



# St George's School Bourton

A Church of England School

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

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## January Attendance

Rainbow	Blue	Silver	Gold
92.9%	95.9%	95.4%	94.8%

## Staffing News

Having enjoyed nine very happy years at St George's it is with great sadness that I have to let you know that I am moving on at the end of this school year. I will be moving to a new Headship in Dorset (subject to a little more paperwork to be completed). They have asked me not to release the name of the school yet.

Plans are already in place for my replacement and I'm sure they will bring exciting new ideas to the school. Thank you for being such a fantastic community in which to take on my first Headship.

## Music Concerts – 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2.30pm (beginners) 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm (Experienced musicians)

Please come along to these concerts and let Mrs Miller know if you or a former pupil would like to play on 28<sup>th</sup> March. **All members of the school choir are expected to come to perform at the evening event.**

## Bourton and Zeals Pre-School

The excellent pre-school on our site is keen to hear from parents of children approaching pre-school age (2 years old). They have lots of older children, but need more younger ones for next year. Please get in touch by phone on 01747 840537 or email [bourtonzeals@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bourtonzeals@yahoo.co.uk). More details on their website.

## PTFA

We are keen to put in place a parent representative from each of the 7 year groups in school, to help with getting parents involved in events and spreading PTFA information effectively. We have had volunteers for Reception, Year 1, 2 and 5 but are looking for someone for Years 3, 4 and 6. Please let me know if you would be willing to take on this role.

We are also asking that all the Year 6 parents help Mrs Cowell and Mrs Wynn run the Leavers Party at the end of the year, doing some work on the bar or helping to decorate/clear up afterwards. With your help we can make it really special for the children.

## Traffic issues

We continue to be very concerned about the driving and parking around our school site. Please drive slowly in Church Track as it is a walking route for our families. The Church car park is also a walking route, and should not be used for parking by parents unless there is a very good reason for doing so. The combination of cars moving and children walking out of school is a potential danger for the pedestrians.

### **Breakfast Club – Early Birds Club**

Due to low numbers, which do not make the club viable, the Bourton and Zeals Pre-School have informed us that they will no longer be running a breakfast club after Easter. We are excited to inform you that Miss MacConnell will be running 'Early Birds' in school as a replacement service, see separate letter sent home today. Booking forms have been sent to those who expressed an interest; however there will sometimes be space for others with 48 hours' notice. Booking forms for the Summer 1<sup>st</sup> half-term are available from the school office.

### **Fair Trade Fortnight**

Mrs Way visited us today for an assembly to mark the start of Fair trade fortnight. She gave us all a challenge of decorating a door with fair trade packaging or key information about fair trade. Mr Salisbury has volunteered his door as the display area. Over the next fortnight please encourage your children to collect and bring in items to display.

### **Bikeability**

Everyone who registered an interest in Bikeability Training should have received the paperwork last week (please contact the office if you haven't received this). We still have a few spaces for both levels so if you would like your child to take part please contact the office, minimum age is 8.

### **Lunchtime cover**

We are still looking for someone who would be willing to come in for some paid hours as part of our Lunchtime Staff when we have an absence. If you or anyone you know might be able to do this, please get in touch with me.

### **Gillingham Coffee Companions, new times and venues**

Cafe Newt, Wyke Road, Gillingham on Mondays 10 - 11 a.m.

The Cafe @ Riversmeet on Wednesdays 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The Wine Bar, Queen Street on Wednesdays 7.30 – 8.30 p.m.

The Dolphin Inn, Peacemarsch on Fridays 1 – 3 p.m.

In addition, Shaftesbury and Guy's Marsh have also started holding a regular Companions Hour:

The Ugly Duckling Cafe, Swan's Yard, High Street, Shaftesbury on Tuesdays 10.30 - 11.30 a.m.

The Jailhouse Cafe, Guy's Marsh on Fridays 11a.m. - 12 p.m. If coming in from Shaftesbury, The Jailhouse Café is the next entrance on the left after passing the prison.

The owners of retirement apartments at Royal Lodge in Gillingham hold coffee mornings in their communal lounge on the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30 a.m. Both younger and older visitors receive a warm welcome.

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