



St George's School Bourton

A Church of England School

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

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It has been confirmed today that the government has cancelled the Year 2 test for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (known affectionately as SPaG) that was due to take place next month. We will still make our judgment for each child, but the results of that particular test won't be collected and used nationally. Assessment of Reading, Writing and Maths will be unaffected by this news. Sadly for the Year 6 children, their SPaG test hasn't been cancelled! Children in Year 3, 4 and 5 won't miss out on the fun, we are using some new 'non-statutory' progress tests in Reading, SPaG and Maths with them during this term. As I'm sure you are aware, the new National Curriculum 'Age Related Expectations' are much harder than the expected levels in the old curriculum, which will mean that some children who were previously working at average levels for their age will now be judged to be below ARE. I'm sure this will be sorted out in the long term, but in the immediate future we all have to reassure our children that they are still making progress and succeeding under this new, more demanding system.

Choir

The choir members will be going to a singing day at Gillingham School on Tuesday 26th April and returning with their parents for a concert at 6pm that night. **There will not be a choir session after school on Thursday 28th May.** The new choir for the summer term, including Year 2 children, will start on Thursday 5th May.

Bourton's Got Talent, School Council Event – 29th April at 6pm (No Achievement Assembly)

We have had lots of interesting acts registered for BGT, and a fine panel of parent celebrities to give them feedback on their acts! There is room for a few more performers if your children want to take part. Please send in the slip for tickets, the limit of three per family can now be exceeded. Children taking part will watch the event and should arrive with parents before 6pm. Doors open at 5.30pm.

Gold Base Visitor – Monday 25th April

An author is going to talk to Gold Base next Monday afternoon. She has researched and written a book about Penselwood in the time of the Battle of Penselwood (10th Century). If any school families would like to buy her book, please send in or bring £7.99 on Monday afternoon, she will have copies with her. Cheques payable to H. Flack.

PTFA

Please look out for the newsletter coming out soon. Catering Days are coming up next weekend and the Golf Day on 21st May. Please help with these events if you can, and put in a team of beginners or players for the highly enjoyable Golf Day. Next PTFA meeting is on 12th May at 3.30pm.

Swimming Pool

Plans for our swimming season are well under-way, but as always, they rely on lots of voluntary help to oversee after school sessions and support sessions during the school day. A letter asking for helpers will be coming out very soon. In order to open the Pool after school, in the Summer Holidays or for a private group, you have to have an up to date First Aid qualification or attend a Resuscitation training session. Please sign below if you can join us for training on **Wednesday 4th May from 3.30-4.30pm**. Childcare with Mrs Martin will be offered during this training.

The pool will be cleaned and painted over two sessions, on **Fridays 6th and 13th May**. The plan is to do the work at around 5.30pm then go to the pub for refreshments! Please fill in the form or contact Will La Trobe-Bateman if you can help at either or both of these sessions.

Live@5 – 1st May in Zeals, 15th May in Bourton

Please take your children to these lovely new services during May.

M.Salisbury

Bourton's Got Talent – 29th April at 6pm

My child would like to do the following act in the talent show

I would like tickets for the show and enclose £1 per ticket.

If there are spare tickets I would like more.

I can help with refreshments on the night.

Signed

Resuscitation training session

I will be attending the resuscitation training on Wednesday 4th May from 3.30-4.30pm

Number of people attending Signed.....

Pool Painting

I am able to help paint the swimming pool on

Friday 6th May

Friday 13th May

Signed
