



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

23rd July 2021

Back in September, none of us could have predicted the challenges we have faced over the past 9 months. With the children at the heart of our decisions, we have all had to adapt to not only our ways of working but our ways of living. I would like to thank you for your continued support in adapting so quickly to updates including the wider school closure, remote learning and keeping your children at home when they displayed symptoms of COVID-19 or were identified as a close contact.

Throughout the year, we have continued to adapt to the needs of our pupils including implementing Accelerated Reader across Key Stage 2 and adapting our approach to mathematics, outdoor learning and PSHE. Next year, our school priorities continue to see us focus on mathematics, writing and further developing our foundation curriculum with a key focus on the arts: art, music and DT.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable Summer.

Message from our Chair of Governors:

As we come to the end of what has been yet another challenging year, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Governors of the school to thank each and every member of the school community for their hard work, support and dedication. To the Senior Leaders who have worked tirelessly in an unprecedented situation, often having to make difficult decisions at short notice to lead the school forward, keep everyone safe and make sure quality learning takes place. To the Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Administration Staff and Premises Team who have supported the leaders and each other in uncertain times, whilst always having the best interests of the children at the centre of everything they do; creating safe and purposeful opportunities for learning both in school and at home.

To the Parents and Carers who have supported their children at home and the staff in school throughout this rollercoaster year, many of you trying to juggle teaching and working at the same time. Last, but most definitely not least, we say thank you to the children, for your enthusiasm and love of learning, for taking it all in your stride despite the different rules and routines and for doing it all with a smile.

As we look towards the next school year, we hope things will become more settled and that the experiences and visits the children so enjoy can take place again. We as Governors, are looking forward to coming back into school and taking a more active role in the everyday life of the school.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a happy and safe summer.

Ron Robson, Chair of Governors

Key Concept Grids:

As well as the DfE website, it is our aim that you find the Key Concept Grids helpful in supporting your child over the summer holidays. I hope that children enjoy engaging in the West Sussex Summer Reading Challenge and the whole school Flat Stanley challenge.

A reminder that children should bring their work in when we return to school on Monday 6th September 2021.

Returning to School in September:

Please find below a reminder of the key information for returning to school in September:

Start and Finish Times:

On Monday 6th September, the gates will open at **8.40am** and will close at **8.55am**. At the end of the school day, the gates will open at **3.05pm** and all parents are expected to collect their children at **3.15pm**. Children should be dropped off and collected from their designated areas:

Class	Drop Off	Collect
EYFS	EYFS doors	Outside EYFS
Year 1	Key Stage 1 central doors	Outside the Year 1 Classroom
Year 2	Key Stage 1 central doors	Outside the Year 2 Classroom
Year 3	Year 3 steps	Outside the Year 3 Classroom
Year 4	Year 4 steps	Outside the Year 4 Classroom
Year 5	Key Stage 2 entrance	By the outside Prayer Space
Year 6	Key Stage 2 entrance	On the playground

Collection Waiting Areas:

To reduce the flow of people, the current designated collection areas will remain in place. Whilst waiting for your child, please wait within the allocated areas, to ensure the route in and out of the school remains clear. A copy of the letter which gives full details of arrangements for September, can be found [here](#).

NOTE: For the first 2 weeks of term, parents and carers of children starting in Reception Class should refer to the timings and dates in the letter which was sent out with your child's admissions paperwork.

Numbots:



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

EYFS: Anton B

Year 1: Buddy S

Year 2: Oscar C

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

New Catch Up Website for Parents and Carers:

The Department for Education (DfE), has launched an [information site](#) for parents, to support children of all age ranges and abilities catch up on lost learning caused by the pandemic.

The site features advice and support for parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), as well as programmes, resources and activities for children and young people this summer. There are a number of physical activities that children and families can engage in.

Support During the Summer Holiday:

Earlier this week, I sent you a letter from Paul Wagstaff regards the [well-being resources](#) published by WSCC and access to the Community Hub. If over the summer holiday you need to access support please use these services.

Staying Safe On-Line:

To support your child(ren) on staying safe in line, I would like to remind you that you can access a range of information and resources on our school [website](#). You can also access our recent e-safety newsletters below:

[June E-Safety Newsletter](#)

[July E-Safety Newsletter](#)

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 **JUSTICE** in action:



All of Reception Class, Evan C (Y1), Mollie S (Y1), Harry M-B (Y2), Ethan K (Y2), Xavier W (Y3), David K (Y3), Finnley C (Y4), Frankie M (Y4), Fraya H (Y4), Poppy L (Y4), Stanley M (Y4), Nadia L (Y5), Alexa J (Y5), All of Year 6

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.

Autumn Term BIG Questions:

Please see below for the BIG questions that children will be exploring when they return to school:

Year Group	BIG question
EYFS	Who am I?
Year 1	What is it like to be in Year 1? (short topic) / How have toys changed?
Year 2	What does it mean to persevere?
Year 3	How has life changed since the Stone Age?
Year 4	Why was Ernest Shackleton a good leader?
Year 5	What does the future of space exploration hold?
Year 6	What makes a natural wonder of the world?

Reading Recommendations:

My last reading suggestions for this year can be found below:

Key Stage 1



Key Stage 2



A reminder that over the Summer holiday, children in Year 2 and above can continue to quiz on the books they read over the summer holiday: [Accelerated Reader Login](#).

Also, you can follow this link to access this year's Summer Reading Challenge:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/wild-world-heroes-intro>.

Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

Date	To	Details
19 th July	EYFS	Outdoor Learning Day
19 th July	Year 4	Live Google Meet Sessions
19 th July	ALL	Letter from Paul Wagstaff (Wellbeing)
21 st July	Year 4	Online Transition Meeting

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Times Tables Rock Stars:



The current battle ended on 21st July. The final results were:

Year 3 v Year 6:

Year 3 finished in first place with a total of 30,153 points, versus a total of 2,361 earned by Year 6. Well done to **Rocco J-N** the most valuable player for Year 3, and **Max C-L**, the most valuable player for Year 6.

Year 4 v Year 5:

Year 4 won this battle, finishing with 25,228 points versus 3,550 points earned by Year 5. The most valuable player for Year 5 was **Tilly W** and in Year 4 it was **Alex C-L**.

There will be an epic battle over the summer which will begin at 4.00pm today and will end at **7.00pm on Sunday 5th September:**

Boys v Girls

Who will win? We will find out in September. Good luck!

Goodbye to Year 6:

Over the past two weeks, our Year 6 pupils have engaged in a range of activities: an Activity Fun Day, a dance session with Suzanne Hill, camping on the field and today they had their leavers service which was led by Rev Tim Crook.

Our Year 6 pupils have been a credit to the school and I am sure you will join me in wishing them the greatest success for their future.



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!