



# St George's School Bourton

A Church of England School

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

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## Happy New Year!

It really is a pleasure to have all the children back in school, looking very smart and showing excellent attitudes to learning in all our classes. This term is the one that sees the greatest gains in learning, the children are well-established in their classes and frequently make rapid progress in their knowledge, skills and understanding across the curriculum. Please continue to support them at home, through homework tasks and interesting conversations, games and activities. Just a few messages to be aware of...

## Parent Forum matters

Thank you to the class representatives who met with me towards the end of last term. Some of the things we discussed were the provision of clubs for children of different ages, how to improve the parking and circulation of cars around the school site, the use of texts and emails to communicate with parents (particularly when paper copies of letters don't make it home by 'pupil post!'), whether we should send home magazines in book bags and a suggestion to generate a wish list of items the teachers would like to buy, so that PTFA can decide what to raise funds for.

## Safer internet week – 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> February

We will be working with the children on aspects of staying safe online during this week. There is a recommended site for parents that has been produced by the NSPCC:

[www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware)

## NSPCC Numbers Day – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February

We will be having a day of Maths sessions through different curriculum subjects and raising money for the NSPCC by asking for a donation of £1 or more for the children and staff to **wear 'home clothes' with numbers on them** if possible.

## Car Parking and One Way system

Thank you for your help in easing our car parking issues recently. Many of you are finding safe places to park and walk in to school, leaving the Church car park clear for Staff cars, volunteers and visitors. It isn't our car park, we have kind permission from the Church to enter school through it and park there during the school day. It is also good to see people using the voluntary one way system, to avoid cars coming up Church Track at peak times. Staff who are staying all day are now parking at the top of the car park, to allow space to safely drop children off by the school gate. Use of the path by the Church wall avoids the dangerous combination of pedestrians and cars in the centre of the car park.

## New Starters – September 2016

**Reminder** – Applications for children due to start school for the first time in September 2016 close this week, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016. If you have a child who was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 please make sure you have applied through your home County before then.

## ParentPay

Thank you for bearing with us while we introduce this new system. We have sorted lots of issues already so hopefully the next meal order will go a little more smoothly! Please don't make any payments for meals if your child is entitled to Free School Meals, ignore any balance you see on your account. Payments for all future school visits and DMS Music Lessons will be available to pay on ParentPay; we will inform you when anything is added. Brenscombe and Leeson House are

already there and all future payments should be made this way. I know there are a few password issues which we are trying to work through but if you are having any problems please let us know so that we can try to get you up and running.

**NDRFC Quiz at the White Lion – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm**

The Goodmans and Fredericks are putting on a pub quiz to raise funds for the minis rugby tour this year. Please go along for an enjoyable evening of quizzing at the White Lion.

***M.Salisbury***