



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

5th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has seen the school open to more pupils and families. I know there have been a number of changes that we have all had to adapt to and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support in accepting and following these changes for both those children learning in school and at home. Over the past week, it has been lovely to hear and read your positive comments regards the school's approach to these challenging times. If you feel that there are steps we can take to improve further AND we welcome your feedback via Class Dojo.

As part of our approach to learning, we have used the doors in Madeira and the art work donated by Banksy to Southampton Hospital as our inspiration for our own art work. Pupils across the school have been considering the messages of hope that they would like to send as we reflect on the past 11 weeks and the biblical reference:

Revelation 3:8 *'See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.'*

Please see the school's Facebook page for more of the children's creations.

I have updated the **Frequently Asked Questions** which can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Goodwin
Headteacher



Learning from Home:

I hope that you have settled well into your Summer 2 routines. It has been lovely to see a number of parents and carers sharing the learning and experiences that have taken place at home this week.

During next week, our afternoon lessons see us return our focus to science. Children in EYFS – Year 3 will be learning about plants, whilst children in Years 4 – 6 will be deepening their understanding of animals, including humans.

Remember to log onto Busy Things <https://www.busythings.co.uk/> where Mrs Souadi has set each year group a range of learning activities linked to science to deepen your child's understanding.

Linked to this area of science we will also be reflecting on **Mathew 6:26**:

'Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?'

In doing this, we are asking all children across the school to create their own origami crane, on which we would like them to write a phrase, or a sentence on what they are thankful for. Further information on this will be sent out via Class Dojo on Monday.

Times Tables Rock Stars:

The new Times Table Rock Stars battles have been set:

Air v Earth

Fire v Water



The battle will run from 4.00pm today until 7.00pm on Thursday 11th June – results will be published on next week's newsletter. Good luck everyone, we look forward to seeing how you all get on!

Family Activities During Lockdown:

The West Sussex County Council SEND Commissioning Team have partnered up with Short Breaks providers to produce a public 'Wiki' full of helpful information for families about Covid-19. As well as providing a wealth of useful resources, the interactive Wiki is also full of practical suggestions for activities for children, young people and their families and carers during these challenging times.

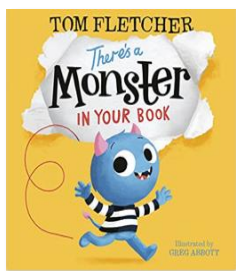
There are resources for young children to young adults, including YouTube videos, links to online activities and lots of ideas for keeping busy and learning new things. Please follow the link to access these resources: <https://wiki.rixwiki.org/west-sussex-mmm/home/short-breaks-6>

Wet Play:

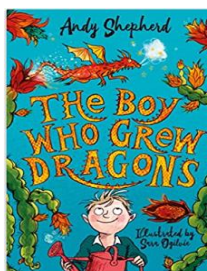
Earlier this week, we saw our first drops of rain for some time. Unless there is heavy rain, the children will be outside. This is to ensure the children have the opportunity to be outside in the fresh air. Please ensure that your child has a coat and appropriate shoes.

Reading Recommendations:

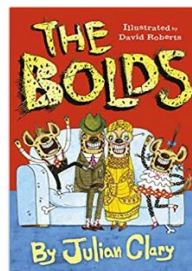
Below you will find some suggested reads for each year group:



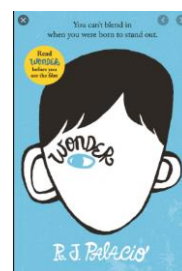
EYFS



KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2

Don't forget to listen to the whole school text: George's Marvellous Medicine via Class Dojo. Please follow this link to access free online books that you can share with your child:

<https://sooperbooks.com/bedtime-stories/>

Changing Reading Books:

We would like to provide all families with the opportunity to change their child's reading book. From next week, a selection of books will be placed outside the school's main entrance. Please stick to the timetable overleaf and follow social distancing guidelines. Please place any returned books in the red returns box.

