



# SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

12<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Earlier this week, the Prime Minister announced that the government has retracted its 'ambition' statement that all primary school children would return for face to face schooling before the summer break. The announcement was made through recognition that schools are working to their current capacity in both staffing and learning spaces. Whilst as a school we would love to be able to welcome all children back before the holidays, this will not be possible.

I am determined to ensure we are meeting the emotional and learning needs of our whole school community. With this in mind, I am asking all parents to complete a learning at home questionnaire so we can continue to adapt our approaches. **I am asking all families to complete this by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June using the link which has been sent to you via ParentMail.**

As always, I thank you for your continued support!

Mr Goodwin  
Headteacher

### Reasons to be Thankful:

Jesus said:

*'Look at the birds in the air. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns. But your heavenly Father feeds the birds. And you know that you are worth much more than the birds.'* (Matthew 6:26)

We are bombarded with frightening news at the moment but even during this worrying time there are things that we can thank God for. Based on the above, children at home and at school have been busy creating origami cranes, writing one thing they would like to thank God for at this time. The deadline for the cranes to be in school will be next Thursday (18th June).

*'I loved creating paper cranes. It was challenging at first but I slowly got better. It is a brand-new skill that I loved to learn'*

*"The crane was hard to make and it took time and effort. One wrong move and you could mess it up. After a few attempts, I was successful.'*

*'It may have been challenging but the more you practice the better you become'*

*'Making cranes was tricky, but I am happy I tried hard and did it'*



## School Value:

Linked to our current school value of **JUSTICE**, this week's P4C focused on the recent protests across the country and the world. Following the worship, I wanted to share with you some of our pupil's responses to the importance of treating each other with fairness and equality:

*A pupil in Year 3 believes that people should not be treated differently because of their appearance. He also believes that people need re-educating to ensure that there is equality.*

*A pupil in Year 5 explained that people are right to protest in these conditions and they are protecting themselves using face masks. They also felt that the movement is such an important one that it cannot be ignored.*

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## Learning at Home:

Next week sees the whole school community focus on geography and water safety. As part of our Learning for Life curriculum, we want to provide pupils with the knowledge of how to be safe when visiting the beach. As part of this, pupils will be completing a range of challenges linked to the RNLI Water Safety Passports.

Pupils will also be deepening their understanding of what a coast is, locating coastal towns across the United Kingdom. Our older pupils will be comparing how coasts are similar and different across the world.

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## Summer Reading Challenge:

West Sussex Library Service have launched their 'Summer Reading Challenge.'



This year's challenge is linked to the Silly Squad and allows children to read e-books and complete a range of challenges. By following this link, you can set your child(ren) up to complete this year's challenge.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

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## Changing Reading Books and Learning at Home Packs:

Next week we will continue to provide opportunities for parents and carers to change reading books and collect home learning packs. Please see below a timetable:

Year Group	Day	Time
EYFS	Monday	9:30 – 10:30
Year 1		10:30 – 11:30
Year 2	Tuesday	9:30 – 10:30
Year 3		10:30 – 11:30
Year 4	Wednesday	9:30 – 10:30
Year 5		10:30 – 11:30
Year 6	Friday	9:30 – 10:30

If the weather is wet or particularly windy the books will not be out.

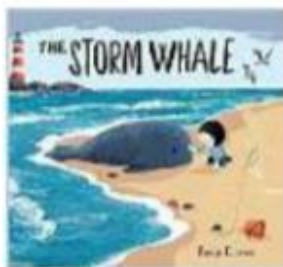
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## Reading Recommendations:

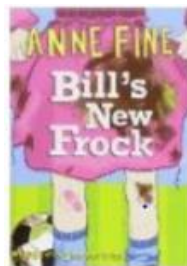
Below you will find some suggested reads for each year group:



EYFS



KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2

Please follow this link to access free online books that you can share with your child:

<https://sooperbooks.com/bedtime-stories/>

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## Year 6 Leavers Hoodies:

Just a reminder that the deadline for placing orders for leavers hoodies is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. **All orders must placed and paid in full (via ParentMail) by 8.00am on 15<sup>th</sup> June.** We regret that we cannot accept any orders after the deadline.

Once the hoodies are delivered in to school, we will contact you to arrange collection, in due course.

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## Staying Safe Online:

Following on from today's Collective Worship, I have included the next set of activities from the Think You Know website. Please use the links below to access the activities relevant to your child:

[EYFS - Think You Know](#)

[Key Stage 1 - Think You Know](#)

[Key Stage 2 - Think You Know](#)

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## Times Tables Rocks Stars:

The results of the latest battle are in!



In the Air v Earth battle - **Earth** won, achieving an impressive **3,425** points against 2,634 earned by Air.  
In the Fire v Water battle, **Fire** achieved **2,013** points just beating Water who earned 1,710.

