



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

4th December 2020

During Monday's Collective Worship, we focused on the Christian Festival of Advent and we lit our first of the four candles. The first candle represents Hope. As each class reflected during the lighting of the candle, they wrote their own reflections of hope:

Year 2:

I hope that everyone gets to see their family and friends because Christmas is special.

Year 5:

Please help us to make the world a joyful place again. We hope you can guide us through these challenging times.

Please ensure that everyone has a home at Christmas and that you can help people through this challenging time.



Today, members of the School Council and our Junior Governors decorated our school Christmas tree.



COVID-19 Current Guidelines:

This Wednesday, England's new three-tier system came into effect and the national lockdown was lifted. West Sussex has been placed in **Tier 2**.

I would like to thank you for the way in which you have continued to respond to the government's updates regards the restrictions that are in place. It is important that we continue to be mindful and respectful of each other during these challenging times.

Home Learning:

As part of this week's home learning whole school challenge, I have set the last of the e-safety challenges. You can continue to access further information and games regards keeping your child safe online by visiting our website: [E-safety](#).

Reading:

I continue to be amazed by our children's positive response to Accelerated Reader. Since the start of October, over **1,533** books have been read by our Key Stage 2 pupils. If you are looking for book ideas for Christmas, there are a list of suggestions on our school website for each of the Key Stages:

[Reading Suggestions](#)

Times Tables Rock Stars:

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

Year 4 (23,232 points) beat **Year 5** (4,826 points)

The most valuable players were **Frankie M** in Year 4 and **Tilly W** in Year 5.

Year 6 (12,292 points) beat **Year 3** (12,131 points)

The most valuable players were **Mille-Mai T** in Year 3 and **Max C-L** in Year 6.

The new battles will begin today at 4.00pm and will run until **7.00pm on Thursday 10th December**. The new battle will be:

Year 4 v Year 6

Year 3 v Year 5

Please do encourage your child to log on and support their house team and year group. 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 **Friday 11th December**.



Sporting Success:

Last week, I received our Virtual Cross-Country Results. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils competed with our pupils across the locality in this event. Children across local schools were set the challenge of running 1,500m, which is 5 times around our Daily Mile track. Well done to all the upper KS2 children who participated.

Congratulations to **Tilly W (Year 5)** who came 8th out of 81 girls across the locality!

Friends of South Bersted Christmas Raffle:

Raffle tickets are now on sale via ParentMail priced at £2.00 per ticket. We have some fabulous prizes this year, and even more prizes have been donated this week! **Tickets are on sale until 14th December and the draw will take place on 15th December.**

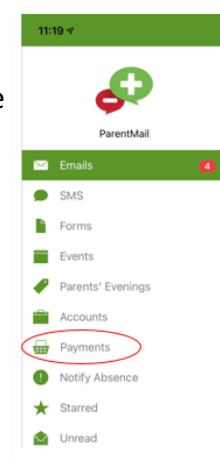
To purchase tickets:

Select 'Payments', then,

Select 'Shop' (the small trolley at the bottom of the screen)

Scroll down to 'tickets'

Then select the number of tickets and follow the process for payments as usual.



All proceeds from the raffle will go to the Friends of South Bersted. Historically, the Friends have contributed towards some large projects which have improved the grounds for the children including the resurfacing and marking of the playgrounds and new climbing equipment. The Friends have also helped to provide crackers at Christmas and chocolate eggs at Easter.

COVID-19 Reporting when School is Closed:

If **your child** tests positive for COVID-19 when the school is closed you must notify the school using the dedicated email account (covid@southbersted.co.uk). This is so that we can ensure appropriate measures are put in place as quickly as possible and that contact tracing within school is completed.

You do not need to use the COVID email address if your child has had a test but you are awaiting the result, if another family/household member has taken a test or if the outcome of your child's test is negative. **Outside of normal school hours, we only need to be notified of positive cases in children attending the school.**

Technology Survey:

As part of our approach to remote learning, it is important that we have up to date records of the technology children are using to access their work. With Christmas just around the corner, a number of family members or children maybe receiving tablets or other devices as presents.

Please complete the questionnaire to confirm the technology your child will have access to from Christmas onwards, **by Thursday 10th December** so we can update our school records. If you have more than one child in the school, please complete this for both children. The link to the questionnaire is below:

[Technology Survey - December 2020](#)

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.



**Elliott C (YR), Reggie A (YR), Antonia T (Y1), Joshua P (Y1),
Benedita P (Y2), Louie T (Y2), Maisie P (Y3), Caithen L (Y3), Millie-Mai T (Y3)
Alice C (Y4), Poppy L (Y4), Erin B (Y5), Phoenix N (Y5), Emma F (Y6), Ruby C (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.
