



St George's School Bourton

A Church of England School

**work together, play together
learn together ... shine!**

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The Summer Term has started with some glorious weather, it's lovely for the children to be out on the field for their playtimes this term. Please make sure they keep a hat in school so that they can be protected from the sun during playtimes and games lessons. A bottle of water and some sun cream are also good to have each day.

Our new Head teacher

We are now able to share with you the excellent appointment made by our governors and external advisors just before Easter. Mrs Farndale was selected as the new Head teacher, to start in September 2018. We asked her to write a little piece for this newsletter, which is printed below:

I am delighted and privileged to have been appointed Head teacher at St George's School Bourton from September.

I have worked in Primary Schools for over 21 years now, starting my teaching career in Berkshire before moving to Frome and taking up a teaching position in a school in Wiltshire. During these 21 years I have held a variety of positions from Classroom teacher to Senior Leader, Deputy Head and Head teacher in a number of schools across the county, with experience of teaching all year groups.

When I am not at school, my interests are varied. I am married with two children, aged 11 and 14, and I love to spend time with my family and our very lively Cockapoo Puppy. I enjoy cooking, baking and gardening. I also enjoy travelling and visiting new and interesting places. I run regularly and love being outside in the countryside. Most Sunday mornings you will find me happily cheering on my son and his rugby team; in all weathers!

I am really looking forward to working in partnership with the children, staff, Governors, parents and the wider community to continue to develop St George's as a vibrant, happy and successful school. For me the needs of the children are always paramount in the life and decision making within a school. I strongly believe in providing the children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them grow and develop positively in a variety of ways. My commitment is to excellence and striving to help each and every child to be the best they can be.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know everyone.

With a Cockapoo and a love of rugby she certainly gets my wholehearted support, I'm sure you will make her feel very welcome when she joins the school in September.

I can also reveal that my new post is at Shaftesbury Abbey Primary School, but I expect you already knew that through the local grapevine!

Swimming season – First aid Training for helpers on Wednesday 9th May at 6pm

Preparations are taking place for the swimming season which will start as soon as we return from the half-term break. Each year we run a first aid session for staff and parents who will run sessions at the pool. The focus of the session is on Resuscitation, which is a skill we should all have. The session is run by Loraine Mullins and I would encourage anyone who would like to help with our swimming programme to come. If you plan to hire the pool for private use, you also have to have recent first aid training. The session will finish before 7pm. Please return the slip below so we know how many people to expect at the session.

Will La Trobe-Bateman is again organising the cleaning and painting of the pool, please get in touch with him if you are able to help with that.

Letters will also come out to ask for help with school and after school swimming sessions, your help with these things is vital to the continued success of our system.

Summer Term Clubs

Clubs will start in the week of 30th April and run until Friday 6th July, please return your club choices from the letter sent out last Friday.

Stourhead Catering Days – Sunday 6th and Monday 7th May

This is the most important fundraiser of the year for our PTFA and enables them to provide funding for many extra things for all the children. Please ‘do your bit’ to share the workload involved in this event by volunteering to be there on either day, baking cakes and going to use the café with family and friends. The next PTFA meeting is on Tuesday 24th April at 3.15pm in the Library, please go along or get a message to them to offer your support.

Bourton 1914-1918 Exhibition – St George’s Church Friday 27th April 6-8pm and daily until 19th May

If you are interested in local history, do go along to see what has been found out about Bourton during the First World War. Some of the information came from our school log-books.

Gillingham and District Angling Association Junior Course – starts Saturday 5th May at 10am

Children from 8-12 years old are invited for some free fishing sessions at Lodden Lakes in Gillingham for three Saturdays starting on May 5th. It ends with a little match on 26th May. They can provide all the kit needed, but if you have some, take it along. If you’re interested, please ring Jason Randall on 07767 852100. One of my children did this course and had a great time, I can thoroughly recommend it...it’s free and there is no catch (apart from all the fish!).

M. Salisbury

Resuscitation Training – 9th May 2018

I/We will be attending the Resuscitation training on Wednesday 9th May at 6pm
(number attending)

NameSigned