



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a real privilege to see the children begin the Autumn Term with such a positive attitude. We have welcomed our new Penguin Class, and new children and staff to South Bersted Church of England Primary School.

During Monday's Virtual Collective Worship, we shared how each member of the school community is a unique puzzle piece and it is so lovely that we are able to be 'together' at the start of this new academic year.

I would like to thank each of you for your positivity, flexibility and willingness to adapt to our new routines. I am aware that there will continue to be times that we need to adapt to the local and national circumstances and I will communicate these changes with you at the earliest opportunity.

Can I please remind you to park considerately and safely when dropping off and collecting children.

Finally, the school's COVID – 19 page which includes FAQ, will continue to be updated.

Mr Goodwin
Headteacher

Home Learning:

We want to continue to build on the success of Class Dojo, therefore home learning will continue be set via this platform. Each Friday, your child's class teacher will set the home learning through a video and a grid.

This week, pupils in Years 1 – 6 have been set:

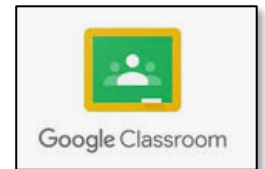
- *An English challenge using VIPERS,*
- *A maths challenge,*
- *A whole school growth mindset challenge.*

The tasks will take a range of forms and you can send in evidence through pictures and comments via the 'Portfolio' section on Class Dojo or by sending a message. As normal, the home learning is expected in on a Wednesday.

To ensure that children have a place to complete their home learning, today your child will be bringing a new home learning book home; however, this does not need to come back into school.

Google Classroom:

Over the next half term, pupils in Key Stage 2, will be learning how to use Google Classroom to access assignments and complete and hand in their home learning. Over the coming weeks, Mr Thorn will be sending out further information including letters and videos on how your child can use this resource to extend and access their learning.



During this week, Year 6 pupils have been using our new Chrome Books to access their accounts and complete assignments set by Mr Wilson.

Acceptable Use Policy:

We sent home a copy of our updated Acceptable Use Policy yesterday with all children. Please read through this with your child. The form then needs to be signed by the parent/carer and the child. Completed forms must be returned to school by **Friday 18th September**. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Nut Allergies:

We do have some children in school who have nut allergies therefore if you send your child with a packed lunch, you **must** ensure it does not contain any nuts or nut-based products – this includes chocolate hazelnut spread.



Hot Lunches:

Please help us to reduce food waste by not sending your child to school with a packed lunch if you have requested a hot lunch. If your child brings a packed lunch, their hot dinner will need to be thrown in the bin. Please note that due to ordering timelines, **we need a minimum of 2 weeks' notice for any changes**.

If you wish to make changes to the days you require a hot lunch for your child, please contact the school office who will be able to arrange this for you.

Flu Vaccination Programme:

Once again, we are pleased to confirm that all children will be offered a nasal flu vaccination in the Autumn term as part of the national programme of vaccination for children and young people. Vaccinations will take place in school on **Thursday 15th October 2020**.

Letters will be sent home on Monday with all children. You **must** complete the form and return it to school no later than **Monday 21st September**. If you do not give consent for your child to receive the vaccination, you must indicate this on the form and then sign and return it to school.

By having the vaccination, your child will protect others at risk from flu and help reduce pressure on the NHS.

Sporting Success:

During the Summer Term, you may recall that we entered the Sussex School Games. All pupils had the opportunity to enter the games and compete in the weekly challenges. During the Summer, I was delighted to receive an email that stated we had achieved the '2020 Virtual School Games Mark.' Thank you to all of you that competed and to Mr Wilson for posting the daily challenges.



Staying Safe Online:



You will recall that during the lockdown period, we were setting online activities using the Think U Know activities. Please use the below links to support your child in sharing their thoughts and or concerns around the use of online games and apps.

