



## *Kindness, Thankfulness, Perseverance*

Welcome back after what I hope was a restful break from school. Hopefully everyone has had a lovely break and enjoyed the opportunity to visit and explore – in light of the Government's most recent announcement on Saturday, we're all thankful that we've had this opportunity immediately prior to heading into another lockdown!

The children have settled back into their classes smoothly this week and have enjoyed plenty of fresh air and sunshine at breaktimes to play with their friends. I am hoping everyone who has had their Parent Teams Call this week so far has found them useful and informative.

This half-term promises to be a busy one leading up to Christmas, and as far as possible we will endeavour to run as many of our usual Christmas celebrations as we can, so watch this space for Christmas celebrations, nativity news etc. Have a lovely weekend, stay safe. Jill

Commemorating Remembrance this year will be very different however in school we are still marking this important occasion. We will be joining Rev. Ben and our local community on a live video link to commemorate the fallen. We will then hold a silence in each class. This year the British Legion are asking people to colour in a poppy to display in your window. Please don't forget to display your poppy picture (sent home before the half term) in your window at home. We have our school poppies on display too. Between now and Remembrance Day poppy related items will be on sale in school.



### **Birthday Celebrations:**

We have seen a wonderful idea from another school, and we think it is something really special that we would like to introduce here at St George's.

As a result of current Covid restrictions, many children are missing out on celebrating their birthday with family and friends as they usually would, with parties or gatherings that are currently not allowed during this time. We understand our children have already had so many changes and had to adapt to new rules and regulations both at school and home, and their emotional wellbeing is something that is very important to us.

Therefore, we would like to take the opportunity to celebrate their birthdays in school with their friends in class. We have decided we will hold a party afternoon in each class on the last Friday afternoon of each month, this will be to celebrate all the children (and staff) who have had their birthday that month. The children will have party games, and fun with their classmates, alongside other 'birthday' treats. The children will continue as usual to wear their uniform and have their packed lunch.

If your child has already had their birthday during September and October, they will be included in the first birthday celebration on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. We hope this will go a little way to helping in these strange Covid times.

## Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 6/11/2020

**Georgia (Hedgehogs)** – for demonstrating her excellent listening skills this week in school.

**Harry R (Squirrels)** – for his ability to work co-operatively and respectfully with all members of class.

**Charlotte P (Badgers)** - for being a great role model in both her learning and behaviour.

**Lucas H (Foxes)** for being really focused and engaged in his learning.

WELL DONE!

## Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 6/11/2020

**Sebastian** for being a Persevering Penguin

**Vita** for being a Concentrating Camel



**Esme** for being an Imagining Iguana

**Bryony and Jasper** for being Teamwork Tigers



## Bronze Star Awards



*Week ending 6/11/20*

Annella Y3, Ethan Y1,

Elsie-Brooke Y2, Eliza Y1

Congratulations

## Attendance

### Week ending 6.11.20

Hedgehogs – 100%

Squirrels – 100%

Badgers – 98.7%

Foxes – 94.9%

This week the winners are

**Hedgehogs & Squirrels**



## Pupil of the week

Week ending: 6/11/2020

Hedgehogs: William

Squirrels: Freda

Badgers: Annella

Foxes: Bertie

**Well done**

## Achievements Out of School

Each week we share achievements which have been awarded outside of school – if you have an achievement to share please let us know.

## TT Rockstar Leader Board

Week ending 6/11/2020

Arthur Y6 Rock Hero Speed 0.72

Oscar Y5 Rock Hero Speed 0.77

Joshua Y5 Rock Hero Speed 0.81

Daisy Yr5 Rock Hero Speed 0.90

Ollie Y6 Rock Hero Speed 0.95

Bertie Y5 Rock Hero Speed 0.97



## House Point Scores

**Sandways**

**80**

**Chaffeymoor**

**94**

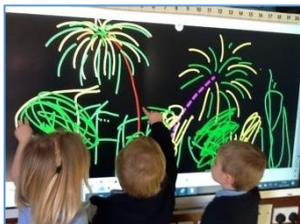
**Queen Oak**

**82**

## Hedgehogs News

In Hedgehogs, we have spent this week focusing on our 3 new school values: Kindness, Perseverance and Thankfulness. At the beginning of the week, we read a book called 'Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?' which is about how being kind to each other 'fills our buckets of happiness'. We made our own buckets of happiness and wrote messages on hearts to put in the buckets to show how to be kind or who we thought was kind (lots of Mummies and Daddies were written on the hearts ❤️). We also read the story of the Good Samaritan about being kind to others. We then went on to learn about the parable of the Lost Sheep and how the shepherd persevered to find the missing sheep. The children then had the opportunity to act out the story using the puppet show. We also read a story about the Persevering Penguin who went to flight school and had to keep persevering to get to fly even when things were very tricky. The children then created a collage penguin and drew a picture on his belly about a time they persevered. Today the children will learn about Jesus and the miracle of the 5 loaves and fishes and they will help to make some bread. On Thursday, we also watched a firework display and had lots of firework related activities in the classroom. The children particularly enjoyed making brightly coloured fireworks on a black background on the interactive whiteboard.

Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff



## Squirrels News

Welcome back!

The children in Squirrels this week have been looking closely at our core Christian Values: Kindness, Perseverance and Thankfulness. We have written acrostic poems, created posters on the computer and designed shields all linked to these Values. We have also looked closely at stories from the Bible that demonstrated the Values too, such as: Jesus heals the Paralysed Man and The Parable of the Lost Son.

On Thursday we started our cricket coaching. The children enjoyed practising their catching, bouncing and throwing skills, working independently and as part of a team. We had lots of "persevering penguins" who didn't give up even though they found it tricky.

