



# SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

On Wednesday, the Prime Minister announced that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half-term and instead hopes it will be safe to commence the re-opening of schools and colleges from Monday 8 March. This is in response to the national public health data and pressure on NHS capacity.

If the Government achieves its target of vaccinating everyone in the four most vulnerable groups with their first dose by 15 February then those groups will have developed immunity from the virus around three weeks later, that is by 8 March. It is for this reason that we hope it will be safe to commence the reopening of schools from Monday 8 March. I will of course keep you updated regarding this.

**I would also like to confirm that the DfE have stated that schools will be closed to all children over February half term.**

I recognise this is a difficult and challenging time for parents, carers and children. As always, please do get in touch if you have any concerns about your child's learning or if you feel you may need further support.

### Lateral Flow Tests:

Yesterday, I wrote to all parents and carers regards all school staff having access to Lateral Flow Testing twice a week. The focus of the testing is to break the rates of transmission by identifying those who are asymptomatic.

Following a positive test result and identifying close contacts, it may be that your child's bubble has to close at short notice. Please see the [letter](#) that was sent yesterday for further information.

### Accessing Support:

A number of our families are having to self-isolate following positive test results, which causes them a number of challenges. [Financial advice and practical support](#) is available to help those who have to self-isolate and cannot work. Families who need additional support can contact the West Sussex Community Hub seven days a week on 033 022 27980.

Both of these advice lines can also be accessed on the school's website via our [Safeguarding](#) tab. In addition to this, yesterday a letter was sent stating where families can access food parcels and additional support.

### Children's Mental Health Week:

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. As a school, we will combine this with our PSHE approach.

During the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> February, we will be focusing on this aspect of our curriculum.

A letter will be sent out next week explaining more about Children's Mental Health Week and also National Safer Internet Day.



## Remote Learning:

Once again, this week, I have been delighted in pupils' engagement in their remote learning tasks. All parents and carers are playing an incredible role during these challenging times. The creativity, commitment and effort towards learning has been amazing. Regular updates of work can be viewed on the school's Facebook page.

I want to stress that if you have concerns around your child's learning and/or access to resources, including technology, please do contact your child's class teacher.

For further information on our [Remote Learning](#) offer, please visit the school's website.

## Reading:

Last week, I wrote to all parents and carers regards the Oxford Owl website and the Oak Academy's Virtual library. This week's book on the [Oak Academy](#) is **'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant'** by Nazrina Farook. As well as reading the book, children can also listen to an audio book.



Yet again this week, it is fantastic to see a large number of children completing their Accelerated Reader Quizzes. Just this term, an amazing **2,812,123** words have been read by children in Key Stage 2! Following the completion of 'Slime', I will post a book review for pupils to complete. I would love to hear and read children's reflections on listening to the book.

Next week, we will begin reading **'The Hundred Mile an Hour Dog'** by Jeremy Strong!

## Specsavers Virtual Sussex School Games:

From Monday, we will be competing in the Virtual Sussex School Games. Each day, Mr Wilson will post an activity on Class Dojo for all pupils to complete. During the Summer Term, we participated in the Games and to recognise our levels of engagement and success we were awarded the Sussex Virtual School Games Mark 2019-20.

As a school, we want to be our very best. We want all pupils to complete in these events to give us the best chance of being the highest we can be. Please view the events, complete the events and post your results online. All of the details of this week's event will be posted on Class Dojo on Monday morning.



## Collecting Resources:

To ensure your child(ren) have access to resources, including reading books, resources will continue to be available at the following times:

Year Group	Day	Time
EYFS	Wednesday	9:30 – 10:30
Year 1		10:45 – 11:45
Year 2		13:00 – 14:00
Year 3	Thursday	9:30 – 10:30
Year 4		10:45 – 11:45
Year 5	Friday	9:30 – 10:30
Year 6		10:45 – 11:45

Your child's class teacher will also inform you if additional resources, which may include art and/or DT materials, need to be collected to support with remote learning.



## Numbots:

Congratulations to the following children who this week earned the most amount of coins in their year groups:

**EYFS:** Maisie M (3,508 coins)     **Year 1:** Antonia T (13,450 coins)     **Year 2:** Jack K (39,930 coins)

Well done to Year 2, who had an impressive **82%** of the class logging on and completing the story mode of the game!

## Times Tables Rock Stars:

We are now just past the half way point of the current battle, and the current standings are as follows:

### Air v Fire:

**AIR** are currently ahead, with 13,541 points (FIRE currently have 1,639 points). As you will see, there is a substantial points difference between these two houses at the moment. Please do encourage your child to log on as frequently as possible to earn points for their house, but more importantly to help them improve their times table knowledge and recall speed. We will now have to wait and see how this particular battle progresses over the coming week...

### Earth v Water:

**EARTH** are currently ahead, with a current total of 20,480 points. However, WATER are doing well with 10,488 points at present. There is still much to play for and anything could happen over the coming days! We look forward to finding out next week if WATER have been able to overtake EARTH to take first place.

The current battles will end at **7.00pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**. The winning houses and top scoring players will be announced in the newsletter on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

## Red Book:

We are pleased to announce that the following children have been recognised for good work, effort, achievement and or demonstrating this half term's value of **HOPE** in action:



**Victoria G (YR), Amelia R (YR), Leo D (Y1), Broly G (Y1),  
Archie-Mac S-W (Y2), Elsie D (Y2), Maya D (Y3), Maxwell C (Y3), Nellie-Mae A (Y3),  
Finnley C (Y4), Fraya H (Y4), Marcin M (Y4), Poppy L (Y4), Frankie M (Y4), Charlie A (Y4),  
Alex F (Y5), Kuba S (Y5), Lisa A (Y5), Holly A (Y6), Mailee J (Y6)**

Please watch today's Collective Worship on Class Dojo for more information about why each child has been selected for the Red Book this week.

## Letters Sent Home This Week:

Please find below a summary of letters sent home this week:

Date	Year Group	Details
25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	EYFS	Remote Learning timetable (week 4)
25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 1	Remote Learning timetable (week 4)
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 2	Remote Learning timetable (week 4)
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	ALL	Lateral Flow Testing for Staff
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