



## St George's C of E School

### FRIDAY NEWS

### 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

What a very busy week we've had! Our Reception children have had their vision screening checks, there was flu immunisation for the children, along with the usual activities in school and I feel like an expert now in Teams virtual meetings! It's hard to believe we are almost at the end of our first term with only one more week until our half term break.

Yesterday was World Values Day and it was very fitting that our Governors met to review the survey results for our Christian Values. Thank you to everyone who voted. We now have our 3 Core Christian values: **Kindness, Thankfulness and Perseverance.**

After half term the children will be working in classes to develop a deeper understanding of our values and how they relate to our school community through a Values focus week.

Next week we are holding the first of our termly Pupil Progress Meetings, an opportunity for the staff to discuss the achievements of every child and how we can improve our provision to support their needs and stretch their potential. This term is particularly vital as we assess how children are re-integrating into school and determine any gaps in their learning that have come about as a result of the extended school closure. The first part of the Government's 'catch up' money should be coming through to the school shortly. At present we are planning to use this to provide additional interventions and catch up sessions led by an additional teacher in school. Don't forget to book a Virtual Parent Meeting for after half term to discuss how your child has settled back into school. Have a lovely weekend, Jill

#### **Primary & Secondary School Admissions**

If your child's birth date is between **1st September 2009** and **31st August 2010** you should complete a **secondary school application** form by **31st October 2020**, for entry into Year 7 in September 2021.

If your child's birth date is between **1st September 2016** and **31st August 2017** you should complete a **primary school application** form by **15th January 2021**, for entry into Reception in September 2021.

All applications are online through your home county school admissions website.

#### **School Photographs Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

We have been in communication with our photographer regarding their Covid risk assessments, and we are confident that we can ensure that these take place safely at this time. However, we are only able to facilitate individual shots for each child. We cannot achieve sibling group pictures this year as this would compromise our class bubbles and pre-school siblings are currently not allowed onto the site. We are sorry that family pictures are not possible, but we are pleased that we are still able to manage individual photos. **Foxes children will not have PE that day so please send them in their School Uniform.**

#### **Parents Evening Week – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**

This week you should have all received an email inviting you to book a parent meeting with your child's class teacher. This year the meetings are being held via Microsoft Teams. Once you have replied with a suitable time to meet the class teachers will send out a meeting invite to your email address along with a parent guide for using Teams. You don't need to have the Teams app to join the call, you can access it from any internet browser on a computer, phone or tablet.

#### **Welly Racks**

The children are using their welly boots every day to allow them to get out on the field however we are in need of some welly racks to help with storage and wondered if we have any parents who are willing to make us some. We will provide the wood we just need someone with the expertise to create the welly racks. Please let us know if you are able to help us out.

## Head Teacher's Award

Week ending: 16/10/2020



**Hazel (Hedgehogs)** - for spelling long words using the sounds she has been learning.  
Fabulous writing!

**Ernie (Squirrels)** – for his excellent contribution and sharing of fabulous ideas during English lessons.

**Ruby (Badgers)** - for being a kind and caring member of the class, always trying hard.

**Daisy TD (Foxes)** – Great focus and particularly fantastic writing about South America.

**WELL DONE!**

## Learnimal Awards

Week ending: 16/10/2020



**Jemima** for being a Concentrating Camel

**Alice B** for being an Imagining Iguana



**Wilfred** for being a Concentrating Camel

**Lillianna** for being a Persevering Penguin



## Pupil of the week

Week ending: 16/10/2020

Hedgehogs: Ben

Squirrels: Robyn

Badgers: Noah

Foxes: James L



**Well done**

## Achievements Out of School

**Arthur H (Y2)** was presented with the "Best Effort" cup during his rugby training session.

**Thea (Y2)** – completed her 10m swim this week.

**Congratulations!**

## Bronze Star Awards

Week ending 16/10/20



**Joshua (Y5)**

**Congratulations**

## 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.



## Attendance

**Week ending 16.10.20**

Hedgehogs – 99.1%

Squirrels – 100%

Badgers – 100%

Foxes – 97.2%

This week the winners are

**Squirrels & Badgers**



PTFA are asking for donations for Raffle prizes for a Christmas Remote Raffle. If you can help out, please let us know.