Mr Abbott.



**We have been chosen to take part in a South West Nativity Video along with other schools—more information to follow. If you have a Kings or Camel Costume at home, you would be happy to lend us we would be grateful. We will ensure they are washed and quarantined before being worn and returned. If you can help could they be bought into school on Monday – Thank you!**

### Badgers News

This week we have been exploring Kindness, Perseverance and Thankfulness. The children have made Kindness pledges, so look out for offers of cups of tea, chores, room tidying or friendly acts - we hope! As part of perseverance and exploring teamwork we did the egg dropping experiment - which would work; attaching to a balloon, wrapping in old socks or cushioning in a pyramid constructed of paper straws?

The children have made Thankfulness wheels and filled them with pictures and words showing what they are grateful for - quite a lot it seems.

In Maths we are getting stuck into times tables and telling the time at different ends of the week. We are also writing a story - it's about a rainy evening in New York and it is called 'The Blue Umbrella'; we are having a close look at our sentence construction and our word choices.

Please practise using analogue clocks at home.

Ms Rankin and Mrs McGinty



### Foxes News

In Foxes this week we have enjoyed exploring our new school Christian values. After reading the story of the Good Samaritan, we considered how we show kindness in our everyday lives and wrote our own kindness stories and produced bright colourful posters full of acts of kindness. We were entertained by some video clips of animals persevering and then found out about famous people who faced many setbacks in their steps to success including The Beatles and Einstein. Following this, we wrote poems, 'Don't quit', loosely based on the original poem by Edgar Adam Guest. We considered how Noah showed perseverance building the ark and wrote acrostics for the word perseverance. We also wrote thankfulness prayers and have made a new prayer book for our class.

Our first cricket session with a coach from a Chance to Shine was really successful and we can't wait for our next session. We also enjoyed our Science experiment: trying to pick up different objects with various types of tweezers. We then considered how bird's beaks dictate the type of food they eat.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman

Please ensure you look after our school field and woodland area outside of school hours. We have reports of rubbish, broken tiles and plastic bags being left.

**Reading** Please listen to your child read as regularly as you can. Remember we do not have helpers in school at the moment, so one to one reading opportunities are limited. Reading in school is mainly taught by group and whole class reading lessons.

School Council Elections:

This year Mr Abbott is continuing our School Council albeit socially distanced.



The children in Foxes are able to apply for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Scribe. These positions are elected by our whole school community. The children will need to write and present their speeches which will then be shown across Teams to each class. The children will then vote. These speeches will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November in school. We also need to elect class representatives who will need to prepare a speech to present to their classmates so a vote can occur in the classrooms. Being a member of our School Council is an important role and we really value hearing the children's suggestions about how the school can be improved.

*With the new lockdown challenges we are facing, this calendar is probably more important than usual.*

## ACTION CALENDAR: NEW WAYS NOVEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month	2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way	3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel	6 Give yourself a boost. Try a new way of being physically active	7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire
8 Find out something new about someone you care about	9 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	10 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"	11 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea	12 Overcome a frustration by trying out a new approach	13 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about
15 Go outside and do something playful - walk, run, explore, relax	16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective	17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself	18 Connect with someone from a different generation	19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site	20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before	21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them
22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love	24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way	26 Tune in to a different radio station or TV channel	27 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	28 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it
29 Discover your artistic side. Design your own Christmas cards!	30 Look for reasons to be hopeful, even in difficult times	<p><b>"You never know what you can do until you try" ~ C. S. Lewis</b></p>				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

[www.actionforhappiness.org](http://www.actionforhappiness.org)

Learn more about this month's theme at [www.actionforhappiness.org/new-ways-november](http://www.actionforhappiness.org/new-ways-november)
Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

We will be supporting Children in Need next Friday in school. The children are invited to come to school wearing spots or home clothes in exchange for a £1 donation.

### Applying for a school place September 2021 – moving from Nursery to Reception

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 they are due to start school in September 2021. The deadline for applications via your home county is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Normally at this time of year we would be welcoming visits to school and holding open days. Due to Covid restrictions this is not possible, however we have added further information on our website under the parent tab and are available to answer any questions you may have via a phone call or email.

### PTFA Pumpkin Decorating Competition



Congratulations to the winners of the PTFA Pumpkin Decorating Competition  
5 – 8 years old – Ivy  
8 – 11 years old – Connie

Well done to all those who entered



### 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.



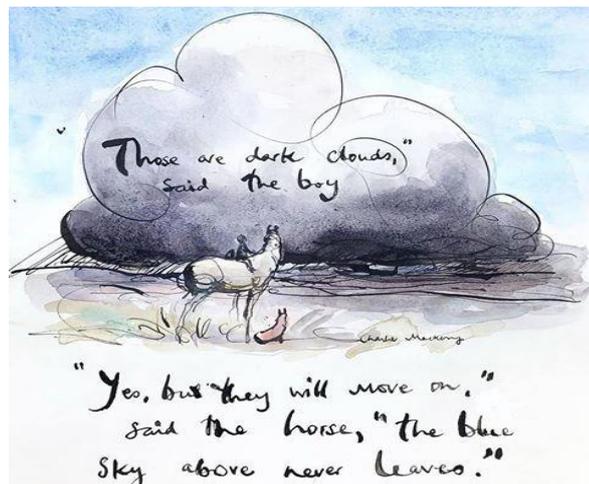
### PTFA Save the date:

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November @ 11am  
Our PTFA will be holding their AGM via Teams this year.  
More information to follow.

WE ARE NOT ALL  
IN THE SAME BOAT



BUT WE ARE IN THE SAME STORM



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