Dates for the Diary:

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Summer Term 2  
Mon 14<sup>th</sup> June – Maths on the Move session with Foxez  
Tues 15<sup>th</sup> June – Class Photographs  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> June – Tri Golf Morning Badgers and Foxes  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> June – Computer programming session with Mr Doyle for Foxes, Badger and Squirrels  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> June Sports Week  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> June – Life Education Van visit  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> June – FGB  
Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Euro Home Clothes day  
Mon 28<sup>th</sup> June – New Reception Children Story time session

### 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!

### Considerate parking

Please make sure you are parking considerately around our village at drop off and pick up times. The staff car park is not available for parents to park in (including when picking up from after school clubs) as this is the main way for the children to leave the school site and if cars are driving into the car park it is putting our children at risk.

Also, can we please remind everyone that there should be **NO PARKING** on the main road next to the church by the grassy area and school blue gates. There have been a couple of near misses as cars are having to overtake parked cars on the brow of the hill with oncoming traffic!

Please Park safely and sensibly. A few extra footsteps could prevent an accident.

### 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

Hopefully we will be blessed with lots of Sunny weather this term 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.