



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
93.8%	94.6%	91.8%	93.7%

January Attendance

Rainbow	Blue	Silver	Gold
91.5%	95.8%	97.4%	94.5%

Family Service – Sunday 31st January at 10am

We are delighted to have an enthusiastic 'Open the Book' group of children telling the story of Noah in the Family Service at St George's Church on Sunday. Please join us for this joyful service if you can.

Maths Day – Friday 5th February

This will be a **Non Uniform Day**. **Children and adults are asked to wear numbers on their clothes if they can for a suggested £1 donation to the NSPCC.** During the day we will discuss the numbers being worn and encourage the children to get to know facts about numbers. The children will work in mixed age groups across Rainbow and Blue Bases for the younger ones and Silver and Gold for the older ones. Different subjects will be taught, but there will be a maths theme throughout the day. To find out how it goes, join us for our Maths Achievement Assembly at 2.40pm.

Safer internet week – 1st – 5th February

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

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware

Visit meetings

For Silver Base parents, there is a meeting about their trip to Leeson House at 3.15pm today, then there is a meeting for Gold Base parents at the same time next Friday (5th February) about their trip to Brenscombe Outdoor Centre.

Walking Bus

There has been a suggestion to start a walking bus through Bourton at the beginning and end of the day. We could provide Hi Viz jackets for leaders if there are parents willing to set it up and use it.

Inset Day – Friday 12th February

A reminder that there will be no school on the last Friday before half-term. The staff are getting together with our Partnership of Schools in Gillingham to do some training on the most effective ways to teach Phonics and Spelling.

Pantomime – 25th-27th February

I hope you will all go along to the Village Hall to see the Pantomime, Dick Whittington at the end of February. Tickets from the Forge Garage. Some of our children are in it, and the Choir are singing at the start of the Saturday Matinee at 2pm.

Spring Concert – 17th March at 6.30pm

Our most experienced musicians will be playing at this concert in the Hall, along with some former pupils and adults. Please let Mrs Miller or Mrs Hudson know if you can take part. We will notify the children who we would like to play.

Sport Relief Mile and cake sale – 18th March 1.30pm

We will be raising money for Sport Relief with a **Non Uniform Day in Sporty clothes for £1**, a sponsored mile run for all the children along with staff and parents (or grandparents!) and a cake sale being organised by Lily Westerman-Loe. Please send in cakes on the day, and send children with some money to buy one during the afternoon.

Late to School and Attendance

We have a small number of families who are late to school more often than they should be. This makes it hard for those children, who may have missed the information sharing and teaching that starts at 8.50am each day. Being on time is an important life skill that we want the children to learn. Advanced warning that Dorset County Council are planning to increase the issuing of fines for unauthorised absence due to term time holidays, particularly for families taking five or more days in a school year. Please bear this in mind when booking any future holidays.

New menu now on ParentPay

Thank you to everyone for logging on and using ParentPay for meals and trip payments. The new menu for school meals (22nd Feb to 24th March) is now on there. Orders need to be placed at least 1 week in advance with a cut off at midnight on a Sunday, except when there is a holiday when meals need to be ordered by 7th Feb for w/c 22nd Feb to allow us time to process the order. Payments for Leeson House, Brenscombe Outdoor Centre and DMS Music Lessons should also be made via ParentPay.

PTFA

Our thanks from everyone at school to Karen Coward, who has Chaired the PTFA for the past year and a half. She has given many hours of voluntary time to the school and coordinated the raising of thousands of pounds to spend on our children.

The new Chair is Eve Wynn, with Jim Mann as Vice Chair. Thanks to both of them for volunteering for these roles, they will have our full support in everything they do for the PTFA. Please show your support by attending meetings when you can, and offering help with events through the year.

We have just ordered some lovely new resources that have been bought for us by the PTFA, more details in their Newsletter.

Bourton Beavers and Cubs Bingo – Friday 18th March

Bourton Beavers and Cubs group will be holding an Easter Bingo on the Friday 18th March at Bourton Village Hall. The doors will open at 6pm aiming for eyes down at 6.30pm. All ages welcome.

Please support the St George's Church nearly new sale!

When? Friday 5th February 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

Where? In Bourton Village Hall

What? Adult and childrens clothing, bric a brac, books and much more! – ALL proceeds to the Samara Fund for humanitarian aid to the Middle East.

Donations for sale please contact Margaret Martin 01747 840433 or Glenis Allen 01747 840948 representing St. Georges Church Housegroup.

Well done if you spotted my deliberate mistake in the section on Inset Day!