



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

18th December 2020



As we approach Christmas and a New Year, there is much to reflect on. 2020 has certainly been a year that none of us will forget. As Headteacher of South Bersted Church of England Primary School, I feel immense pride in how the school community has responded to the challenges of the year: you have been honest in your concerns, supportive of changes and quick to respond to communications.

All staff and governors recognise that, in sending your children to our school, you are putting great trust in us as a school, both to care for and to educate them; I would like to thank you for choosing to send your child(ren) to South Bersted Church of England Primary School.

Over the past week, we have maintained many of our Christmas Traditions: EYFS and Key Stage 1, [Nativity](#), which can be viewed on the Class Pages section of the website, making our Christmas tree decorations and our Christmas jumper day. On Wednesday, pupils across the school enjoyed their Christmas lunch and our Junior Governors led our Christingle Worship. The main theme of the worship was allowing your light to shine for others. During the worship the children shared the Salvation Army video, which can be viewed on the school's Facebook page, along with the below Bible passage:

Matthew 5:14-16 states:

'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'



Over the past two weeks I have been amazed by pupils' responses to helping others. From the donations for the Salvation Army, to the Year 3 appeal for items for the Bognor Foodbank and Christmas cards to the local care home - there is a real sense of our pupils considering others and caring for those in need. As we move into the Christmas holiday, I want to remind you all that if you are facing challenging times, there are people in the community who are there to help:

[Community Hub Link](#)

Staffing Update:

After working at the school for the past seven years, today we say a fond farewell to Miss Hamilton. During her time working at the school, she has supported and nurtured our children in her role as Midday Meals Supervisor. I am sure you will join me in wishing her the greatest success in her new adventures. From January, we look forward to welcoming Vanessa Buck as a Midday Meals Supervisor.

School Development:

During the Autumn Term, we have implemented a range of new approaches: Accelerated Reader, a new maths approach in Key Stage 2, Google Classroom and blended learning including new approaches to Home Learning.

I have been delighted with the children's responses to each of these approaches. Over the past term, pupils in Key Stage 2 have read an incredible **2070** books!

Over the Christmas Holiday, if pupils wish to quiz, they can access the school's **Accelerated Reader** ULR through the school [website](#). Congratulations to all of the children who received their certificates for achieving their targets!

Again, I would like to thank for you as parents and carers for supporting these approaches. During the Spring Term, we will embed these approaches whilst we continue to develop a broad and balanced curriculum by evaluating and further improving our provision in computing and music.

BIG Questions:

By visiting the school's website, you will be able to view your what your child will be learning next half term. Each year group's Yearly Overview, includes the BIG questions and the overview of each of the subjects.

Times Tables Rock Stars:

We have set a Christmas Times Table Rock Stars challenge which will run over the next 2 weeks. All Key Stage 2 children will compete against each other to see who can be the highest scorer across KS2. The results from the challenge will be announced in the newsletter in early January.



The latest challenge will begin at **3.30pm on Friday 18th December** and will run until 9.00am on Friday 8th January 2021.

Numbots Results:

The top scoring children in Years 1 and 2 for Numbots were as follows:

Year 1: Joshua P with 9,425 coins

Year 2: Nathalie S with 4,366 coins

Well done to both children on their achievement.



Home Learning:

Over the Christmas holidays, we are providing a number of opportunities for your child to continue learning. In Key Stage 1, we are setting pupils the challenge of learning the days of the week, months of the year and the four seasons. A prompt for this will be uploaded to your child's Class Dojo page.

In Key Stage 2, pupils have been set the challenge of learning to tell the time on an analogue clock, for those who cannot already do this. Mr Wilson has uploaded a video to Class Dojo and pupils will be bringing home a teaching clock to support with this.

In addition to the above, we have also set a Times Table Rockstars battle and a Numbots challenge for the holidays. Both challenges will end on 8th January.

As stated above, pupils in Key Stage 2, will also be able to access Accelerated Reader through the school's website.

Reading Raffle:

Congratulations to the following children who were drawn in our Key Stage 1 Reading Raffle and our Key Stage 2 Accelerated Reader Points Prize:

EYFS: Theo C

Year 3: Rosa B

Year 5: Lisa A and Georgia C

Year 1: Rex J-N

Year 4: Poppy L

Year 6: Kitty C

Year 2: Francesca W



All of the above pupils received a book yesterday as their prize.

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.



**All of Reception Class, Lexie P (Y1), Ahyan A (Y1), Archie W (Y2)
Tilly S (Y2), David K (Y3), Rocco J-N (Y3), Charlie A (Y4)
Alise J (Y4), Liam S (Y5), Rubie-Lee P (Y5), Heston W (Y6), Africa B (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.

House Points:

Throughout the school, children are rewarded with a green dojo for displaying positive behaviours to learning, effort towards their learning or displaying the school's values. Over this term, children across the school have earned an impressive **12,818** green dojos! Congratulations to **WATER** who have received the most green dojos this half term:

Water	1,749
Fire	1,634
Air	1,584
Earth	1,438

Friends of South Bersted Christmas Raffle:



Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas raffle by buying tickets or donating gifts. In total, the raffle raised **£464** for the Friends of South Bersted which will be used for projects in school to support the children.

And Finally...

Thank you for all the kind messages that were sent in for the staff. These were made into a booklet and every member of the team was given a copy to keep. The messages were very much appreciated by everyone. Thank you also for the kind words when I have spoken to many of you on the gates – it really does mean a lot.

I wish you and your family a relaxing and peaceful Christmas and look forward to working with you all in 2021. Pupils will return to school on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**.
