



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

21st October 2021

As we approach the end of the Autumn 1, it is important to pause for a moment and reflect. This half term, I have been delighted with the way in which pupils have settled across the school and risen to the challenges of learning to answer their BIG questions for this half term. It has been wonderful to gather as a whole school community, which is something we have all missed during the past 18 months, both during Collective Worship and our two visits to church.

Our new Early Years pupils have built positive relationships and settled well into their new learning environment. Last week, we were pleased to welcome their family members to our 'Bedtime Breakfast' event.

There are members of our community who continue to be impacted by COVID-19 and it is important that we continue to support each other during challenging times. I would like to thank all parents and carers who continue to respond to school updates and communicate any concerns or questions at the earliest opportunity.

Autumn 2 – Big Questions:

Next half term, pupils will begin exploring their new BIG question. To learn more about what your child will be learning and to view their knowledge organiser for next half term, please visit your child's Class Page on the school's [website](#).

Harvest:

Thank you for each of your kind donations towards the Bognor Regis Food Bank. Last week, our Junior Governors led our Harvest Festival at St Mary Magdalene Church. Each year group presented on a different word which was created from the word Harvest. Each of the children who presented, did so with clarity and confidence and we were extremely proud of them.

Bognor Regis In Bloom Awards:

On Thursday 14th October, Maisie P and Ayse U from Year 4 attended the Bognor Regis In Bloom Awards accompanied by Mrs Austin and Mrs Evans. The event was held at the Bognor Regis Town Football Club.

We are delighted to have been awarded **Gold** for the '*Best Vegetable Plot at a School*' category. This is largely due to hard work that last year's Year 3 class put in during the summer term to our vegetable plot, supported by Mrs Raynsford and Mrs Evans.



'It was very fancy because the Mayor and other important people were there' (Ayse U, Year 4)

'It was fun because we were able to go and collect the award as well as watching other people collect theirs' (Maisie P, Year 4)

Reading Awards:

During Monday's Collective Worship, we held our half termly reading raffle. Congratulations to the following children who were presented with a new reading book:



EYFS: Lyla E

Year 1: Jim H

Year 2: James D

Year 3: Savannah M

Year 4: Maya

Year 5: Poppy

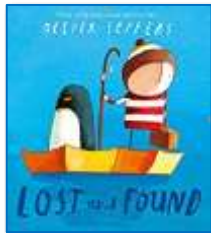
Year 6: Layla

This week, we have begun awarding children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 raffle tickets for reading 5 times a week and recording their reading in their reading records. They will also be entered into the half termly reading raffles.

Reading Recommendations:

Over the past 7 weeks, pupils in Key Stage 2 have read over **7.5 million words!** Congratulations to pupils in Year 4 who have read 2,422,918 million words this half term! Below is my list of book recommendations. Please note that the new Diary of a Wimpy Kid is released next week, 26th November.

Key Stage 1



Years 3 and 4



Years 5 and 6



Outdoor Learning:

This half term, the focus of our Outdoor Learning lessons has been creating art from natural materials and classifying plants and trees within our school grounds. Pupils across the school have engaged in a range of activities linked to natural materials.



'It was fun creating a mouse using leaves' (Harry M-B, Y3)

'We put paint on leaves and used them to print. We saw leaf patterns and lines on the paper' (Isabelle P, Y1)

Next half term, pupils will be developing their Design Technology skills by completing a range of STEM tasks.

Numbots:



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

Year 1: Isabelle P

Year 2: Alisa G

Both Isabelle and Alisa will receive a certificate to recognise their achievement.

Times Tables Rock Stars:



The latest battle has finished, the results were:

Earth v Fire:

Earth won this battle, finishing with 9,297 points versus 3,281 earned by Fire. The most valuable players were **Alex C-L (Y5)** for Air and **Oskar D (Y4)** for Water.

Water v Air:

Air won this contest, with a total of 7,028 points versus 4,564 earned by Water. The most valuable players were **Frankie M (Y5)** for Water and **Riley U (Y4)** for Air.

Well done to everyone who took part in the battles. The next battle will begin today at 4.00pm and will run until Wednesday 3rd November at 7.00pm:

Boys v Girls

The results from this challenge will be announced in the next newsletter.

Whole School Challenge:

Thank you to those pupils who have brought in their 'Pebbles of Thanks.' These have now been placed around our school flower beds for pupils and adults to enjoy and to remind us of the importance of being thankful for what we have.



Over half term, we would like to see you reading in unusual places! **Please send in your pictures via Class Dojo by Monday 1st November.**



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 during our whole school Collective Worship today. Congratulations to:



Teddy B (YR), Frederick G (YR), Nelly B (YR), Cynthia-Rose C (YR), Theo T (Y1), Theo C (Y1), Daniel K (Y1), Isabelle P (Y1), Aaron F (Y2), Archie Y (Y2), Leo D (Y2), Kacper S (Y2), Mary G (Y3), Oscar C (Y3), Savannah M (Y3), Elliott W (Y3), Esmae B (Y3), Jack K (Y3), Austin E (Y4), Fred N (Y4), Tyler C (Y4), Rosa R (Y4), Zara A (Y5), Alex C-L (Y5), Laila K (Y5), Olivia R (Y5), Eloise M (Y6), Amber R (Y6), Lisa A (Y6), Poppy D-M (Y6)

Please speak to your child's class teacher for more information about why your child has been selected.

Individual Photographs:

This week we sent home proof cards for the individual photographs. Orders must be placed online using the ID and password on your child's proof card. You can place your order at www.smileyellow.com.

The closing date for all orders is Tuesday 9th November.

If your child was absent from school when the photographer visited, there will be another opportunity for your child to have their individual photograph taken when the photographer returns to take class photographs later in the year.

Year 5 Visit to Ford Materials Recycling Centre (MRF) – Monday 1st November:

A reminder that Year 5 will be visiting the Ford MRF on the first day back after half term. To comply with health and safety guidance at the site, all children must have their arms and legs covered. Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform. No shorts are permitted, and tights or leggings must be worn with skirts or dresses. Please also ensure your child has his/her school jumper.

ALL children will need to take a packed lunch for this visit including those children who are entitled to Free School Meals as we are unable to provide any packed lunches on this occasion.

Reminder – Year 6 Secondary Transfer Application Deadline:

The final deadline for secondary applications is 11.59pm on Sunday 31st October 2021. If you have not yet applied for your child to transfer to secondary school, you must do so before the deadline.

Applying after the deadline can seriously affect your chances of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools. You can apply online at <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/apply/secondary-school-places/>

Premier Education - Before School Clubs:

After half term we will be offering early morning clubs, which are being run by Premier Education. There are still places available if you would like to book your child in. All clubs cost £20 and will run every week for 6 weeks.

MONDAY:

Multi Skills Club (8.00 - 8.45am) - Years 1, 2 and 3 (starting Monday 1st November)

WEDNESDAY:

Archery Club (8.00 - 8.45am) - Years 3 to 6 (starting Wednesday 3rd November)

FRIDAY:

Gymnastics Club (8.00 - 8.45am) - Years 3 to 6 (starting Friday 5th November)



To book a place, please use this link: [Premier Education - Book](#)

Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

Date	To	Details
21 st October	ALL	Online Safety Newsletter – November 2021
21 st October	ALL	Letter from Paul Wagstaff (WSCC) – importance of COVID testing
20 th October	ALL	Individual Photograph Proof Cards
19 th October	Year 1	Public Health – Confirmed COVID case

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