



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

24th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

During this week, each of my challenges have been focused around our Patron Saint, St George. In sharing all aspects of his life, including the legend of him defeating a dragon which was terrorising a village, we have reflected on the characteristics that he displayed during his life. Historical evidence states that he stood up for others and showed courage during challenging times. Well, we are certainly in challenging times and we all need to reflect on the importance of standing up for what is right and helping those that are most in need. Again, last night, many of us would have stood outside and showed our appreciation to the key workers and front-line workers who are supporting those that are most in need. It is more important than ever that we take the time to touch base with each other, stay connected and ask if all is OK.



The image that I shared on Monday, helps to remind us of what St George stood for and how he helped those that were in need and stood up for what was right.

Kind regards
Mr Goodwin

Learning at Home:

We have all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you are doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

Since the school closed, I have received a number of messages via Class Dojo of parents and carers doing a range of activities with their children including building dens, cooking, learning dances and completing the learning at home activities that have been set by your child's class teacher. All staff at the school are enjoying seeing the activities, new learning opportunities and experiences that you are providing at home.

The foundation focus next week is computing. Your child's class teacher will be setting daily challenges around this subject area.

From Monday, we will also be setting sporting challenges through the West Sussex School Games 'virtual' competitions. Each Monday morning, a new sport will be launched which can be done on the living room or garden. Children will have the opportunity to compete and earn medals. More information will be posted on Monday via Class Dojo and can also be found by following this link:

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

As a school, we are aware of the challenges that come with learning at home so I have attached the key principles guide from the Local Authority, which I believe was sent to all parents earlier this week.

Collecting Work from School:

Following teachers calling home this week, a number of parents and carers have asked to exchange books or to collect further resources. To ensure that social distancing is being observed at all times, can you please ensure that you arrive at school within the given times. This would also ensure that you are not left waiting as I am sure you can appreciate the school is running with a skeleton staff and we do not want to keep people waiting unnecessarily.

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 four books. One for EYFS, KS1, lower KS2 and upper KS2.



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, there is also an option for the book to be read to your child so they can follow it through if they wish.

Re-Opening of Schools:

Over the past week, there has been a great deal of speculation around when schools will re-open. At this time, there has been no date set by the government but we do know from Sunday's announcement by the Education Secretary that there will be five factors that will determine when schools do re-open.

Once I am informed of this date, I will inform all parent and carers of the clear measures we will take to ensure pupils and staff safety.

Today, I will also be writing to those of you whose child(ren) are attending school to see if you require the school to be open on the May Bank Holiday (Friday 8th May). Like the Easter Bank Holidays, we will remain open if needed. Please respond to the school office so we can make the necessary arrangements.

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.

As a school, we took the decision to provide a range of learning opportunities that include both paper based and online based opportunities. With this in mind, we are asking all parents and carers to be mindful of the following:

- When using the computer, children must take regular movement breaks
- Be aware of dangers of changing cables
- Be aware of data allowances, particularly on mobile devices to ensure that you do not receive unexpected increases in bills.

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 as soon as possible.. The most recent guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educationalprovision/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.

Class Dojo:

Yesterday, we celebrated St Georges Day. Pupils across the school were set challenges linked to our Patron Saint.



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:

Kacper S (YR): for working hard and persevering and learning how to ride a 2 wheel bike!

Zach M (YR): for working very hard this week, writing some great number sentences and writing the recipe that the Little Red Hen used. Also for making some amazing bread rolls that looked very tasty!

Bella Rose H (Y1): for wonderful home learning work, going above and beyond by creating videos and sharing the progress of her caterpillars.

Savannah M (Y1): for aiming for excellence in her home learning tasks.

Nathan S (Y2): for a beautiful recipe and letter he sent to Miss White this week.

Maisie P (Y2): for continuing to spread kindness from a distance via Dojo.

Alex C (Y3): for fantastic effort and attitude towards his learning at home.

Zach C (Y3): for fantastic effort and attitude towards his learning at home.

Amber R (Y4): for her creativity with the home learning and her interest in exploring the topic a little further.

Archie F (Y4): for his continued enthusiasm with home learning, often going on to do more than what is set.

Pawel M (Y5): for such hard work with his home learning tasks.

Ella B (Y5): for such hard work with her home learning tasks.

Ruby R (Y6): for fantastic home learning in with some impressive writing.

Hayden M (Y6): for consistently producing high quality home learning.