[Think You Know - Activity Sheet \(Gaming\)](#)

[Think You Know - Activity Sheet \(Viewing Videos Online\)](#)

If your child has concerns about what they have seen on line, please inform the school so that we can support in this.

Curriculum:

This week, teachers and pupils across the school have focused on well-being. Pupils have completed a number of activities linked to the new routines and structures that are in place in school. In addition to this, teachers have discussed what to do if your child has a worry and the strategies that are in place:

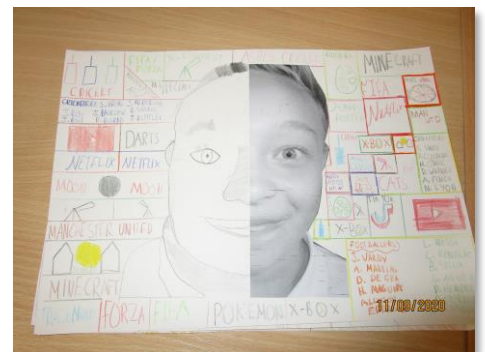
'School has been different with the tables in twos. It has been great seeing my friends' (Bella L, Y4)

'I love PSHE. It has given me lots of ways to help me if I have a problem and to understand my feelings (Nadia L, Y5)

'School has been better than I thought. My writing has improved and I enjoyed PE' (Jacob C, Y4)

'I was worried about coming back to school, but doing lots of wellbeing activities has helped me feel a lot better' (Lincoln R, Y5)

The week's learning has culminated in pupils creating their own self portrait and identifying the qualities that they possess that make them special and unique, based on the text 'Shine'.



Children as Leaders:

As part of our Learning 4 Life Curriculum at South Bersted Church of England Primary School, our Year 6 children are in the process of presenting their Junior Governor Speeches. Well done to all of those pupils who stood to be voted.

The pupils in Year 6 have voted for 6 pupils to present their speeches to the whole school in a 'virtual worship' next week where the whole school will vote for their four Junior Governors for the academic year.

'I felt nervous about doing my speech as there were lots of people running for the role' (Mailee J, Y6)

'Running for Junior Governor is exciting as it is a new experience and you don't know what will happen (Africa B, Y6)

Phonics:

To support pupils in Key Stage 1 in recognising and using the phonics to decode new and unfamiliar words, each week Mrs Gabb will be uploading weekly videos that introduce the new sounds and words for the week via Class Dojo.

Please use these videos to support your child at home and to give them an advantage in their reading.

BIG Questions:

Next week, your child will begin their new learning journey for the Autumn Term. You child's class teacher has designed a sequential learning journey that will allow your child to answer their BIG question for the Autumn Term.

Please see the table below for the list of BIG questions:

Year Group	BIG Question
EYFS	<i>Who are the people that help us?</i>
Year 1	<i>What does it mean to be me?</i>
Year 2	<i>What does it mean to persevere?</i>
Year 3	<i>How has life changed since the Stone Age?</i>
Year 4	<i>Could the Ancient Egyptians have survived without the River Nile?</i>
Year 5	<i>What does the future of space exploration look like?</i>
Year 6	<i>What makes a natural wonder of the world?</i>

In providing you with further information on your child's curriculum, class teachers will be sharing their overviews during a pre-recorded Meet and Greet session.

Year 6 – Transfer to Secondary School (September 2021):

On Monday 7th September, the application window for secondary school applications opened. Parents of children in Year 6 have now received a letter with more information about how to apply. **The deadline for applications is 31st October 2020.**

This year, due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, many schools will be offering 'virtual' open evenings. Please find below details of the local secondary school websites where you can find more information about each school and their 'virtual tours':

The Regis School:	www.theregisschool.co.uk
Felpham Community College:	www.felpham.com
Ormiston Six Villages Academy:	www.ormistonsixvillagesacademy.co.uk
Chichester High School:	www.chs-tkat.org
Chichester Free School:	www.chichesterfreeschool.org.uk
Bishop Luffa:	www.bishopluffa.org.uk