



School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Following this week's Ofsted inspection we are awaiting their official letter before the Governing body is able to publish the results. This process may take up to 6 weeks so we appreciate your patience. Thank you for completing the Ofsted Surveys and the pupils for their super behaviour and attitude.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

I was very proud of the pupils at today's two minute silence. Despite the grey skies at the stroke of 11am, the children were respectful and quiet. On behalf of the school I would like to thank Mrs Stephanie Hemming for sounding The Last Post. I would also like to thank all our parents who turned out to join us, together with the members of the British Legion who led the exaltation. The Remembrance service and laying of wreaths takes place on Sunday. Two children from our school will lay the wreath with Mrs Sally Oughton and Mrs Val Browning. Parents and pupils in uniform are most welcome to accompany Bourton Primary School on parade. Please meet us at the British Legion Hall at 10.15am.



Sickness

We have several reported cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth disease which is a very contagious disease (easily spread) and is common in children under 10 years of age. It is possible to catch this disease more than once. It is a mild and short-lasting illness. Treatment is usually not needed as the body's immune system clears the virus and symptoms go away after about 7 to 10 days. Children need not be kept off school.



Please contact NHS Direct for health, advice and reassurance, 24 hours a day, 365 days year on 0845

4647 if you have any concerns about your child.

We also have a tummy bug, headaches and feeling of nausea going around the school which has affected both children and staff. Please can parents remind their children to regularly wash their hands?



Afterschool Clubs

Due to the Parent Consultation Evenings taking place next week there will be a limited number of clubs available.

	Time	Venue	Year Group(s)	Activity	
Monday	3pm - 4pm	Classroom	2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Bourton Choir	Mrs M Cartwright
Tuesday	3pm - 4pm	Dining Hall	4	Healthy Eating	Miss T Teague & Mrs C Collett
Tuesday	3pm - 4pm	St Lawrence's Church	5 & 6	Rhythmic Gym (with Ribbons)	Mrs H Townsend
Wednesday	3pm - 4pm	Field	3, 4 & 5	Running	Mr R & Mrs C Buffon

Please can you notify us in writing or by email if your child no longer wishes to attend a club. We currently have waiting lists for many of the afterschool clubs. Thank you.

If your child is normally with Pam at Bourton OSC for afterschool care, please can you let Pam know of the arrangements etc? Please remember that children must be booked in advance at OSC to ensure that Pam has the correct staffing ratios. Many thanks.

Parents Consultation Evenings

Yesterday we sent out a letter asking parents to advise us of their preferred day.

Tuesday, 15th November 5pm to 8pm

or

Thursday, 17th November 3.30pm to 5.30pm but not for Years 3 & 4

We would be really grateful if you could please select your preferred choice of day and advise us in writing by Monday morning at the very latest. You can email the school if you have lost the letter, so that all the teachers can then allocate the appointment times. A letter to confirm your time slot will be sent home with each child on Monday. For parents of Years 5 and 6 you might like to view the recording of the Buggy Malone performance in the ICT suite.

Wednesday, 16th November 3.30pm to 5.30pm for Years 3 & 4

Miss McKay in Comet Class and Miss Ann Gay in Star Gazers send their apologies but they will be attending a training course next Thursday, 17th and will be unavailable to meet parents. They have offered Wednesday 16th as an alternative and hope parents will not be too inconvenienced.

SCHOOL POLICY FOR SEVERE SNOW/WEATHER CONDITIONS



This winter we hope that normal school opening hours will not be disrupted by severe weather conditions. We understand that closure can inconvenience parents and carers in making alternative arrangements and creates additional challenges for staff and pupils in delivering learning in an already packed curriculum. It is the policy of the school to make every effort to remain open whenever possible; however the safety of all pupils, parents and staff remains paramount.

The decision to close the school either before or during the school day will be made by the Headteacher. The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. Insufficient staff (CRB checked, first aid trained and fully qualified) are able to travel in to keep the school running safely, (most staff live at a distance and may find roads blocked by snow, jack-knifed lorries or accidents).
2. Conditions on site are considered too dangerous for the safety of pupils, parents and staff.