## School Twitter

**Page:**

**@StBourton**



## 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.

## House Point Scores

**Sandways**

**613**

**Chaffeymoor**

**533**

**Queen Oak**

**543**

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.

## **Hedgehogs News**

In Hedgehogs, our hero focus for these last two weeks before half term is doctors & nurses. We have changed our role play area into a hospital and the children have been busy writing prescriptions and patient's notes. In English we read Zog and the Flying Doctors and drew a story-map to help us retell it. We invented some new characters for the doctors to help out and we have been writing lists of equipment the Flying Doctors may need. We put our cutting and stapling skills to use when making our own flying Zog dragon during our creative session. In maths we have continued to use part-part-whole models in additions and using them to write addition sentences. In history, we are looking at significant individuals from the past and this week it was the nurse Mary Seacole. We watched a short animation about the key events in her life and the Year 1s wrote some key facts about her.

Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff



## **Squirrels News**

In Art with Ms Rankin, the children in Squirrels have continued to focus on paper-based activities. After making stained-glass windows last week, the children this Tuesday made beads out of paper. They thoroughly enjoyed the activity and then used their beads to decorate pipe-cleaner people.

In RE we have been focussing on our Christian Value of "Kindness". After discussing how we show kindness to others, we listened to a story from the Bible that shows kindness: The Good Samaritan. The children were able to identify where kindness was evident before retelling the story through storyboards and freeze frames.

Finally, as we come to the end of our "Heroes and Heroines" topic, the children have been "Imagining Iguanas" and created a new evil character to take on Supertato. The children drew and described their new character before writing their own story about what happened when the two characters met – the children wrote some fantastic sentences that I really enjoyed reading. Well done to everyone.

Mr Abbott



### **Badgers News**

This week in Badgers we have been learning about Romulus and Remus and the myth of the birth of Rome. We have been practising how to use speech punctuation. Badgers have also started to work on a mosaic design.

We are working towards writing our own Roman myths

Ms Rankin and Mrs McGinty

### **Foxes News**

In Foxes this week we have started to write our persuasive texts about South America; writing about carnivals, rainforests and historical sites. We tried hard to use our new hyphenated words and persuasive vocabulary. In topic we used a range of maps and atlases to explore the different climatic zones across this continent and were amazed that this continent is home to both rainforests and deserts. We started painting our carnival masks this week ready for decorating next week. We also explored fruits grown in South America and started drawing a fruit bowl in the style of Romero Britto. We played our first game of football rounders this week which was fun but muddy!

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman

**Foxes PE days have changed to Tuesday and Thursday**

### **Clarification around self-isolating**

Please be reminded that your child should not come to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms. We ask you to follow Government guidance: isolate as a family, arrange for your child to have a covid test and keep school informed at all times. If you are struggling to book a test, we have a small number of test kits in school that we have been given by the Government for families to use so please talk to us about this.

In addition to this, children should not attend school if anyone they live with has symptoms of coronavirus. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

We are hugely appreciative of you working with us on this.



## This year we are pleased to be supporting the Christmas Show Box appeal.

### How to pack your Christmas box

**STEP 1 - Fill your box**  
Find an old shoebox. Ideally a regular sized one (max size 39cm long x 24cm wide x 12cm deep). Wrap the bottom of the box and the lid separately in festive paper.

Decide who you'd like the box to go to and tick the appropriate box for age/sex on the **Category & Contents** label, and attach it to the lid of the box.

**Fill your box with goodies**, leaving them unwrapped. **See the 'Filling your box' section for instructions.** Fill out the "Contents" section of the **Category & Contents** label and tell us what's inside your box. Secure box lid with elastic band.

**STEP 2 - Make a shipping donation**  
Getting your box to Southeast Europe is expensive so we also ask for a **£3.00 donation per box to help cover the cost.**  
If you are making more than one box you can make a combined donation.

