



St George's School Bourton

A Church of England School

**work together, play together
learn together ... shine!**
"Let your light shine" ~ Matthew 5:16

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Dear Parents,

We have had a lovely week getting to know your children and have been impressed by how independent they are already becoming, especially when coming into the classroom at the beginning of the school day. We hope they have enjoyed their first week at school and are not too exhausted!

Just a few things to mention:

Tapestry

The children's online Tapestry journals have been set up and we hope you have managed to activate your account without any problems. If not, please come and let us know and we will be able to help.

Reading

The children will be visiting the school library every Thursday to choose a book to share with you at home. Please could the book be returned to their book bag each week so they can return it to the library and choose another.

Individual reading books and reading records will start coming home next week.

Wow Slips

In your Childs book bag there are some Wow Slips. These are for you to fill in at home when your child achieves something special that we can celebrate in class, for example: learning to ride a bike or getting dressed for school independently. The children can then bring their Wow Slip into school and we will read it to the rest of the class before putting it up on our Wow display board (above coat pegs). If and when you run out of slips, please let us know and we will give you some more.

Show and Tell

Some of the children have been asking when we do Show and Tell. Although we will not be having specific Show and Tell times, if your child has something extra special that they would like to show to the rest of the class, either related to their learning or to very special events that have happened at home, they are of course able to bring this in. We do ask that children do not bring in their favourite toys as we find that this can set off a bit of a trend and take up a fair amount of our carpet time sessions!

Wellies

We like to take the children outside when learning opportunities present themselves, weather permitting. If possible, please could children have a pair of wellies to keep in school on their pegs so they can be accessed at any time.

P.E. Kit

The children will be doing PE on Mondays and Wednesdays when they start full time and will need their PE kit in school on these days i.e. shorts, t-shirt, and daps. It is helpful if PE kits can stay in school during the week as sometimes they are needed for other activities. We will then send them home at the end of every half term so that they can be washed and returned for the start of the new term.

Snacks and drinks

We encourage the children to drink water frequently throughout the school day to keep them hydrated. A named water bottle needs to be brought into class daily, preferably one that does not spill if knocked over. Bottles should contain water only, not squash or diluted juice.

As well as cartons of milk, the children are given a fruit or vegetable snack each morning. Please let us know if there are any foods your child must avoid. If you send in an alternative snack for your child, please ensure that it is named. Snacks from home can be fresh fruit or vegetables only (not Fruit Bears or Winders).

Naming

Please ensure that all children's uniform is clearly named including their PE kits, coats and shoes and especially jumpers and cardigans. Please also clearly name book bags, water bottles and lunch boxes. This not only greatly helps the adults but also, being able to identify their own belongings will help your child with their emerging independence.

Lunches

Next week, the children will be having lunch in the hall. Their Yr6 buddies will support them with the lunchtime routines and this will continue until the children are settled. After lunch, the children will go out to play and then return to the classroom, ready to be collected at 1.20pm.

Topic

Our topic this term is Houses and Homes. ***It would be fantastic to have a photo of your house so we can create a display in the classroom.*** If possible, please could you send one in over the course of the following week.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the above, please do not hesitate to come and talk to us at the beginning or end of the day.

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children and look forward to welcoming them back on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Maskell and Mrs Cuff