

SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

12th March 2021

Re-opening of School:

What a fantastic week we have had at South Bersted CE Primary School. It has been so lovely to see all of the children returning to school. During the week, pupils have been engaging in the text, **The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse** and exploring the meaning of kindness. In addition to this, pupils have been developing their skills as artists by re-creating their own art work in the style of Charlie Macksey. They have also been developing their DT skills by making rocky road and mug cakes linked to the character of the mole.

This week the children have been amazing at following the routines and expectations in school. Again, I would like to thank all parents and carers regards the staggered pick up and drop off times. These have certainly become smoother as the week has progressed.

Just Different - Disability Awareness:



Today, pupils across the school have engaged in virtual Just Different workshops which were delivered by presenters Helen and Toby. Through these workshops, pupils have learnt about disability and difference. Pupils were fully engaged in the workshops and gained a great deal from them:

'I think that it was hard for Toby when he was little - but he has a good life now' (Isla J, Y3)

'I really liked hearing about Toby's life story and finding out about being just different' (Nellie-Mae A, Y3)

'It was really educational. I learnt a lot about different disabilities that I hadn't heard of before. It was great to see that Helen could still do the things she enjoys' (Alexa J, Y5)

Inclusion Sports:

From next week, pupils in Years 1-6 will be learning the rules of and developing their tactical abilities in inclusion sports. Pupils will learn how to play Boccia, New Age Kurling and Goal Ball. Over the coming weeks, we look forward to seeing pupils' skills develop in these new sports.

Lateral Flow Tests:

Last week, I shared a letter with you all from Tony Hill regards parents and child care bubbles being able to access lateral flow tests for adults of primary school children. You can find a copy of the letter <u>here</u>.

Parent Teacher Consultations:

The booking window for Parent Teacher Consultations has now gone live.

Appointments should be booked through your ParentMail account. All sessions will be held via a telephone call with your child's class teacher. Please refer to the letter sent this week for details of the sessions for each year group. If you have any problems booking an appointment or if you have any questions, please send a message to the office via Class Dojo.

PSHE:

During next week, we have our blocked units for PSHE. Pupils across the school will be exploring their theme for this half term:

Year Group	Theme	
Year 1	Keeping Safe in the home, outside and online	
Year 2	Rights and Responsibility	
Year 3	Healthy lifestyles linked to food and exercise	
Year 4	Money including looking after money and money management	
Year 5	Healthy lifestyles including the impact and pressures of social media	
Year 6	Healthy lifestyles linked to the Junior Medic Programme and what to do in an emergency	

Times Tables Rock Stars:

The latest battle has ended. The final results were:

Year 6 v Year 5:

Year 6 were the champions in this battle, with a total of 18,339 points (v 10,042 earned by Year 5). The most valuable player for Year 6 was Max C-L and for Year 5 it was Poppy D-M.

Year 4 v Year 3:

Year 3 were the winners in this battle, with a final score of 8,180 points (v 6,463 earned by Year 4). The most valuable players were **Alex R** for Year 3 and **Alex C-L** for Year 4.

Well done to all children who took part. The new battle (Y6 v Y4 and Y5 v Y3) will begin at 4.00pm, and will run until **7.00pm on Wednesday 24th March**. Results will be announced in the newsletter on Friday 26th March.

Numbots:

The children who earnt the most amount of coins in their year groups this week are:



EYFS: Anton B Year 1: Antonia T Year 2: Savannah M

Each of these children will receive a certificate for their achievement. Well done to all children who are logging on and completing the challenges.

House Points:

At the half way stage of this half term, Water are in the lead with 715 Green Dojos, however there are still just over 3 weeks until the end of term so everything could change!

A reminder that pupils across the school are rewarded with Green Dojos for:



- Aiming for Excellence,
- Perseverance,
- **Acts of Kindness**

Reading:

A reminder that all children should please bring their reading book and reading record to school each day. As you will be aware, each day the children have an allocated period of time to read their own reading book in school. It is important that there is continuity between home and school so that children can become engaged in and discuss what they have read.

We also ask that you please comment in your child's Reading Record when they have read at home.



This week, it has been fantastic to see pupils returning to school and taking their Accelerated Reader Quizzes. Up until yesterday, **140** quizzes had been completed. Congratulations to **Year 3** who have completed the most amount of quizzes this week! There are a number of children who this week passed the 750,000 words read landmark! These children are now well on their way to becoming 'Word Millionaires'.

This week's free audio and e-book is 'The Unlikely Adventures of Mabel Jones' by Will Mabbitt, which you can access by following this link to the Oak Academy.

Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

Date	То	Details
8 th March	ALL	West Sussex Music Service – Board Nominations
9 th March	ALL	Parent Teacher Consultations
10 th March	Years 3-6	Designated Areas
11 th March	Year 4	PG Rated Film

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Red Book:

Due to the Just Different workshops taking place today, this week's Red Book entries will be announced on Monday.