



St George's School Bourton

A Church of England School

work together, play together
learn together ... shine!
"Let your light shine" ~ Matthew 5:16

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Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome your children back to school today and we have been really impressed with their positive attitude and mature behaviour. They all looked very smart and were excited to see the new areas in our classroom and outdoor area. We have attached a photo montage of the classroom to the email so you can also see it.

Just a few things for your information:

Reading

The children will be visiting the library today (and every Monday) to choose a book to share with you at home. Please return this book each Monday so that it can be quarantined before returning it to the school library. The children will then get to choose another.

Individual reading books will be coming home this week. We will be reading with the children on a regular basis in school so please could their books and reading records be kept in their book bags. As with last year, please continue to record whenever you read with your child at home, as often as possible, preferably daily. There is a school expectation that all books are read three times. Once to decode, once to understand and finally to develop fluency and confidence with reading. We will aim to change reading books on a Tuesday and Friday as necessary.

Star Charts

The children have been given a Bronze Star Chart. Stars are given out for good learning and once the star chart has been filled with 20 stars, they will receive a certificate before moving on to a Silver Star Chart.

Home Learning

All Year 1 children will receive **weekly spellings and a mental maths sheet** on Fridays, for you to practice, share and complete with your child each day. This will start on Friday 25th September. Please ensure that you start the mental maths sheet at the weekend and leave the Friday slot free for us to do in school.

Wellies

We like to take the children outside as often as possible. Children will need a pair of wellies to keep in school so they can be accessed at any time.

P.E. Kit

The children will be doing PE on Monday afternoons and Friday mornings, starting this Friday (11th September). They will need to come into school in their PE Kit on the days they are doing PE i.e. shorts, school t-shirts, tracksuit trousers, sweatshirt and trainers.

Snacks and Drinks

We encourage the children to drink water frequently throughout the school day to keep them hydrated. A named water bottle needs to be brought into class daily, preferably one that does not spill if knocked over. Bottles should contain water only, not squash or diluted juice.

The children are given a fruit or vegetable snack each morning. Please let us know if there are any foods your child must avoid. If you send in an alternative snack for your child, please make sure it is clearly named. Snacks from home can be fresh fruit or vegetables only (not fruit bars or winders). If your child would like to continue to have milk, please contact the office.

Naming

Please ensure that all children's uniform is clearly named, including their PE Kits, coats, shoes and especially jumpers/cardigans. Please also clearly name bookbags, water bottles, lunchboxes and wellies.

School Day

Our school day begins at **8.50am** and ends at **3.15pm**. Please be at the main school gates promptly each of these times. The children will have their lunch in the classroom at the moment.

Topic

Our introductory topic to settle the children back to school for the first three weeks is called '**Here We Are**'. You will be receiving a topic web by email soon to give you more information about the exciting learning we will be doing. After that will be two more themes for the Autumn Term: '**Heroes and Heroines**' and '**Towers and Turrets**'. At the start of each topic you will receive a topic web.

Covid Safety

We are a classroom 'bubble' and, as well as plenty of hand-washing, we have other measures in place in Hedgehogs to ensure we are as Covid safe as possible. Please phone the office if you have any concerns. If you develop any symptoms, please stay home and contact us to let us know.

If you have any questions or queries about any of the above, please do not hesitate to phone Mrs Hudson in the office who will pass on your message and we can phone you back.

We are looking forward to welcoming your children back again tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff