



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following this week's challenges, it has been lovely to see a number of children creating their own bunting, researching rationed foods and creating their own dishes in preparation for tomorrow's VE Day celebrations. The challenges were closely linked to our science focus for this week and again it has been wonderful to see so many of our families engaging in these activities. I was amazed with Poppy's scientific findings when she investigated the amount of sugar in just one Easter egg!



Re-opening of Schools:

On Sunday, we expect the Prime Minister to announce his 'road map' outlining a relaxation of the 'lock down.' Following his announcements, we will work with the Local Authority to set a clear plan in place to ensure pupil and staff safety.

I aim to write to you again next week to confirm a plan and keep you informed.

Internet Safety – Video Chat During Isolation:

In previous newsletters and posts, I have stated the importance of staying connected. It is lovely to hear about the number of families and children that are speaking to each other through video-chatting apps and sites. To ensure yours and your child's safety, please find below links to two new Parent Info articles which look at some of the things parents and carers should think about to make sure their child's experience of video chat is safe and fun. I have also included information for secondary children as many of you have older children at home:

[Video Chatting - a guide for parents and carers of primary school aged children](#)

[Video Chatting - a guide for parents and carers of secondary school aged children](#)

As part of my daily posts for next week, I will be focusing on e-safety challenges and videos from www.thinkuknow.co.uk



Learning from Home:

From next week, your child's class teacher will be posting a video at the beginning of the week briefly explaining the tasks that are being set for the week. This will provide your child with an opportunity to see their class teacher and know the overview for the week.

Next week's foundation subject is geography. Pupils will be set tasks linked to deepening their understanding of their map skills. In addition to this, there will be a number of activities set on Busy Things. The link for this can be found at: <https://www.busythings.co.uk/>

Sussex School Games:

Last week, it was wonderful to see that a number of a families had entered into the Sussex Games. This week, children have been deepening their understanding of tennis. Please remember to log your child(ren)'s score at <https://www.activesussex.org/virtual/>

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

Phone Calls Home:

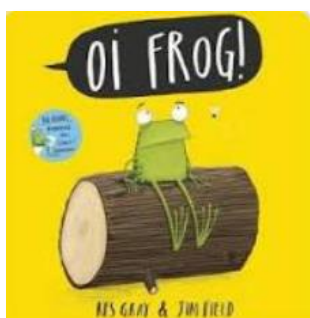
By the end of the half term, all class teachers will call children at home again.

This is an opportunity for you to speak to your child's class teacher to share your experiences and inform us as a school of anything that we can do to support you during these challenging times. This is also an opportunity for your child(ren) to talk to their class teacher too.



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). My recommendations for this week are:



EYFS



KS1



Lower KS2



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.

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:

Skylar H (YR): for working really hard at home this week and being very confident with doubling numbers all the way up to 20!

Jude W (YR): for working hard on his letter formation at home which shows in his handwriting and for doing good maths work at home using ladybird doubling.

Emily-Jane T (Y1): for completing so much work this week and always doing it with a smile on her face - aiming for excellence in everything she does.

Jack K (Y1): for working so hard from home and putting 100% effort into everything he does.

Isla J (Y2): for being the first to get 50 Green Dojos for such amazing home learning (that's nearly 50 pieces of work sent to school!)

Maya D (Y2): for perseverance in getting on her bike after a nasty fall on her indo board recently.

Ella R (Y3): for excellent maths and perseverance.

Jamie B (Y3): for his positive mindset and his love of learning.

Alex CL (Y3): for his fabulous writing and so much hard work.

Leah S (Y4): for her consistent effort with home learning.

Erin B (Y4): for her consistent effort with home learning.

Yusuf U (Y5): for working hard at his home learning and for such good effort with Times Tables Rocks Stars.

Jaydon T (Y5): for perseverance with his home learning, and such good effort with his science.

Andreas L (Y6): for keeping active and working hard.

Riley M (Y6): for excellent practical home learning.

Your Home Learning:

