



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

29th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Over the past week, there has been a great deal of information sent home related to the phased re-opening of the school. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your patience and understanding in communicating our approach. If your child is returning to school, you will have received a Parent Mail message confirming their group and their drop off and pick up time.

Following the Prime Minister's recent announcement and based on the school's capacity from Monday 1st June, we are welcoming back children in **Priority Group 1 only**:

Group	Teacher	Teaching Assistant	Arrive	Collect	Entrance
Group 1	Miss Stanton	Mrs Yates	8:40 – 8:50	14:35 – 14:45	EYFS doors
Group 2*	Mrs Greatorex	Mrs Pillay	9:00 – 9:10	14:55 – 15:05	Year 1 Class doors
Group 3*	Mrs Leeper Mrs Gabb	Mrs Osborne	8:50 – 9:00	14:45 – 14:55	Year 2 Class doors
Group 4	Miss White	Mrs Hammond	9:00 - 9:10	14:55 – 15:05	Year 3 steps
Group 5	Mrs Robson	Mrs Austin Mrs Rogers	9:10 – 9:20	15:05 – 15:15	Year 4 steps
Group 6	Mr Thorn	Mrs Randall	8:50 – 9:00	14:45 – 14:55	Key Stage 2 entrance
Group 7	Mr Wilson	Mrs Keates	8:40 – 8:50	14:35: 14:45	Key Stage 2 entrance

**Phased return for these groups – please check your emails for start dates.*

- **To minimise the number of parents and carers on the school's grounds please ensure that only one person drops off and collects.**
- **To ensure that social distancing is in place, please do not use this as the time to communicate with the group's teacher. Do this through Class Dojo or an email to the school office.**
- **To reduce the number of cars in and around the school, please park further away or walk and cycle where possible.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Goodwin
Headteacher

Preparing to Return:

Earlier this week, myself and Mrs Bush created a video to explain how the school will be different for those children that are returning. Please share this video with your child so they know what to expect when they arrive. Miss Stanton has also shared a video on her Class Dojo page for the pupils in Group 1. In addition to this, Mrs Bush has also uploaded a story on Class Dojo we would like you to share with your child.

I have written an amendment to the school's behaviour policy which can be viewed under the policy section on the school website: <http://www.southbersted.w-sussex.sch.uk/our-school/policies/>. You will also find attached an updated FAQ attached to this newsletter.

Learning from Home:

For the children who will not be returning to school yet, class teachers will continue to upload work to Class Dojo. Work will be uploaded on a Monday and will run parallel with the work that is completed at school. As teachers will now be teaching full time, the home learning for that week will be presented on a grid for each subject: English, maths and a foundation subject. In addition to this, there will also be a daily worship posted, a story and the Sussex Virtual School Games challenges will also be set each day.

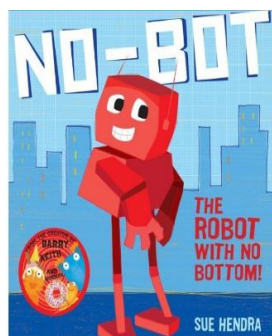
Next week's foundation subject is art.

Please note, as your child's class teacher will be in the classroom, they may take longer to respond to a comment but will endeavour to get back to you by the end of the day.

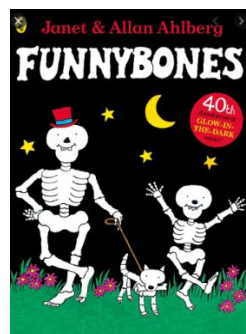
Reading Recommendations:

This week, we began reading George's Marvellous Medicine. This will be our school text which will be shared each day via Class Dojo.

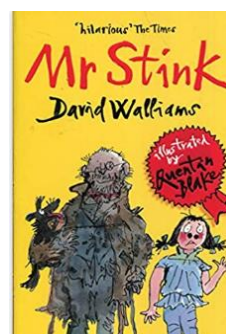
Below you will find some suggested reads for each year group:



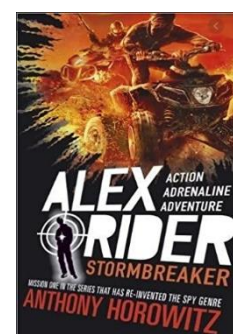
EYFS



KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2

True Colours Video:

The school's True Colours video has gone viral with over 11,000 views! We are delighted that this week, the Bognor Observer posted our video: <https://www.bognor.co.uk/education/south-bersted-primary-school-pupils-moving-video-goes-viral-2864959>

Sussex Games:

Last week, our school finished 12th out of 252 schools in West Sussex! Not only that but we are second place within our locality of schools. Next week's sports are basketball and netball. Following on from our success this year in these sports, I am hopeful that we can break the top 10! Please see the daily posts from Mr Wilson so we can continue to climb that leader board.



