



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

20th November 2020

On Monday this week, pupils and adults across the school celebrated 'Odd Socks Day' as part of Anti-Bullying Week. Wearing odd socks reminded pupils of the importance of individuality and respecting differences. As part of our approach to PSHE, this week pupils have been learning about the importance of identifying their feelings and emotions. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 have been exploring the Educate Against Hate resources.



Last Friday, it was wonderful to see so many children dressing in bright clothes as part of our Children in Need focus. During the day, pupils completed a range of activities linked to 5 to Thrive (Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning, Give):

'It was really calm and relaxing which was good for our wellbeing' (Poppy L, Y4)

'It was fun, we were active and exercising but we also had a calming time when we were colouring.

We were thinking about our wellbeing' (Fraya H, Y4)

'It's good to be active and stay healthy. It is good for your mental health to keep fit' (Maisie P, Y3)

'We should connect with people and be kinder to them' (Isla J, Y3)

'I give my time at home to do things with my family even when I might really want to play on my game' (Alexander R, Y3)

'I enjoyed doing guided meditation and it helped me relax after break' (Mailee J, Y6)

Thanks to your generous contributions we were able to raise **£204** for the Children in Need charity.

Christmas Cards:

A number of children have been asking how the giving and receiving of Christmas cards will work this year. From **Monday 7th December**, each class will have their own post box in which cards for children **within their own class** can be posted. Regrettably, this year we are unable to deliver cards between year groups.

Nativity:

Due to current restrictions, our EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity will be recorded and shared on our school website. This week the children have been allocated their roles and will be learning their lines, songs and actions.

Outdoor Learning:

This half term's focus for Outdoor Learning is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Yesterday, pupils in Year 4 deepened their Design Technology skills by designing and creating a range of shelters that would keep an animal safe and warm.



'It was fun, we saw how difficult it could be for animals to get supplies for the winter' (Laila K, Y4)

"It was good because we did exercise and something fun as well as learning about hibernating and needing to be warm" (Finley C, Y4)

"We were learning how hard it is for animals to make shelters and keep warm" (Matthew P, Y4)

For this half term's sessions, pupils do not need a change of clothes, however if your child needs a change of footwear and warm clothing your child's class teacher will inform you via Class Dojo.

Times Tables Rock Stars:

The results of the latest Times Tables Rock Stars battle were as follows:

AIR (22,259 points) beat **WATER** (10,751 points)

The most valuable players were **Chloe W** in Year 6 (Air) and **Poppy D-M** in Year 5 (Water).

EARTH (15,457 points) beat **FIRE** (8,414 points)

The most valuable players were **Max C-L** in Year 6 (Earth) and **Stanley M** in Year 4 (Water).

The new battles will begin today at 4.00pm and will run until **7.00pm on Thursday 26th November**. The new battle will be:

Year 5 v Year 6

Year 3 v Year 4

Please do encourage your child to log on and support their house team. Frequent use of Times Table Rockstars will also improve your child's knowledge of their times tables. Results from the latest challenge will be announced on the newsletter on **Friday 4th December**.



Home Learning Challenges:

It has been wonderful to see so many children completing the whole school home learning challenges. From designs for our school value, to poppies in windows and acts of kindness, it is lovely to see a number of you engaging.

Over the coming weeks, the whole school challenges are linked to E-Safety. Please send any work or discussions you have had, via Class Dojo. These can either be sent to myself or your child's class teacher.

School Photograph Proof Cards:

Photograph proof cards have been sent home with children this week. Orders must be placed on line at www.smileyellow.co.uk by **Tuesday 1st December**.

If you are ordering photos for siblings, you will receive a family discount of 25% at the checkout.

Second-Hand Uniform:

We have been delighted with the number of orders received for second-hand uniform items since it was made available on ParentMail. This week more items have been made available - please find below a list of all items currently on ParentMail, and the prices:

School Jumpers/Cardigans (*£2.50 per item*)

Pinafore dresses/skirts (*£1.50 per item*)

Trousers – boys and girls (*£1.50 per item*)

Shirts/Blouses/Polo T-shirts (*£1.50 per item*)

PE Kit items (*£1.50 per item*)

If you have any school jumpers or cardigans or PE kit items you no longer need that are in good condition, we would welcome any donations. If these could be washed before being donated it would be really helpful. At present, we have more than enough of all other items. Thank you for your support.

Friends of South Bersted AGM – Friday 27th November:

Our Friends of South Bersted AGM is fast approaching and we really do need your support. Please do join the meeting (which will be held via ZOOM) if you feel you might be able to support the Friends in any way. **Without a Committee, we are unable to run events such as the Christmas raffle and film nights.**

The meeting will take place on Friday 27th November at 9.30am. Please send a Dojo to the school office if you would like to join the meeting.

Year 6 - Evacuee/WW2 Day:

On **Tuesday 24th November**, Year 6 will be having an Evacuee Day. We would like the children to come to school in 1940's attire (e.g. shirt and tie with shorts, a dress etc). If you feel you may have difficulty providing an outfit for your child, please send a Dojo to Mr Wilson as soon as possible.

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 **FRIENDSHIP** in action.



Dexter N (YR), Lily L-A (YR), Evan C (Y1), Archie Y (Y1), Francesca W (Y2), Savannah M (Y2), Owen E (Y3), Olivia-Rose M (Y3), Matthew P (Y4), George C (Y4), Liam D (Y5), Tilly W (Y5), Dominik W (Y6), Julia T (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.
