



St George's School Bourton

A Church of England School

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

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December Attendance

| Rainbow | Blue | Silver | Gold |
|---------|-------|--------|-------|
| 95.1% | 95.8% | 98% | 97.8% |

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. After all the excitement around Christmas, we look forward to a nice calm start to the term, with lots of learning and progress for all the children. At the end of the Autumn term we said goodbye to Mrs Hollick after eighteen years working as a Teaching Assistant at our school. We are very pleased to have Mrs Moores moving in to Gold Base to take over her role. Mrs Welshman will be completing her Teacher Training course during the Spring Term. Her sessions with Silver and Blue Base on Thursdays will be taken by Mrs Shean, who is coming back into teaching after maternity leave. Mrs Abbott has taken on the full-time Deputy Head role for the remainder of this year.

Spring Term clubs – Starting on Monday 16th January

A letter will come out shortly with all the clubs on offer this term. Please make use of the Breakfast Club at Bourton and Zeals Pre-School, and After School Club at the ZAC for childcare around the school day.

No Achievement Assembly this week

The first Achievement Assembly of the Spring term will be on Friday 13th January at 2.40pm, everyone is welcome to come along.

Musical Notes

The Spring concert will take place towards the end of the Spring Term. Please have a think about something you might be able to perform, or whether you have an older child at secondary school or beyond who can play an instrument to a higher grade than our children – to inspire them to keep practicing!

All of Silver Base will be getting a ukulele for this term as part of the 'Music for All' scheme which we buy in to. They will have a weekly lesson and be expected to practice at home. We hope they will be our headline act at the Spring concert.

We have a flute, a guitar and an electric piano available for long term loan if your child would like to take up an instrument. Please see Mrs Hudson if you could make use of any of them.

Art Exhibition – Friday 24th February

Plans are being made to hold an Art Exhibition in our school on the evening of 24th February. The Church are organising this event and we will exhibit work by all the children alongside the adult work. More details to follow.

Our Christmas Tree

Our thanks go to Geoffrey Miller from West Bourton for providing and delivering our beautiful Christmas tree this year.

Dextra Lighting donation

The PTFA and Mr Allard have been successful in bidding for £1000 for the school to spend on some new LED lighting within school. We would like to replace some of the older units in the main building. Our money will go further if we can find a kind electrician to fit the new units at a bargain price. If you know such a person, please get in touch!

Inset Day – Friday 10th February

Please note that school will be closed on the last day of this half term for an Inset day.

Bikeability

If there is enough interest we would like to run a Level 1 Bikeability course on 28th March 2017. Please fill in the reply slip below if you'd like your children to take part.

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.

REMINDER - Clothes Collection for Syria

There is a lorry leaving for Syria in January and we have been asked to collect clothes to help with the humanitarian effort in that country. Please bring in any bags you have to the School Office by **Friday 6th January**. Items needed are winter coats, warm clothing, winter footwear, socks, hats gloves and blankets/bedding all suitable for men women and children. Items should be clean without holes/stains with all zips working.

M. Salisbury

Bikeability

Name

My child would like to take part in the Level 1 course

Signed Date