



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

6th November 2020



It has been so lovely to see the children returning to school this week. Pupils across the school have been enthused and engaged in beginning their new topics. Pupils in Early Years have been solving clues to discover who has been in the Three Bears House, Year 4 were set an orienteering challenge to deepen their understanding of the Antarctic, Year 2 were visited by Pearl the Pirate and pupils in Year 6 have begun learning how to play the ukulele.



'Playing the Ukulele was fun and enjoyable. We were taught a new song which was fun' (Phoebe Y, Y6)

'At first it was difficult to learn how to play the Ukulele, but as we were shown how, it became easier' (Harvey W, Y6)

'It was exciting, you had to use the map to find the clues' (AJ M, Y4)

'With the clues you really had to think about what we had been learning' (Honey W, Y4)

'Goldilocks messed up our cottage and she took a bowl of porridge!' (Lilly S, YR)

'Goldilocks wears a spotty dress. We found some of her hair!' (Dexter N, YR)

'We had to make pirate cookies, they didn't taste good!' (Maks S, Y2)

'Pirate Pearl really made me laugh, I loved her' (Harry M-B, Y2)

School Values:

This half term, our Christian Value is Friendship:

'If one falls down, a friend can lift him up'

Ecclesiastes 4:10

During these challenging times, our biblical reference for this value feels more relevant than ever. Over the coming weeks, we need to be mindful of how we can be there to support each other. This may be simply making a phone call to someone. If you are aware of someone within the community who is facing a challenging time, please inform the school so we can offer our support.

During half term, I received an email of gratitude from the Bognor Regis Food Bank. Your kind donations amounted to **120.86 kgs**. Your generosity has supported the foodbank to support those most in need – thank you!

At the end of last half term, we ask the children to reflect on our Christian Value of Koinonia. You can view our pupils' response [here](#). Thank you for your co-operation.

Starting School in September 2021:

Due to the current pandemic, we have made some amendments to our open mornings and at this time, we **will not be** holding group tours of the school. In providing prospective parents and carers with information about the school we have created three videos which can be viewed on the school's [website](#).

Remembrance Service:

Wednesday 11th November is Remembrance Day. On Monday and Tuesday next week, pupils will be learning about the significance of the Poppy and will be completing a range of art work to mark the day. On Wednesday, the school's Junior Governors will lead a virtual worship and as a school we will observe a 2-minute silence as we pay our respects to the service men and women of our armed services.

This week's whole school home learning challenge is also linked to Remembrance Day.

Times Table Rock Stars:

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

Air (8,315 points) beat **Fire** (1,812 points)

The most valuable players were **Jaydon T** in Year 6 (Air) and **Frankie-James N** in Year 4 (Fire).

Earth (8,678 points) beat **Water** (6,473 points)

The most valuable players were **Max C-L** in Year 6 (Earth) and **Poppy D-M** in Y5 (Water).

The new battles will begin today at 4.00pm and will run until **7.00pm on Wednesday 18th November**. The new battle will be:

Earth v Fire

Air v Water

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 the times tables. Results from the latest challenge will be announced on the newsletter on **Friday 20th November**.

Accelerated Reader:

As you will recall, last half term we introduced [Accelerated Reader](#) across Years 3 – 6. During a 6-week period, over **570** books were read by our pupils in Key Stage 2.

This week, pupils' in Key Stage 2 have taken their half termly assessment and have been set a reading target from their results. Children will be able to monitor their progress and the number of words read on their home screen. I would also like to congratulate those pupils who won a reading book as part of our half termly reading raffle!

Children in Need:



Friday 13th November is Children in Need day. We will be supporting this by holding a Non-Uniform Day and children are invited to wear non-uniform (brightly coloured clothes) on this day. Please ensure clothing and shoes are suitable for doing PE based activities.

If you would like to make a donation to the charity, this can be done via ParentMail from Monday 9th November.

School Photographs:

Individual school photographs will be taken on **Wednesday 11th November**. As per my previous letter, all COVID guidance will be followed.

Years 3 and 4: If you do not want your child to be photographed in their PE kit, please ensure they are wearing a white polo t-shirt (and shorts/jogging bottoms and trainers). If they prefer to wear a shirt or blouse, please send them in with their PE t-shirt so they can wear this for PE later on. **ALL children must have a school jumper or cardigan in school – we will not be able to lend any uniform for photographs.**

Parent/Teacher Consultations:

If you have not yet booked an appointment with your child's class teacher, please do log on to ParentMail and make your booking. Alternatively, you can contact the school office who will be able to book an appointment for you. Please note that due to COVID restrictions in place at the current time, appointments will be via **telephone call only**, please do not attend school for your appointment.

Anti-Bullying Week:

As part of Anti-Bullying Week this year, pupils will be learning about the importance of recognising their feeling and emotions as well as the importance of value differences. Pupils will explore how the actions of others can make them feel and how they can recognise and respond to peer pressure.

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 will explore the Educate Against Hate resources.

To recognise and celebrate each child's individuality we are asking that on Monday 16th November all children wear odd socks.

Sporting Success:

Yesterday, we received the results of the Virtual Athletics tournament. All pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 participated in a range of activities: high jump, standing long jump, speed bounce and the shuttle run. I am delighted to say that we have continued our high level of performance from the Summer Term:

Year 4:	1st place out of 6
Year 5:	4th place out of 9
Year 6:	9th place out of 19

It is lovely to see all pupils participating in these activities and gaining success. I would like to congratulate **Ella R in Year 4** for earning the most points of all the girls that competed in all 90 schools!

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.



**Theo C (YR), George F (YR), Aaron F (Y1), Harrison E (Y1), Bella-Rose H (Y2),
Francesca W (Y2), Leo H (Y3), Lauren B (Y3), Ellie H (Y4), Marcin M (Y4),
Alexa J (Y5), Isabella E-D (Y5), Harvey W (Y6), Heston 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.
