



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

16th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Earlier this week, the Prime Minister announced a new three tier system in England. Each area of England will now fall into three categories – Medium (Tier 1), High (Tier 2) or Very High (Tier 3) depending on the local rate of infection. Within Bognor Regis, we are currently in **Tier 1 – Medium**.

In the last newsletter, I wrote to remind you of the importance of your children waiting with you at the end of the day and not playing on the play equipment. I would like to thank you for your co-operation in this. As stated previously, although wearing a face mask is not mandatory when outside, over the coming weeks this may be something that many of you consider as you arrive on the school site.

Car Parking:

Yet again, I must remind parents and carers regarding parking at the start and end of the day.

The car park by the garages (entrance opposite the allotments) is for residents use only. **It is not a public car park; therefore, it should not be used for parking when dropping off or picking up children from school.** The number of cars coming in and out of this car park is making it dangerous for pedestrians, particularly those with pushchairs and smaller children.

During these difficult times, we are all making changes to the way we live our lives. With this in mind, I request once again that parents and carers are considerate of others when parking near school. Please try to allow additional time at the start and end of the day so you can park further away and walk to school. I would also ask that you share this message with any family members who may drop off or collect your child.

REMEMBER:

- **Do not park in the car park / garages,**
- **Do not block driveways or park inconsiderately,**
- **Do not park on the yellow zigzag lines.**



Thank you for your co-operation.

Home Learning:

I have been delighted to hear of the number of children engaging in their Home Learning over the past 5 weeks. The response to the whole school challenges have been fantastic – I have enjoyed reading children's poems and seeing their maths work linked to Autumn and Harvest. Over the next two weeks, the whole school challenge is linked to our school values.

From this week, pupils in Key Stage 2 will be receiving their home learning via Google Classroom. All pupils in Years 1 – 6 will also receive their weekly spelling list. The children will be tested in school on a Wednesday or Thursday and receive their new list via Class Dojo or Google Classroom.

Thank you for your continued engagement towards our home learning platforms. The number of parents and carers that are engaging in the weekly phonics and modular maths videos is helping to support your child's learning.

Accelerated Reader:

At the beginning of the half term, we introduced Accelerated Reader across Key Stage 2. For further information on this reading resource please visit our [website](#). As of yesterday, pupils across Key Stage 2 have read **402** books over the past four weeks!

Next week, I look forward to presenting pupils with a reading book as part of our half termly reading raffle!

Times Table Rock Stars:

The results of the latest Times Table Rock Stars battle were as follows:

Water (8,414 points) beat **Fire** (612 points)

The most valuable players were **Frankie M** in Year 4 (Water) and **Julia T** in Year 6 (Fire).

Earth (3,557 points) beat **Air** (3,015 points)

The most valuable players were **Max C-L** in Year 6 (Earth) and **Yusuf U** in Y6 (Air).

The new battles will begin today at 4.00pm and will run until **7.00pm on Wednesday 4th November**. The new battle will be:

Fire v Air
Earth v Water

Please do encourage your child to log on and support their house team. Frequent use of Times Table Rockstars will also improve your child's knowledge of the times tables. Results from the latest challenge will be announced on the newsletter on **Friday 6th November**.

Harvest:

Once again, I would like to thank you for your donations. Your donations will be going to those in need and will make a difference to people living in our community.

As part of our focus on Harvest, a selection of the children's art work is now displayed in the Key Stage 1 cloakroom.



Pupil Voice:

On Wednesday we held our first School Council meeting, although the format of the meeting was a little different from previous years. The children were presented with their School Council badges and they discussed the agenda for this half term. The School Council Representatives will now talk with their individual classes about fundraising ideas for Children in Need, as well as how we can facilitate a gardening patch for each class.

House Points:

This year, we will be presenting the winning house with our new House Trophy. The trophy will be awarded every half term to the house that have earned the most house points for:

- *Aiming for Excellence (academic achievement),*
- *Acts of Kindness (demonstrating the school's values),*
- *Perseverance (effort towards their learning which is above and beyond what is expected).*

The trophy for this half term will be awarded during Collective Worship on Wednesday 21st October.

Parent/Teacher Consultations:

Due to current restrictions, we will not be providing face to face parents meeting but instead we will be providing these as a telephone conversation. Parent Teacher Consultations will take place after half term. We are currently investigating potential software packages that will enable you to book your own appointment. I will write to all parents as soon as possible to confirm the details and to provide instructions on how to book your appointment.

P4C – World Mental Health Day:

Saturday 10th October was World Mental Health Day. In school, we talked about why it is important to keep both our bodies and our minds healthy. In class, we shared the following video and discussed things we do which make us feel relaxed and calm.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oz1S66_pYTw&safe=true

Red Book:

We are pleased to announce that the following children have been presented with a Red Book sticker for good work, effort, achievement and or demonstrating this half term's value of **KOINONIA** in action.



**Roman O (EY), Jim H (EY), Aaron F (Y1), Tommy P (Y1), Paisley H (Y2),
Nathalie S (Y2), Isla J (Y3), Hadley J (Y3), Zara A (Y4), Laila K (Y4),
Nadia L (Y5), Phoenix N (Y5), Ella B (Y6), Kitty C (Y6)**

If you would like more information about why your child has been awarded a red book sticker, please send a Dojo message to your child's class teacher.

Inset Days 2020-21:

Please find below a reminder of the remaining Inset Days for this academic year:

Friday 23rd October 2020
Monday 4th January 2021
Monday 19th April 2021

