



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

17th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this extraordinary year, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support. All members of the school community have responded with resilience and determination to ensure the best for the pupils of South Bersted Church of England Primary School. Reflecting on the past 4 months, I continue to feel great pride at how individuals and families have come together to support each other. From my point of view there has been a real sense of community.

During this half term, we have reflected on the Christian Value of **Justice** and the need for fairness and equality. Through pupils' reflections linked to this value, I was impressed by their desire to act when there is injustice:

'We all need to treat each other fairly and if something is not right we need to have a voice in it.'

'It doesn't matter what we look like, we're a container – like a cup of water. It doesn't matter what the container looks like, it's the water inside that is important.'

Amos 5: 24 says 'let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream.'

As a school community, we have embraced new technology and communicated in new ways. I want to ensure that we build on these new means of communication as we enter the new school year. Aspects of home learning will move towards Class Dojo and Google Classroom and we aim to build on the fantastic work over the past four months through sharing a wider range of videos to support our pupils emotionally and educationally.

Through Class Dojo, I have enjoyed hearing about children's achievements whilst they have been learning at home, and the experiences you have shared. From children learning how to bake, or learning how to ride their bike, to earning their Green Blue Peter Badge as well as sharing their maths and English work, there is much to reflect on. As adults this may also have provided you with the opportunity to reflect and learn a new skill.

At this time of year, we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. It may not have been the end to primary school that they would have hoped for, but Tuesday's 'Pizza Party' was a fantastic example of how they have responded to these challenges with maturity and dignity.

We are so very proud of them all and look forward to hearing of their future achievements.



Over the coming weeks, we will continue to receive information and updates regarding the school welcoming all children back from Monday 7th September.

Through the school's website, <http://www.southbersted.w-sussex.sch.uk/learning/covid-19/>, I will continue to update the latest guidance so you remain informed of any changes. Some of you may have concerns related to September so please use the texts, booklets and information on the website as an opportunity to discuss your child's worries.

As I stated in Tuesday's letter, there will also be new video that will be posted on the website in August so your child is fully prepared for September. If you have any questions, I will continue to respond to these through a frequently asked questions page on the website. In addition to this, your child's class teacher for September has also responded to the questions you posed on the transition questionnaires, which can be viewed on Class Dojo.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family members a restful, happy and safe holiday. I look forward to welcoming all children back in September and hearing of their achievements. Stay safe, and as always thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mr Noel Goodwin
Headteacher