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3. Conditions are considered to be, or are anticipated to later become, too hazardous for travel.

If the school is to close, a decision will be made by 7 am and the following will apply:

- The closure will be reported on Gloucestershire Local Radio (as early as possible in the morning)
- The closure will be reported on the Local Authority website: <http://www.glosclosedschools.com> who notifies Radio Gloucestershire of these school closures across the county. (So listen out for our school being mentioned during the morning broadcast)
- A Group Call text will be sent to all parents (provided the system is not overloaded and delays messages, which can happen in times of overuse)
- A closure notice will be posted on the school website (at 7am provided the system is not overloaded)
- Signs will be placed outside the school gate

The school will make all practicable efforts to keep parents informed as to opening during adverse weather conditions as early as possible. We appreciate that such conditions and the uncertainty of the school being open places very considerable difficulties upon parents. Parents are therefore expected to check the both GCC and the school websites and/or make themselves aware of the radio broadcasts when it is clear that a closure is a possibility.

The school appreciates that during bad weather children may arrive later than normal; parents should endeavour to contact the school to let them know they are on their way if likely to be delayed. Where the school is officially closed, all absence is counted as authorised absence.

In the event of the school having to close during the day due to unforeseen worsening weather or similar unforeseen circumstances, parents will be contacted by a Group Call text on their mobile phone and asked to collect their child/ren. Please note - this will only be contemplated in very extreme circumstances.

In the event of heavy snow we may need to ask parent volunteers to help clear and salt the main pathways. Parents, children and visitors should be aware that pathways, even where cleared, do remain dangerous. Children will also be reminded of this in Assembly.

Before and after school opening hours parents are responsible for ensuring their children do not slide on the school playground.

Playtimes may be changed during snow, please ensure children have boots and warm outdoor clothes in school in order that they may enjoy supervised play on the field if appropriate weather conditions allow. During adverse weather conditions, playtimes may be held inside.

We will do our best to keep School open but the safety of the children and those who accompany them to school and of the staff has to be the priority.

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Congratulations to Megan Tisshaw who recently competed at Deer Park in Broadway on her pony, Indigo. Nicknamed Inca her pony achieved a clear round in a number of larger classes and won 2 Rosettes and a Silver Trophy for coming 2nd out of a 150 riders in the 2 foot 3" Cross Country category. Well done Megan!

Diary Dates

Date	Title	Where and When
15 th & 17 th November	Parents Consultation Evenings	Individual appointment dates & times to be confirmed on Monday
20 th November	St Lawrence's In Stitches Christmas Craft Afternoon	All school age children and adults. Tickets £4 available from Shalom and via Leena Coleman on 01451 822 957.
25 th November	Mike Griffiths from Tempest Photographers	Individual and family group photographs in time for Christmas. Family groups from 8.15am to 8.45am.
1 st December	'My Maths' an opportunity for your child to show you their Maths skills	Your child's classroom 3pm to 4pm
11 th & 18 th December	Sunday Splash	In the School Hall, please contact Rev Rachel Rosborough on 01451 820386 for more details.
12 th & 13 th December	Infants KS1 Christmas Performance	School Hall 1.45pm on both days
14 th December	Junior KS2 Christmas Performance	St Lawrence's Church, 1.30pm & 6pm

Eyes down for....

BINGO

Sun 13th November
7.15pm for 7.30pm start
The Kingsbridge
Bourton-on-the-water

All money raised will go to
Tesco's Stow Charity of the Year
The Alzheimer's Society
Charity Number 296645



Operation Christmas Child

Shoe Box Scheme

Our final shoe boxes will now be collected from school on Monday 14th. If you have any more that you wish to give and cannot afford to make the £2.50 donation, then please do not worry. Revd Ian Fowler at the Baptist Church on Station Road, which is just along from R A Bennett Estate Agents is just happy to accept anything that you can give. Thank you.

As always, we welcome your comments and value your support

John ap R Jones
Head Teacher

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