**You can do this online - it's easy and it cuts our costs too!**  
[www.fscinet.org/christmas-donate](http://www.fscinet.org/christmas-donate)


**OR:** Page 2 of this leaflet turns into an envelope that you can use to put your donation inside the box.

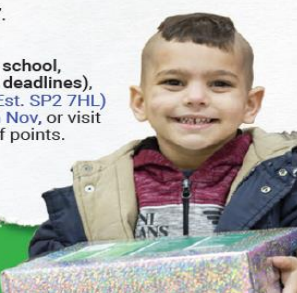
Remember to fill in YOUR DETAILS (only if you are aged 18+) on the envelope and if you are a UK tax payer you can allow us to claim a further 25p for every £1 donated by filling in the Gift Aid section.  
Please make cheques payable to "FSCI (UK)".


**STEP 3 - Deliver your box to us**  
Boxes can be delivered to your participating school, church or organisation (check with them for deadlines), to Salisbury foodbank, (6b Ashfield Trading Est. SP2 7HL) weekdays 9.30am - 3pm, between 2nd - 20th Nov, or visit [www.fscinet.org/drop](http://www.fscinet.org/drop) for alternative drop-off points.  
Collections by arrangement.

**Contact:** [rich.parsons@fscinet.org](mailto:rich.parsons@fscinet.org)

FSCI (UK) is a Registered Charity in England & Wales (1170914).







### Filling your box

If you're not sure what to put in your box here, are some ideas. We always receive more boxes for girls than for boys, so please consider doing a box for one of the male categories. **Please make sure items in boxes are new or in excellent used condition.**

Please note that we are unable to accept foodstuffs (except sweets & chocolate), seeds, books, talc, aerosols, medicines and pills.

Thank you.

### Bring joy to a life this Christmas...

Everyone loves to receive a present at Christmas. But for many vulnerable children and families in Southeast Europe Christmas serves as a reminder of their isolation and poverty.

By supporting FSCI's Christmas box appeal you can help to spread joy to thousands of people, fight poverty and prevent modern slavery.

*Toiletries - soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, facecloth, sponge, wet wipes, deodorant (roll-on only), comb, brush, razors, shaving foam*


*New clothes - gloves, scarf, hat, underwear, socks, baby-grows*

*Stationery - pens, pencils, notepads, erasers, colouring books, crayons*

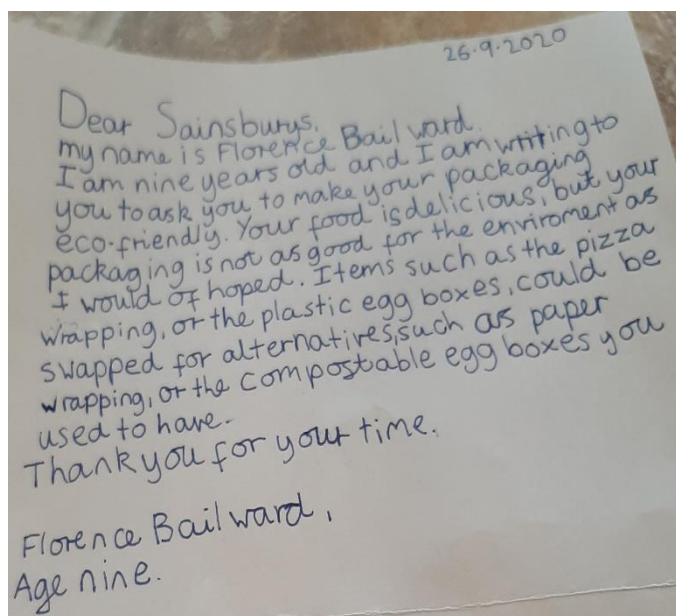
*Toys - vehicles, teddies, jigsaws, balls, dolls, skip rope*

*Other - make up (new only), sewing kits, candles, small household tools, sweets, hair accessories, wind-up torch*

### How it works



If you would like to create a Christmas Box please bring them to school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November further information is attached to the email.



Florence B (Y5) wrote to Sainsbury's about Plastic Waste in their packaging. This week she was delighted to receive a reply.

A wonderful letter Florence - Well done for challenging to make a change!