Blue Peter Badges:

Earlier this week, I set the challenge of earning a Blue Peter Badge. It was lovely to see so many of you create work linked to the **Blue Peter Green Badge (Nature, Conservation and the Environment)**. Don't forget to write your letter to Blue Peter and send it with your application!



Staying Safe Online:

Following on from our work on staying safe online and the Think You Know activities; new activities have been released for each age group. Please follow the links below to complete these:

EYFS:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/thinkuknow/documents/thinkuknow/parents/pdf/thinkuknow-4-5s-home-activity-sheet-4.pdf>

Key Stage 1:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/thinkuknow/documents/thinkuknow/parents/pdf/thinkuknow-5-7s-home-activity-sheet-4.pdf>

Key Stage 2:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/thinkuknow/documents/thinkuknow/parents/pdf/thinkuknow-8-10s-home-activity-sheet-4.pdf>

Sun Protection:

For those children who are returning to school, the weather has vastly improved since we began the lockdown! Please apply sun cream before school (we cannot assist with applying sun cream for your child).

All children must have a named sun hat and a water bottle in school every day.



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:

Maisie S (YR): for being fantastic at rhyming and writing a great sentence using adjectives to describe her shell that she made.

Tommy P (YR): for creating an amazing sea horse and demonstrating a good understanding of time.

Archie W (Y1): for being so kind and helpful all the time.

Nellie-Mae A (Y2): for demonstrating good understanding of the new school routines and making sure she shared her knowledge with others.

Bella L (Y3): for such a positive return to school today.

Lola E (Y4): for her consistent effort with her home learning and a great story idea this week.

Yusuf U (Y5): for earning a green and purple Blue Peter badge this week.

Archie A (Y5): for his attitude towards school work and friendships this week in school.

Isaac L (Y6): for such a positive attitude on his return to school today.



RETURNING TO SCHOOL - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I change my child's pick up and drop off time?

No. These have been created to ensure there are less adults on the school grounds at any one time. Please stick to the below points when dropping off and picking up.

Arriving at School:

- Stick to your timings,
- Follow the one-way system – enter at Church Lane, drop at the gate and leave by Orchard Way.
- If you have siblings at school, they can arrive at the earliest sibling's time and enter their classroom, e.g. If you have siblings in Group 1 and Group 3, both siblings can arrive at the earliest time.
- Keep to the right when entering and leaving the school playground.

Collecting:

- Please arrive at the designated time.
- The group teacher will lead the children to the collection point for you to collect them.
- Please stand back and remain spaced out until your child is at the front of the group to be collected.
- At this time, you will have to collect siblings at the designated times.
- Respect others and social distance on the playground.
- Keep to the right of the playground when leaving the playground

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 8 weeks so comfortable and practical shoes should be worn.

When will my child do PE?

Each day, your child will compete in the Sussex Active Games. From week the 8th June, each class will be allocated a PE slot. You will be notified of the day and your child is to arrive in their PE kit.

If my child has not been given a place what does that mean?

They will continue to access learning from home. Due to school's capacity, we can only have the children that we have allocated places to on a phased return.

Will all children return in September?

I am sorry to say that I do not know the answer to this.

Will my child need to be in full time?

Yes. If as a key worker you have stated you need a place your child will need to be at 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.

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?

Named water bottle, coat, sun hat (if appropriate), packed lunch (for those having packed lunch), mobile phones (Years 5 & 6 for children walking to and from school). To discourage movement around school, mobile phones will be secured safely in the teacher's cupboard.

Medication- Asthma Inhalers - we will contact parents and carers regarding Asthma inhalers in the coming days.

Hand cream - as per our school medication policy, all creams will require a pharmacist label with your child's name and a form will need to be completed. Please Dojo the school office if you require a form and we can send this home with your child on their first day back.

Sun cream – please administer sun cream at home in the morning, if applicable. We are unable to assist children with putting cream on in school. All children must have a named sun hat and a water bottle in school every day.

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

Will the school still call if my child is not in?

Yes – Mrs Gabb and Mrs Leeper will be calling home to those children who are not in school, on a Wednesday.

How will we maintain our Christian ethos and values while in bubbles?

Although we will not be gathering to worship together when the children return to school, we will ensure worship is accessed virtually. Each class will participate in a collective worship each day led by either myself, Mrs Bush or Reverend Tim. Pupils at home will also access this through Class Dojo.

How will the school be cleaned?

Since March, the school's cleaning has been adjusted. Whilst continuing our usual routine, we have also identified frequently touched areas around the school including door handles and tables which are cleaned during lunchtimes and again at the end of the day.

What happens if my child is unwell?

If your child has symptoms they should not be in school and you should all follow the latest guidance.

What happens if there is a possible case of Covid-19?

Anyone with symptoms will be sent home and advised to isolate for 7 days. Anyone else in their household should self-isolate for 14 days. If a person (adult or child) is suspected of having COVID 19, they will be able to book a test. If the test is negative they can return to school if they feel better. If the test is positive the whole bubble will isolate for 14 days.