



# SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Message from our Chair of Governors:

*Firstly, I want to start by welcoming you and your families back from what I hope was a happy and restful summer break.*

*As we begin the new school year, I would like to share with you the aims of the Governing Body. One of our main aims is to ensure the school has a clear vision and ethos guiding it on its journey. To support this, the Governing Body is responsible for ensuring the curriculum is met in as full and as exciting a way as possible. The Governing Body are also responsible for overseeing how money is spent, ensuring value for money. In these trying times and with school budgets under increasing pressure, this is more important than ever.*

*With the support of the Vicar, Tim Crook and the church, we continue to ensure the school demonstrates its Christian values which underpin our vision and ethos.*

*All of this is done through monthly meetings and visits into school when possible. Each Governor is linked to a class and a subject or area of the curriculum and we look forward to being able to spend more time in school over the coming year.*

*Through the academic year, our aim is to improve communication with families; therefore, you may see us on the gates at the beginning or end of the school day over the coming weeks. Please do share your views about the school with us. We also aim to deepen your understanding of the Governing Body and the role they undertake.'*

*Ron Robson, Chair of Governors*

It has been wonderful to see the children returning to school with enthusiasm towards their learning and looking smart. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome a number of new families to our school community.

This week across the school, pupils have been engaging in their blocked unit of PSHE where they have been exploring roles and responsibilities including team building activities and the school's rules and expectations.



During Collective Worship, we have explored the following bible reference from 2 Chronicles 15:7:

*'But you, take courage! Do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded.'*

We have discussed that learning is challenging and the importance of preserving when we face challenges. We linked this to the success of the Great Britain Olympic and Paralympic teams with a focus on Sky Brown. During next week we will explore this further before attending church on for Friday's Collective Worship.

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### COVID-19 Update:

The COVID page on the school's website has been updated to provide you with links to the latest Government Guidelines.

The page can be accessed within the News section of the website: [COVID-19](#)

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### Meet and Greet Sessions:

During the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> September, class teachers in Years 1 – 6 will be running virtual Meet and Greet sessions. The aim of the sessions is to communicate the expectations within the year group's curriculum, how your child will access remote learning and to give an overview of this academic year's BIG questions, as well as how you can help at home to support your child's learning. Further details will be sent out in due course.

To deepen your understanding of your child's curriculum for this academic year, you can also view the school's website, [Yearly Overviews](#).

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### Summer Challenges:

This week it has been wonderful to see so many children sharing the adventures of their 'Flat Stanleys'. These have been shared within their classes and will be used to create a whole school display.



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### Times Tables Rock Stars:



Over the summer break we set an epic battle of Boys versus Girls.

The winners of this battle were the **Girls**, who finished with **7,284** points versus 6,600 earned by the Boys. The most valuable players were **Amy-Louise G (Y6)** with 2,535 points and **Joshua P (Y2)** with 1,411 points. Both will receive a certificate today to recognise their achievement.

Please do encourage your child to log in to their times table Rock Stars account and take part in the challenges, as not only is this a fun activity but it really does help to improve times table knowledge.

The next battle will begin today at 4.00pm and will run until 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.00pm:

**Earth v Air**  
**Fire v Water**

The results from this challenge will be announced in the newsletter on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

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## Maths Videos:

To inform parents and carers of our approach to mathematics, at the start of our maths unit, a video will be posted on Class Dojo. Key themes will be explored including the methods, key vocabulary and progression across the Key Stage and school. We encourage all parents to watch the videos so we have a consistent approach when supporting children with their home learning. This will begin from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

## Red Book:

Each week, 2 pupils are entered into their Class Red Book for displaying the school's Christian Value and for going above and beyond in their learning. Today, these pupils were recognised in our whole school Collective Worship. Congratulations to:



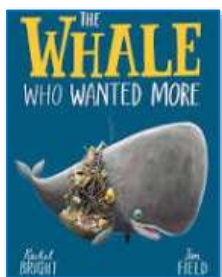
**Amelia R (Y1), Dexter N (Y1), Rex J-N (Y2), Kacper S (Y2), Skylar H (Y2), Joshua P (Y2), Louie T (Y3), Spencer W (Y3), Julia S (Y3), Riley U (Y4), Maya D (Y4), AJ M (Y5), Marcin M (Y5), Edward W (Y5), Isabella E-D (Y6), Lincoln R (Y6)**

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.

## Reading Recommendations:

I will continue to suggest books for different phases of the school in each newsletter. This week's recommendations are:

### Key Stage 1



### Lower Key Stage 2



### Upper Key Stage 2



Further book recommendations for different ages can also be found on the school's website:

<https://www.southbersted.co.uk/home-learning/reading-suggestions/>

## Year 5 – Visit to South Downs Planetarium:



A reminder that Year 5 will be visiting the Planetarium on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**. Information about this trip have been sent out via ParentMail. Payment is due by 17<sup>th</sup> September. If you have any concerns about the payment for this trip, please contact the school office in confidence as soon as possible.

All children will need a packed lunch on this date. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, a packed lunch will be provided by our caterers.

If you have already ordered and paid for a lunch, you will need to request a credit no later than 23.59pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September ([www.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.mealselector.co.uk)).

## Privacy Notice:

A reminder that our privacy notice is available on our website: [Privacy Notice](#)

## Google Classroom:

This week, pupils in Years 4 – 6 have signed into their Google Classrooms for the academic year. From here, pupils will be able to access a range of learning resources that their class teacher has set them. Once Year 3 have returned their completed Acceptable Use Agreements, pupils will access their Google Classroom accounts too.

When your child started the school, you signed to state they would follow the school's Acceptable Use policy. A copy of both policies can be found here:

[Key Stage 1](#)

[Key Stage 2](#)

## Car Park Safety:

Just a polite reminder, for the safety of children and adults please use the path at the side of the car park when arriving at school. Please do not walk through the car park, as we have regular deliveries arriving and some of the delivery vans drive into the car park at speed.

## Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

Date	To	Details
1 <sup>st</sup> September	ALL	Updates for the Start of Autumn Term
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3	Acceptable Use Policy
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 and 6	Felpham Community College Open Evening Flyer
9 <sup>th</sup> September	ALL	Online Safety Newsletter – September 2021
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 and 6	The Regis School Open Evening Flyer
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6	Year 6 Literacy – Film Clips
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Various	Headlice

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