Our top scorers from each house were:

**Liam S (Y4) - Fire:** 1,784 points – Liam played especially hard yesterday to help his team to victory.

**Poppy D-M (Y4) – Water:** Poppy scored an impressive 1,250 points, 73% of her teams' total points!

**Yusuf U (Y5) – Air:** 921 points – a great achievement, Yusuf earned 35% of the total points for Air.

**Archie F (Y4) – Earth:** 2,024 points – well done Archie you earned 60% of the total points for your team!

The new battle will begin today at 4pm and will run until Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm. Good luck!

**Air v Fire**  
**Earth v Water**

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## Sussex Games:

We continue to perform well in the Virtual Games. Last week, we were ranked 39<sup>th</sup> out of almost 300 schools! Thank you to those who are completing the challenges at home. Keep up the good work!

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## Red Book:



We are pleased to announce that the following children have been presented with a Red Book award for good work, effort, achievement and or demonstrating the half term's value of **JUSTICE**:

**Zachary B (YR):** for fantastic number work and phonics at home and for always working hard.

**Leo D (YR):** for settling so well in to school and for being happy to try all the new activities.

**Antonia T (YR):** for settling into her new class so well, working hard and doing her best with everything.

**Buddy S (YR):** for being a complete star! He has settled so well and has been so happy in school.

**Raife B (YR):** for settling so well and for doing everything with a huge smile on his face.

**Louie T (Y1):** for a science tree walk, identifying and classifying trees using their leaves.

**Francesca W (Y1):** for great science work, identifying and classifying trees using their leaves.

**Caithen L (Y2):** for increased confidence in school and joining in so well.

**Hadley J (Y2):** for writing and sending Miss White such lovely letters through the post.

**Edward W (Y3):** for such enthusiasm and having such fun as 'back stop' in our half rounders game.

**Matthew P (Y3):** for his enthusiasm with all his learning – and completing everything with a smile!

**Alex F (Y4):** for settling back in to school with confidence and enthusiasm.

**Georgia C (Y4):** for always aiming for excellence with her writing.

**Africa B (Y5):** for returning to school with such a positive attitude.

**Jaydon T (Y5):** for great effort with his home learning tasks.

**Archie A (Y5):** for settling in and persevering in a group with Year 6.

**Dylan H (Y5):** for settling in and persevering in a group with Year 6.

**Hristina P (Y6):** for always aiming for excellence in her learning.

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## Frequently Asked Questions:

Attached to the bottom of this newsletter is the current Frequently Asked Questions. Please note this has not changed since last week.

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## RETURNING TO SCHOOL - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### When my child returns will they need school uniform?

The answer is yes. However, I am aware that many children have grown during the last 11 weeks so comfortable and practical shoes should be worn.

### Will my child need to be in full time?

Yes. All children who have accepted a place, regardless of whether they are a key worker child or they are in one of the three year groups prioritised to return (Year R, 1 and 6) must attend school on a full-time basis.

### Will my child receive home learning if they are not in school?

Yes. Class teachers will continue to set work through Class Dojo. This will be set in the format of a grid and teachers will be available to respond to comments and questions throughout the week.

Each week, your child's class teacher will also post a video to explain the outcomes for the week.

In addition to this, battles will be set on Timestable Rockstars and Busy Things.

### Will my child be with their year group?

Each bubble, may consist of pupils from other year groups but your child will not be the only member of their year group within that bubble.

### What can my child bring in to school?

Water bottle,

Coat,

Snack,

Lunch (those who are having a packed lunch)

### How much physical contact will my child have with their peers?

We have created classroom bubbles, where as much social distancing is achieved as possible. This is being implemented through; the organisation of desks, the removal of unnecessary furniture and through all pupils having their individual resources in their tray or packs.

The government's guidance on the use of bubbles is to limit the contact with multiple people. We are applying the below statements from the government to do this:

- *avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms*
- *frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices*
- *regular cleaning of settings*
- *minimising contact and mixing*

During break and lunchtimes pupils will remain in their bubbles and have equipment and suggested games that promote playing at a distance e.g. cricket, skipping, hoops.

**Will my child do PE?**

Each class has an allocated day for PE. On these days your child will need to dress in their PE kit/sports clothing.

**If my child is not in school can they change their reading book?**

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, all classes will have a designated time to change their reading books. Please return all read books in the red box.

In addition to this, please visit the following websites to access free e-books:

<https://sooperbooks.com/bedtime-stories/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page?login-error=true>

Again, I would like to thank you for your support. Any questions, please email the school office.

**Can my child take their water bottle home?**

Yes. Water bottles can go home, be cleaned and return the next day.

**I did not request a place, can my child now attend?**

Like all schools, we have a set capacity based on rooms and available staff. It is unlikely that we are able to take any more children due to our capacity. Please contact the school if you have specific queries regarding this.