Please note these sessions are for exchanging books only, so please do not use this as an opportunity to visit the school office. If you have any question, please do phone, dojo or email the office:

Year Group	Day	Time
EYFS	Monday	9:30 – 10:30
Year 1		10:30 – 11:30
Year 2	Tuesday	9:30 – 10:30
Year 3		10:30 – 11:30
Year 4	Wednesday	9:30 – 10:30
Year 5		10:30 – 11:30
Year 6	Friday	9:30 – 10:30

In addition to books, there will be extra paper copies of home learning packs available. Please note if the weather is wet or exceptionally windy, the books will not be put out.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies:

We have now received the final design for the Year 6 Hoodies which has been approved and sent to JW Sports. Today we have set up ordering options in ParentMail for those wishing to purchase a hoodie. Please log in to your ParentMail account to view the options (within 'Payment Items'). Hoodies are priced between £9.50 and £11.50 depending on the size. This cost has been subsidised by the Friends of South Bersted. **All orders must be placed and paid in full by 8.00am on 15th June.**

Once the hoodies are delivered in to school, we will contact you to arrange collection, in due course.

PE:

From next week, children who are attending school will have a weekly PE lesson. To ensure that less items are brought into school, **we ask that your child arrives at school in appropriate clothing for outdoor PE.**

If your child has outgrown their PE kit, they should wear sporty clothes suitable for PE and trainers. They will wear these all day so do not need a change of clothes. Please see below for the timings and days for each year group:

Group	Teacher	Day
Group 1	Miss Stanton	Friday
Group 2*	Mrs Greateorex	Monday
Group 3	Mrs Leeper/ Mrs Gabb	Tuesday
Group 4	Mrs White	Wednesday
Group 5	Mrs Robson	Thursday
Group 6	Mr Thorn	Friday
Group 7	Mr Wilson	Monday
Group 8	Mrs Bush	Tuesday

**PE will begin on the 15th June for this group*

Staying Safe Online:

Following on from today's Collective Worship, I have included the next set of activities from the Think You Know website. Please use the links below to access the activities relevant to your child:

[EYFS - Think You Know](#)

[Key Stage 1 - Think You Know](#)

[Key Stage 2 - Think You Know](#)

Year 6 Bikeability Training:

Regretfully, the Year 6 Bikeability training that was due to take place later this month is unable to go ahead, due to the current COVID-19 situation.

Bikeability training is a great learning tool for children beginning to cycle to school on their own, so we would strongly recommend you read the information provided below, with your child:

https://bikeability.org.uk/manage/wp-content/uploads/Bikeability_2019_Parents_Handbook.pdf

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 of **JUSTICE**:

Harrison E (YR): for great number work and for settling back in to school so well.

Ahyan A (YR): for settling back into school so well.

Julia S (Y1): for completing so much home learning with such effort.

Oscar G (Y1): for his attitude returning to school. He has completed his work with a smile on his face and he tries hard at everything he does.

Leo H (Y2): for aiming for excellence in all he is doing in school and being so confident.

Millie-Mai T (Y2): for beautiful artwork linked to the doors of Madeira.

Ella R (Y3): for perseverance in solving maths problems.

Zara A (Y3): for a fantastic and dedicated attitude towards her learning.

Liam S (Y4): for settling back into school with a great sense of humour and for working hard.

Nadia L (Y4): for excellent reasoning in Maths.

Caitlyn E (Y5): for a positive attitude coming back to school and making the most of her learning.

Ruby C (Y5): for a positive attitude coming back to school and making the most of her learning.

Nathan D (Y6): for continually applying himself to his learning from home.

Charlotte G (Y6): for a positive attitude towards his learning and for working systematically to solve mathematical problems.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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 11 weeks so comfortable and practical shoes should be worn.

Will my child need to be in full time?

Yes. All children who have accepted a place, regardless of whether they are a key worker child or they are in one of the three year groups prioritised to return (Year R, 1 and 6) must attend 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.

Each week, your child's class teacher will also post a video to explain the outcomes for the week.

In addition to this, battles will be set on Timestable Rockstars and Busy Things.

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?

Water bottle,

Coat,

Snack,

Lunch (those who are having a packed lunch)

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.

Will my child do PE?

Each class has an allocated day for PE. On these days your child will need to dress in their PE kit/sports clothing.

If my child is not in school can they change their reading book?

From Monday 8th June, all classes will have a designated time to change their reading books. Please return all read books in the red box.

In addition to this, please visit the following websites to access free e-books:

<https://sooperbooks.com/bedtime-stories/>

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

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

Can my child take their water bottle home?

Yes. Water bottles can go home, be cleaned and return the next day.

I did not request a place, can my child now attend?

Like all schools, we have a set capacity based on rooms and available staff. It is unlikely that we are able to take any more children due to our capacity. Please contact the school if you have specific queries regarding this.