



# SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Message from our Vice-Chair of Governors:



My name is Ian Harvey and I am the Vice-Chair of Governors. I hope your child or children have now settled back nicely into the school routine and are enjoying their time at school. When I first joined the Governing Body, it was as a Parent Governor when my son was in Year 1. He has now left the school and moved on to secondary school and I am now a 'Co-opted' Governor.

I would recommend becoming a Governor. As a parent of a child at the school, I developed a better understanding of how the school was able to provide the great experience my son had during his time at South Bersted School. We do currently have vacancies for Parent Governors so why not think about joining us?

As Governors, we commit to three evening meetings per term and one morning in school per term. There are other meetings and events but that really depends upon your role within the Governing Body. I work full time and I don't feel it is a huge amount of time to commit, and so it works well for me! Sadly, the pandemic has restricted our opportunities to visit the school in person over the last 18 months but hopefully we can get back to something 'normal' soon!

Along with my fellow Governors, I will be at the school gates from time to time when you drop off and pick up your children. Feel free to come and have a chat – we are genuinely interested in your views and would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

*Ian Harvey, Vice-Chair of Governors*

### Meet and Greet Sessions:

Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to attend this week's virtual Meet and Greet sessions. If you were unable to join the session, you can find a copy of the PowerPoint on your child's [Class Page](#).

### Early Years Bedtime Breakfast:

Next week, parents of EYFS children will receive an invitation to join us for a 'Bedtime Breakfast' event. Please note that this will take place over two mornings to reduce parents and carers within school.

### Children as Leaders:

As part of our approach at South Bersted Church of England Primary school, we want our children to take on a range of roles and responsibilities. This week during Collective Worship, we have been deepening our understanding of the British Value of Democracy. We explored the importance of everyone having a voice and how as a school, everyone is equal and has the right to share their views on how the school could be even better.

Part of our approach is the election of key roles across the school including Eco Reps, School Council and Sports Reps. This week, pupils in Year 6 stood as candidates to take on the role of Junior Governor. On Wednesday, pupils presented their speeches to the school with clarity and confidence.



*'I was impressed by each of their amazing speeches. Some of the candidates had lots of experience and some did not, but all of them tried their hardest. They all had passion and it was a hard choice.'* (Finley C, Year 5)

*'We voted for the people that we thought would represent our school well'* (Isla J, Year 4)

*'We had to listen to the children and then we ticked the box'* (Malachi H, Year 1)

After presenting their speeches, each class was asked to vote for one candidate using a ballot paper which they completed and posted into the ballot box. Following some late-night counting, I am delighted to announce that the children who have been elected as our Junior Governors for the 2021–2022 academic year are:



Alexa J



Lincoln R



Tilly W



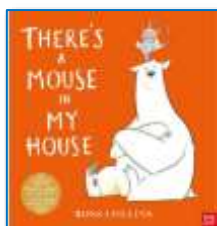
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Congratulations to all children who stood to take on this role. All members of the school are extremely proud of them. Next week, the Junior Governors will meet with myself to look at what information they would like to share about the school to new parents as well as preparing for our Harvest Collective Worship.



## Reading Recommendations:

Since returning to school, I have been delighted with the number of children in Key Stage 2 completing their Accelerated Reader quizzes. Within the first three weeks of school, a total of **445** books have been read! I would also like to thank all parents and carers who are using their child's reading record when listening to their child read!



Key Stage 1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2

## Reading Videos:

In further supporting parents and carers in reading at home, we have created a number of reading videos explaining the different states of reading: books with no words, phonics reading books and Accelerated Reader reading books.

Last week, Miss Stanton posted a video and next week Year 1 and Year 2 will be posting their videos. Look out for these on Class Dojo.

## Outdoor Learning:

This half term, the focus of our outdoor learning lessons is art. On Monday, pupils in Year 5 were set the challenge of creating a scene using natural materials that they would be in. They could not pick any materials or objects from trees, they could only use what they had found.

*'I used various sticks that I could bend called willow to make a panda, then I added leaves to make ears'* (Laila K)  
*'I made a train that we could ride. The best part was making details with stick for the frame and leaves for the wheels'* (Matthew P)

Below are some of the children's creations, including a ladder to the faraway tree, a thunderstone and children picking apples from a tree.



Next week, year 4 will be developing their weaving skills as they make their own loom using collected wood.

## Year 5 Visit to South Downs Planetarium:

On Tuesday of this week, our Year 5 pupils visited The South Downs Planetarium in Chichester as part of their BIG question for this half term.



*'We learned that Mars is surrounded by poisonous gases. Humans would not be able to survive there'* (Zara A)  
*'When in space, Astronauts only eat mashed up food due to the zero gravity. They also have to swallow their toothpaste when they brush their teeth!'* (Stanley M)

## Orchard Way - Fences:

We have been contacted by residents of Orchard Way who have kindly requested that parents and carers who wait for children in the alley way near Orchard Way, do not lean against their fences as they are getting damaged. We would appreciate your co-operation with this.

## Year 5 – Swimming:

A reminder that Year 5 will be swimming next week. The first session will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure your child has his/her swimming kit in school on Monday morning. All children will need a lightweight waterproof jacket with them as we will be walking to and from The Arena.

## Term Dates / School Calendar:

The updated term dates for this Academic Year are available to view on the school website: [Term Dates](#). You can also view upcoming events via our school calendar: [Calendar](#)

## Times Tables Rock Stars:



The latest battle has finished, the results were:

### Earth v Air:

**Earth** won this battle, finishing with 9,309 points versus 7,198 earned by Air. The most valuable players were **Ayse U (Year 4)** who earned 5,220 points for Air and **Nadia L (Year 6)** who earned 2,462 points for Air.

### Fire v Water:

**Fire** won this contest, with a total of 4,005 points versus 2,680 earned by Water. The most valuable players were **Tilly W (Year 6)** who earned 1,477 points for Fire and **Poppy D-M (Year 6)** who earned 1,439 points for Water.

Well done to everyone who took part in the battles. The next battle will begin today at 4.00pm and will run until 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm:

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

The results from this challenge will be announced in the newsletter on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

## Numbots:



Congratulations to the following children who this week earned the most amount of coins in their year groups:

**Year 1:** Theo T

**Year 2:** Alisa G

Both children will receive a certificate to recognise their achievement.

## 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. The pupils listed below have been recognised in our whole school Collective Worship today, and last week. Congratulations to:



### 17<sup>th</sup> September:

**Georgia R-S (Y1), Louie C (Y1), Catherine-Elizabeth S (Y2), Evan C (Y2), Paisley H (Y3), Tilly S (Y3), Tehya A (Y4), Rocco J-N (Y4), Jacob C (Y5), Brody H (Y5), Liam D (Y6), Rubie-Lee P (Y6)**

### 24<sup>th</sup> September:

**Jaxon L (Y1), Fearne H (Y1), Harrison E (Y2), Hanna S (Y2), Abigail B (Y3), Archie-Mac S (Y3), Evie H (Y3), Max C-L (Y4), Lauren B (Y4), ALL of Year 5, Nadia L (Y6), Rosie F (Y6)**

Please watch Collective Worship on Class Dojo for more information about why each child has been selected for the Red Book.

## Toys in School:

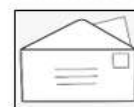
Just a reminder that children should not be bringing toys in to school. This includes toys such as fidget spinner, and Lego. Please ensure your child leaves all toys at home for safekeeping. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

Date	To	Details
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Year 6	Height and Weight Checks
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Year 1	Trips and Visits – Autumn 2021
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	ALL	Confirmed COVID Case

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