



# St George's School Bourton

A Church of England School

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

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A very Happy New Year to you all! It's been lovely to see all the children returning to school with enthusiasm and excitement for the new term. We welcome Mr Abbott to our school as our new Blue Base teacher and Deputy Head. We also welcome Ms Gregory who is helping us out as an extra member of staff in Blue Base.

## **School Results**

We had another excellent year with our SATs results in the Summer term. The government have published the data for all schools at [www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk](http://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk). The children and staff work very hard to achieve these results, it is a real team effort throughout the whole school community. We want every child to achieve their full potential and you have a vital role to play in this as parents. Your support and guidance with homework, reading, spelling and mental maths is greatly appreciated by the staff. The wider experiences, clubs, activities and games you involve your children in are all important in their education. Keep up the good work, we want to build on and improve the education for all our children right through the school. Thank you.

## **Achievement Assembly – starts on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

Please note that there will not be an Achievement Assembly this Friday.

## **Musical Notes**

Silver Base will all be learning the Ukulele this term, they will each be loaned an instrument for the term. Their sessions start next Thursday. Piano lessons also start next Thursday and our new guitar teacher, Tom Clements, starts next Friday.

Choir will be starting up on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. Mrs Miller is always keen to welcome new members, she'd particularly like some more boys! New starters can have a two week trial period to see if they like it before committing for the whole term.

The Easter Concert will be on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm. It features our top musicians, groups, choir, former pupils and adults. Please let Mrs Miller know if you or past pupils would like to take part.

## **Spring Term clubs – Starting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

A letter will come out shortly with all the clubs on offer this term. We are excited to have a new Signing club on Mondays and a Science club on Wednesdays. Both of these clubs are for the children from Y3-6. Please encourage your children to join these new clubs.

## **Inset Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**Please see this message below, from Georgie Denison-Pender:**

## **Donation request for Samara's Aid**

[Samarasaidappeal.org](http://Samarasaidappeal.org)

Samara's Aid is a registered charity made up entirely of volunteers, with every penny raised going directly to those in need.

We are collecting items for Samara's Aid again and would be so grateful if you feel you have items you are able to donate. We will be able to take any donations from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January until the 22<sup>nd</sup> in St. Georges Church, Bourton. The Church will be open for dropping off any items you may have whilst doing the school run for these two weeks.

Samara's Aid Appeal is focused on the relief of suffering through the provision of humanitarian relief including medical aid, and practical demonstration of God's love in Action.

Everything we send is something we consider good enough to give as a gift, clean and in excellent condition, a good test is whether you would buy the item for yourself from a charity shop. We feel it is important to show that we value the people and send a message of love, encouragement and hope. The families we are helping have been through horrific ordeals, many have had lives like ours but have lost everything, most of all hope.

Currently our focus is on Syria, Lebanon and Iraq where there are more than 26.8 million people in need of humanitarian assistance.

We are looking for donations for men, women and children of;

Coats, hats, gloves and scarves.

Clothes winter and summer.

Blankets, sheets, duvets, pillows.

Shoes

Baby clothes, Moses baskets, pushchairs.

Walking sticks, crutches, wheelchairs.

The cost of sending a lorry is approximately £6,000, we would very much appreciate a monetary donation if possible along with the items donated.

Thank you very much for your support,

Georgie Denison-Pender

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