



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

1st April 2021

We all continue to live our lives adapting to the 'new' normal. Last Tuesday, 23rd March, marked the anniversary of the start of the first lockdown and provided us with the time to reflect on the tragic impact of COVID-19. I know that from talking to a number of you, you have had to deal with many challenges over the past 12 months. During these challenges, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Over the past week, we have maintained many of our Easter Traditions. The Flowering of the Cross is a particularly poignant moment as we reflect on the symbol of the flowers and what they mean for us moving forward; a sense of hope and ambition for the future.



Children across the school have been applying their understanding of Easter by completing orienteering courses and answering a range of questions. Thank you to Morrisons in Bognor Regis and the Friends of South Bersted who kindly donated the Easter Eggs for our children.

Today, all pupils watched Tim's end of year Easter Service. All families are also able to access the service [here](#).

There will always be challenges that we need to face and over the past term, our Christian Value has been **Endurance**.

*'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time
we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'
(Galatians 6:9)*

We want all pupils to recognise the importance of not giving up and working hard to achieve their goals. It is all too easy to stop and think that we cannot achieve what we set out to, but it is important that we continue to face challenges and learn from our mistakes and the opportunities that they present.

Moving into the Summer term, our [routines and expectations](#) for the beginning and the end of the day will remain in place. I wish you, your friends and families and peaceful and healthy Easter.

Easter Gardens:

It has been lovely to see a number of children engaging in the whole school challenges. Thank you to those who have created Easter Gardens already. **Please send pictures to me via Class Dojo by Wednesday 21st April.**



Next Half Term's Big Questions:

As you are aware, each of our topics are driven by a key question which the children work towards answering. Below is a table outlining your child's BIG question for next half term. In giving your child an advantage, you may want to begin to explore the BIG questions. Today, you will have seen your child's Knowledge Organiser for the next half term on Class Dojo.

Year Group	BIG Question
Reception	What are our favourite animals?
Year 1	What is it like to live on the coast?
Year 2	How has Butlins helped to make Bognor the seaside town it is today?
Year 3	Why is it important to protect rainforests?
Year 4	Was the Viking invasion of England a success?
Year 5	How did the Ancient Greeks change the world?
Year 6	Is it ever ok to break the rule of law?

Outdoor Learning:

Over the past half term, our Outdoor Learning focus has been Fire and Food. During this, pupils have learnt about the importance of fire safety and have learnt to cook a range of foods over an open fire.



'Making the s'mores was fun! They tasted delicious!' (Harry M-B, Year 2)

'The games were hard but fun. We had to keep trying to work as a team' (Honey W, Year 4)

'It was really fun when we were cooking the crumpets over the fire, it was team work with the holder. For the games it was fun because we got to play tic tac toe and hula hoop games in teams' (Laila K, Year 4)

'I enjoyed the game we completed with Mal because it required teamwork to complete it.' (Amy-Louise G, Year 5)

'It was nice eating the hot dogs because they were tasty and it was warm sitting around the fire' (Lincoln R, Year 5)

Next half term, our focus turns to tools and knots. Pupils will learn how to whittle, saw and drill as part of our approach.

Staying Safe Online:

There is no doubt that due to lockdown restrictions, children have been exposed to a range of apps and are spending more time online communicating with friends. Over the past two weeks, pupils in Years 5 and 6 have been visited by PC Vicky Aldridge who has reminded them of the importance of staying safe online. It is important that children remain safe online and know what to do if they have a concern.

Remember the importance of talking to your children about the apps they are using so they are doing so safely and appropriately. Please find a [link](#) to an e-safety update that I sent out at the start of the half term.

Reading Awards:

Congratulations to all of the children that yesterday received a book as part of our half termly reading awards:

Year Group	Pupil(s)
EYFS	Jim H
Year 1	Rex J-N
Year 2	Mary G
Year 3	Lauren B
Year 4	Alice C
Year 5	Poppy D-M / Archie F
Year 6	Max C-L / Dominik W

Congratulations also to **Year 4**, who over the last half term have read an amazing **2,722,948** words!

School Uniform:

A polite reminder that after Easter, I would expect to see all children in the correct uniform. Children should not be wearing brightly coloured shoes. The expectations for uniform are as follows:

Girls	Boys
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain white shirt or polo shirt with or without the school logo• School sweatshirt/cardigan with logo• Navy, grey or black skirt or plain, smart grey or black trousers• White/black/navy/grey socks or tights• Black/navy shoes (<i>no boots, trainers or sandals</i>)• A blue check dress or black/grey shorts may also be worn.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain white shirt or polo shirt with or without the school logo• School sweatshirt with logo• Grey or black trousers• Black/grey socks• Black shoes (<i>no boots or trainers</i>)• Black or grey shorts may be worn.
Long hair must be tied back	

A reminder that secondhand uniform can be purchased via ParentMail. Items will usually be sent home the same or next day with your child. After Easter, we will have a large selection of summer dresses available to purchase.

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 **ENDURANCE** in action:



Matilda R (YR), Roman O (YR), Rex J-N (Y1), Hanna S (Y1), Paisley H (Y2), Archie W (Y2), Owen E (Y3), Olivia-Rose M (Y3), Jacob C (Y4), Lydia W (Y4), Sandy M (Y5), Leah S (Y5), Ruby C (Y6), Lexie P (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.

Term Dates:

Please find below confirmation of the INSET Days for the next Academic Year:

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

Friday 22nd October 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 25th April 2022

The Autumn term will commence on **Monday 6th September 2021**.

Term dates for next academic year can be found on the WSCC website: [WSCC Term Dates 2021-22](#). Dates are also available to view on the calendar on our school website: [School Calendar](#)

PSHE / RSE Parent Information Meetings (Years 1-6):

Following the letter sent out earlier this week, please find below a reminder of the virtual RSE Parent Information Meetings:

Year Group	Date	Time
Year 1	Wednesday 21 st April	1.30 – 2.30pm
Year 2	Thursday 22 nd April	1.30 – 2.30pm
Year 3	Thursday 22 nd April	9.30 – 10.30am
Year 4	Monday 26 th April	9.30 – 10.30am
Year 5	Tuesday 27 th April	1.30 – 2.30pm
Year 6	Monday 26 th April	1.30 – 2.30pm

Please send a Dojo message to the school office, before **Tuesday 20th April**, to confirm if you will be taking part. The Zoom access codes will be sent out prior to each session.

Times Tables Rock Stars:

The latest battle has ended and the results were:



Year 6 v Year 3:

Year 3 won this battle, earning **19, 520** points (versus 15,821 points earned by Year 6). The most valuable player for Year 3 was **Alex R** and for Year 6 it was **Max C-L**.

Year 4 v Year 5:

Year 4 won this battle, with **21,186** points (versus 8,181 earned by Year 5). The most valuable player for Year 4 was **Frankie M** and for **Year 5** it was **Lincoln R**.

The most valuable players for each year group will receive their certificate after the Easter holidays. The next battle begins at 4.00pm today – **Girls** versus **Boys**!! The battle will run over the holidays, ending at 7.00pm on Wednesday 21st April.

Numbots:

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



EYFS: Fearne H

Year 1: Tommy P

Year 2: Harry M

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

Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

Date	To	Details
30 th March	ALL	Reporting of Positive COVID cases during the Easter holidays
30 th March	ALL	Staffing Update
30 th March	Years 4 and 5	Gratitude Survey
31 st March	Years 1-6	PSHE / RSE Parent Information Meetings

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