



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

1st May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Following this week's P4C stimulus of Colonel Tom Moore, I was amazed by a Year 3 pupil's response to the image: 'it does not matter how small the gesture is as small gestures from lots of people soon add up.' This made me consider the story of the Widow's Mite - Mark 12:41-44- that we shared during a whole school worship. During these times, it's not about how much we give, it's about giving what we can.

Each week we talk about being there for others and giving what we can to help those in need. It has been amazing to see the 'acts of kindness' that people continue to display during these challenging times.



Opening of Schools:

From speaking to our parents this week, there is not the need for us to be open on the next Bank Holiday, Friday 8th May, so the school will be closed to all staff and children.

On Wednesday, the Secretary of State for Education stated 'that Schools across England that have been closed for almost six weeks as a result of the Covid-19 lockdown will reopen in phases, with schools given as much notice as possible.' Once I receive information of the governments approach to a phased return I will notify all parents and carers.

Learning from Home:

As a school, we continue to be amazed by the levels of engagement that we see through Class Dojo. The comments and images of work that you continue to share have been fantastic!

I am fully aware of the challenges of learning at home and the way that you as families have adapted to these challenges has been incredible. It is important that you give yourself the time to reflect on what has been achieved and congratulate yourself on the wonderful job that you are doing. We must also be mindful that children learn in different ways and will respond to tasks in different ways. With this in mind, I want to remind all parents and carers to be kind to yourself and to contact your child's class teacher if there is anything else that we can support you with.

Next week our afternoon focus is science. Your child's class teacher will be setting daily challenges around this subject area linked to a healthy body and a balanced diet. Through this, we will also make links to the countries VE celebrations.

To support your child(ren)'s learning, on Monday your child's class teacher will be sending out a log on for your child so they can access Busy Things. Over the coming weeks, your child(ren) can access online games linked to our focused subject. They are welcome to access other areas of interest too.

Busy Things: <https://www.busythings.co.uk/>

Signing Challenge:

Thank you to those of you that have sent in videos via the office of your child performing the signing to the song True Colours. Pupils and staff who are in school have also been learning this and our aim is to create a school video that reflects our school value of Hope.

Sussex School Games:

Each day this week, Mr Wilson has been posting the daily events linked to the Sussex School Games. Please remember to log your child's scores and achievements as they could win a medal for their efforts.

<https://www.activesussex.org/virtual/>

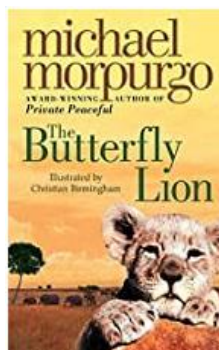
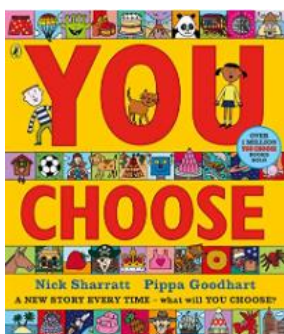
On Monday, Mr Wilson will post the activities linked to next week's sport – Tennis.

Collecting Work:

This week a number of parents and carers have collected books and paper copies of work to complete at home. Thank you for following the guidance we sent out last week in collecting resources within the set time to ensure we maintain social distancing.

Reading Recommendations:

In previous newsletters, I have shared the importance of reading for 20 minutes per day. With this in mind, there may be a number of you who are looking for book recommendations for your child(ren). Each week, I will recommend three books. One for EYFS, KS 1, lower KS 2 and upper KS 2.



By logging into the Oxford Owl website you can also access a range of free online texts:

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

When you select a book, you also get an option for the book to be read to your child so they can follow it through.

West Sussex library have also updated their information on resources that are available during this time:

<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/web/arena/currentoffer>

VE – Day

Friday 8th May marks the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe – VE day. To mark this significant event, the local council along with the BBC are encouraging families to make their own bunting and display this in their windows. Further information on this can be found in the following link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4TrqYDyf4PMdLypxzyTwGDg/great-british-bunting>

Pupils and families may also want to enter a national competition to commemorate VE Day or hold their own tea party at home: <https://ve-viday75.gov.uk/dan-snows-ve-day-challenge/>

Internet Safety:

Each week, I have written to you reminding you of the key websites linked to parental settings and ensuring that children are safe online.

If you or your child(ren) are concerned about something you have seen online or have experienced any negative issues, you can report via the Internet Watch Foundation and Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP). <https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>

Change of Circumstances:

Again, this week, I include the change of circumstances information. Can I please ask that if you have had a change of circumstances within your family and you believe that your child is now entitled to a school place, that you contact the school office. The most recent guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>.

Please can we also request that you keep us informed if you no longer require a place for your child.

Free School Meals: if your circumstances have changed recently and you are now eligible for some benefits, please follow the below link and complete the online form to check if you are now also eligible for income based Free School Meals. The online system is the quickest way of doing this:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#/#ifyour-circumstances-change>.

If your application for Free School Meals is successful, the school will be notified directly, and you will also receive a confirmation letter.

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 this half term's value of **ENDURANCE** in action:

Antonia T (YR): for completing all the work at home and then doing extra by always practising her letters, which is making her handwriting so neat!

James D (YR): for working so hard at school and now being confident to write simple words independently and drawing some great farm animals!

Elsie G (Y1): for persevering in learning the signing to True Colours.

Marley M (Y1): working hard to complete his home learning tasks and making links between different subjects.

Louie T (Y1): for demonstrating perseverance during his home learning tasks.

Austin E (Y2): for acts of kindness in writing Mrs Bush and Miss White a lovely note, and delivering it with some home-grown herbs.

Rosa R (Y2): for sending a video of her reading her story for this week's Literacy.

Brody H (Y3): excellent effort with learning.

Olivia M (Y3): battling internet and computing challenges and still maintaining her learning.

Isabella E-D (Y4): consistently producing home learning of a high standard and for an amazing Viking Long Boat!

Poppy D-M (Y4): for persevering with home learning tasks – well done Poppy!

Dominik W (Y5): for his perseverance and engagement in home learning tasks!

Holly A (Y5): for persevering in learning the signing to True Colours.

Isaac L (Y6): aiming for excellence towards his home learning and acts of kindness for supporting his sister with her learning.

Isabel B (Y6): for working hard at her home learning tasks.

Our School Value for this Half Term: ENDURANCE

'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'
(Galatians 6:9)

