



St George's School Bourton

A Church of England School

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

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It has been a really nice start to the Spring term this month. The children are working hard in all areas of the curriculum and making lots of progress. In assemblies and SEAL sessions, we have introduced them to the concept of Bucket Filling. It comes from an American book called Have you filled a Bucket today? It fits really well with our Christian values about caring for others and kindness. The children and staff are asked to imagine that everyone carries around a bucket that can be filled or emptied by the things they do and the things others do to them. We have put a bucket in to each class and the children are busy doing kind things to fill that bucket please ask your children if they have filled anyone's bucket during the day!

Use of the Car Park

Please be considerate in your choice of where to park when dropping children off in the mornings. Some of our staff are contracted to start at 8.50am and find it hard to park in the car park if all the spaces are blocked.

Leeson/Springhead meeting – Friday 27th January at 3.15pm in the Hall

Please come along to hear about the residential visits for Year 3 and 4 if your child is in Silver Base.

Bourton Pantomime

Get your tickets from the garage for the village Pantomime, taking place in the Village Hall on 2nd, 3rd and 4th of February. Our choir are opening the matinee performance at 2.30pm on Saturday 4th February.

Numbers Day – 3rd February

Children are asked to **wear something with a number or shape on it for a donation of £1** to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Classes will do some extra activities on the theme of numbers during the day. If you use numbers in your job and would be willing to talk to a class about your work on that day, please get in touch.

Safer Internet Week – 6th-10th February

We will be doing lessons with your children on this vital subject during the week. Please contact the school office if you would like to go to the meeting for parents at Wyke School on Tuesday 7th February at 6.30pm (details in a letter sent last week).

Inset Day – 10th February

Please note that there will be no school on Friday 10th February. The following week is half term so the children will come back to school on Monday 20th February.

Art Exhibition – Friday 24th February

St George's Church are putting on an Art Exhibition in our school on the evening of 24th February, from 5-7pm. All the children will exhibit a piece of their art work and adults can put in a piece of their work for an entry fee of £1. Adult artwork should be delivered to the school hall between 2 and 3.30pm on the day. Admission is free and there will be refreshments available. Please come along to see all the Artwork and put in a piece of your own work if you can. **There will be no Achievement Assembly on this day.**

Red Nose Day – Friday 24th March – Wear Red and bring a donation of at least £1

We will be supporting Red Nose Day by wearing red and having a mixed age board games afternoon, starting at 1.30pm. If you would like to play a board game with a little group of children that afternoon, please let us know. Children can bring in a game from home if they'd like to. We have also ordered some 'Red Noses' that will be on sale in the playground in the lead up to Red Nose Day.

There will be no Achievement Assembly on this day.

Kindness Project – Monday 27th March

As part of our SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) work this term we are having a morning with a charity called 52 Lives which aims to teach children about the joy of doing kind things for others.

Bikeability

We will be running a Level 1 Bikeability course on 28th March 2017. There are still a few spaces available, please see Mrs Hudson in the office to add your child.

Level 1 - playground based, designed to offer cycle confidence and ensure safe cycling skills in preparation for cycling on the roads (Level 2). Level 1 requires 1 x 3 hour session. The cost is £16 per child, maximum of 15 pupils in a group. **Trainees must be at least 8 years old.**

All children taking part will need a fully functioning bike and a helmet.

We intend to offer a Level 2 course in the Summer Term, please look out for further details then.

Spring Concert – Thursday 30th March at 6pm

Mrs Miller will be asking some of our musicians to perform in our Spring concert. Groups such as the Choir, Silver Base Ukuleles and Gold Base will also perform along with adults and former pupils. Please let her know through the school office if you would like to perform. No tickets needed for this event, everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be provided by the PTFA.

Easter Service and Easter Hat Parade – Thursday 6th April

Our Easter Service will be in the church at 2.15pm. Children are invited to make an Easter Hat to wear to school on the day and wear up to church in the afternoon. There will be prizes for the best hats in the parade.

PTFA Matters

School budgets have been dropping in real terms for several years now, making it harder to find school money for all the things we want to provide for the children here. The PTFA have been brilliant in raising money to spend on the extra things that enrich school life. Some recent PTFA purchases are two new Smart Screens (one in Silver Base, one in Gold Base) and another on the way in Rainbow Base (Blue Base will follow shortly!), Sound equipment for the Hall, games for playtimes and classrooms, tickets to the pantomime, subsidy of school trips, refreshments for Sport Relief, the Marquee for the end of the summer term, hoodies for the leavers and an entertainer for the Christmas party. They also raised grants of £10,000 for Solar Panels and £1000 for new lighting as well as running our swimming pool each year.

Every child benefits from these things and every parent is a member of the PTFA. They need parents to come forward to help to organise events such as the car boot sale, catering day and sponsored swim so that we can continue to buy lovely things to enrich the children's education.

A simple event that will run through February is the **Change for Books** appeal. Each class will have a bucket in their room to collect donations of loose change. Each Friday we will put the coins together in Achievement Assembly to weigh them. The final total will be spent on new books for our classes.

Another event coming up soon is the **Quiz in the White Lion at 7.30pm on Sunday 26th February.**

Groups or individuals are invited to take part, it would be great to have a team from each of our four classes.

Please encourage our new Rainbow Base parents to get involved in PTFA events, we are losing some very active parents from Year 6 this summer and need to replace them!

M. Salisbury