



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

2nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Over the past four weeks, we have all continued to adapt to new routines. I would like to thank each of you for your co-operation in following our new systems including the one-way system and staggered start and finish times.

Over the past week, I have spoken to a number of parents and carers on their reflections on the new systems and I would like to thank you for your positive comments.

As we respond to the rising number of positive cases nationally, can I please remind all parents and carers that children must stay with their adult whilst waiting for siblings. Children should not be playing on any of the equipment. In addition to this, I would like to remind you of the government's Hands, Face, Space campaign. 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.

Kind regards

Mr Goodwin
Headteacher

Harvest:

Across the school next week, we will be focusing on the significance of Harvest. On **Thursday 8th October**, we are asking pupils to bring in one of the following items, which will be donated to the **Bognor Regis Food Bank**:

- *Tinned meat or fish*
- *Puddings*
- *Fruit juice (long life)*
- *Tinned potatoes (or dried)*

The Food Bank currently has more than enough pasta, rice, baked beans and tea so we kindly request that any donated items are from the above list only.

This year, we are focusing on the bible reference:

'We will reap a harvest if we do not give up.' (Galatians 6:9)

Pupils across the school will be using Makaton to sign this reference, they will also create their own Autumnal art work and pupils in EYFS will learn sign language to the song 'Colours of the Rainbow'.

In addition to this, each year group will have their own selection of green bean seeds that they have to grow and nurture in line with our biblical reference. The week will conclude with Rev Tim Crook leading a virtual **Harvest Service**.

Meet and Greet:

If your child is in Year 1-6, you can now view the Meet and Greet presentation which can be found on the relevant Class Page on our new website. Please click the following link: [Class Pages](#)

Learning from Home:

If your child has to self-isolate, they will still access high quality learning. In outlining our approach, you will find further information on the school website within the [COVID-19](#) section.

Accelerated Reader:

On Wednesday, Miss White wrote to all Key Stage 2 parents explaining the introduction of **Accelerated Reader**. Over the past two weeks, I have been delighted with the number of quizzes that pupils have completed. In Years 4 – 6, over **110** books have been read over the past three weeks! It is fantastic to see pupils enthused in the new approach.

Maths Videos:

You may remember that in June we sent out a questionnaire linked to learning at home during the wider school closure. One of the suggestions on how we could improve further was to provide videos that link to our approaches in mathematics. With this in mind, we will be sending out unit videos for mathematics for pupils in Key Stage 2. At the beginning of each unit, a teacher will record a new video and upload it to Class Dojo. Last week, Mrs Robson uploaded a video and by Thursday Mr Wilson will add the next video linked to addition and subtraction.

Outdoor Learning:

The focus for this half term's outdoor learning is Art. Pupils across the school are developing their skills in creating art from natural materials. Over the past two weeks, pupils in Years 4 and 5 have developed the skill of weaving. I have been impressed with the pupils' endurance and their ability to learn from their mistakes in competing their weaves.



Next week, pupils in Year 3 will develop their art skills as part of their outdoor learning session.

Awards:

Over the past 2 weeks, we have been presented with three new awards. The **Virtual Games** mark which was awarded to the school for its commitment and participation in sport during the wider school closure. The **Quality Start Gold** award, which recognises the school's commitment to sport in Key Stage 1. We were also delighted to be awarded the **Gold School's Award** for our allotment. Thank you to all the children, Mrs Austin and Mr Wilson for their commitment towards sport and our Eco status.





Times Table Rock Stars:

The recent Times Table Rock Stars battles have been quite close, results as follows:

Last week's battles:

Year 3 (2,398 points) beat Year 6 (2,330 points)

Year 4 (3,557 points) beat Year 5 (1,958 points)

Previous week's battles:

Year 5 (2,365 points) beat Year 3 (2,318 points)

Year 6 (3,502 points) beat Year 4 (3,342 points)

The new battles will begin today at 4.00pm and will run until **7.00pm on Wednesday 14th October**. The new battle will be:

Water v Fire

Earth v Air

We look forward to finding out which teams will win the latest battle. Results will be announced on the newsletter on Friday 16th October.

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.



Georgia R-S (YR), Harry B (YR), Gerrard H (Y1), Alisa G (Y1), Harry M-B (Y2), Leo M (Y1), Rocco J-N (Y3), David K (Y3), Edward W (Y4), Brody H (Y4), Matthew P (Y4), Archie F (Y5), Erin B (Y5), Iqra A (Y6), Dominik W (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.

Starting School September 2021:

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2016 and 31st August 2017, they are eligible to start school in September 2021. Online applications will open from **Monday 5th October 2020**. You must make your application before the deadline of Friday 21st January 2021.

For more information, please call 03330 142 903 or visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions
