



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

8th January 2021

I wanted to start the first newsletter off this half term by saying a huge thank you to all parents and carers who have been quick to respond to all of my communications. I recognise that the news of partial school closure was late Monday afternoon and would like to thank you for your communications and completion of questionnaires.

As I am sure you recognise, there continues to be updates from the Department of Education (DFE) regards the current lockdown – as we receive and act on the guidance, I will continue to communicate this with you.

School Places:

Over the past two days, there has been a great deal of media coverage regarding school places. As much as I would love to have all children in school, to ensure social distancing within the classrooms, this is not possible.

If you have a change of circumstances and believe that your child(ren) is entitled to a school place, please contact the school so myself or Mrs Bush can discuss this with you.

Remote Learning:

As a school we have been delighted to the high levels of engagement in remote learning this week. I recognise that there are new expectations compared to the March lockdown and the immense effort that has been evident this week has been fantastic.

As we move to new platforms and adapt our approaches, I know that there will be challenges. If you are unable to access a file, or resources, please make contact with the school so this can be rectified at the earliest opportunity. To enable us to ensure your child continues to have access to learning, the [Access to technology](#) questionnaire remains open.

Your child(ren) can also access Google Classroom via a Play Station or X Box device. Google Classroom can be accessed through the www. logo on each of these devices. If you cannot see this on the landing page, the app can easily be found. Additional information on how to do this can be found at the end of this newsletter. Connecting a USB keyboard will allow your child(ren) to complete learning activities with improved speed and 'turn in' completed documents.

Daily Tasks:

In addition to the lessons that your child(ren) are accessing, they are also expected to complete their daily tasks of reading and Numbots or Times Table Rock Stars. Early next week, we will upload videos to Class Dojo so all parents and carers are confident with how to access different aspects of each online platform.

Getting Support:

Earlier today, I sent a letter to all families regards the Community Hub Support for Families in Need. The letter can be viewed here:

[West Sussex Community Hub](#)

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.

Accelerated Reader:

To encourage pupils in completing their Accelerated Reader quizzes, we will continue to run our half termly book awards. At the end of the half term, the pupils who have passed the most quizzes and earned the most points will receive a prize. This week's results show that since Tuesday, **109** quizzes have been taken.

Congratulations to **Year 3** who just pipped Year 5 by completing 37 quizzes!

Numbots:

Over the past week, just under **1,000** coins have been earned by pupils in Key Stage 1. Congratulations to **Year 2**, who have earned an average of **543** coins this week. This week's winners are:

Year 1: Antonia T

Year 2: Nathalie S



Sporting Success:

Earlier this week, I was informed that **Archie A (Year 6)** achieved the Top Scoring Boy (Y6) – Plank, and **Caitlyn E (Year 6)**, achieved the Top Scoring Girl (Y6) – Plank, in the Virtual School Games Cross Fit Challenge.

Both Archie and Caitlyn will receive a certificate and a medal. Well done to them both, and to all children who participated.



Times Tables Rock Stars:



The latest Times Table Rockstars challenge will begin at **4.00pm today** and will run until **7.00pm on Wednesday 20th January**.

The results from this challenge will be announced in the newsletter on Friday 22nd January.

Red Book:

Our Red Book winners will be revealed in Monday's Collective Worship, which will be posted on Class Dojo.

Accessing Google Classroom via PlayStation or Xbox:

PS4

1. Turn on PS4
2. Use your controller to scroll to the far right of the bar with games to *Library*
3. Select *Library* application
4. Within the library use the search bar to type in *Internet*
5. Select the *Internet Browser* app
6. Start Internet Browser and press the triangle button on the controller to search
7. Once on the internet, type in the search box *Google Classroom* and select the first link that comes up:
Classroom: manage teaching and learning Google for Education - link below
<https://edu.google.com/products/classroom>
8. Select *Go to Classroom*. Then log in using student email and password.

XBOX

1. Go to Home Menu
2. Select *My Games and Apps*
3. Scroll down to Apps
4. Go to *Microsoft Edge* application
5. Type in a search for *Google Classroom*
6. Select *Go to Classroom*
7. You will need to log in using your student email address and password.

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