



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

8th October 2021

Message from John Hayes, Co-opted Governor:



I am a Co-opted Governor, appointed by the Governing Body in 2018 after my wife and I returned to West Sussex from the Isle of Wight where I had been chair of a small Church of England Primary School. Although I have never been a teacher I have been a Governor of a number of educational institutions from primary and secondary schools to universities. A lawyer by training, I acted for a number of Local Authorities in childcare and education cases before becoming Chief Executive of a County Council. I later occupied the same role for a professional body.

I see a big part of my role is to ask questions of the Senior Leaders and provide challenge. As governors, part of our role is to be inquisitive, by probing statistics about various areas including academic progress and finance. This ensures that we as governors can hold the Headteacher and Senior Leaders to account. Governors will be at school on the gate from time to time, so please do come and talk to us if you have any questions or suggestions. We welcome your feedback.

John Hayes, Co-opted Governor

Whole School Home Learning Challenges:

Over the past week, it has been wonderful to hear and see so many children sharing more about the people that inspire them! From authors, to coaches, to members of their family pupils have presented who inspires them.

Next week, we look forward to seeing pupils bringing in their pebbles of thanks. A reminder that you can find instructions on how to do this on your child's home learning.



Harvest:

Next week, we look forward to our whole school Harvest Service. This year, we are supporting the Bognor Regis Food Bank. Children are invited to bring a donation of food from the list below:

Tinned Fruit or Vegetables, Long-Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Fish, Jam, Sauces
Tinned Rice Pudding, Biscuits, Tinned Custard, Instant Mashed Potato



Donated items should be brought to school on **Friday 15th November**. The Food Bank currently has more than enough pasta, rice, baked beans and tea so we kindly request that any donated items are from the above list only. Thank you for your support.

During next week's Collective Worship, we will explore what Harvest means to us and will refer to the below biblical passage as our reference. To help the pupils to remember this biblical phrase, they all pupils will be learning it in sign language.

'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)

Our Junior Governors will lead the service with presentations from each year group linked to a different word which can be made from the word Harvest. In the coming days, you may find that your child is being asked to learn a poem, song or part of a performance for the service. If this is the case, I would like to thank you for your support in helping your child to learn their lines.

Staying Safe:

As we enter the colder months of the year, the evenings will soon begin to get darker much earlier. We would like to remind children who walk home from school to stay safe by following trusted routes and walking with friends when possible. For those children who cycle to school, we do encourage the use of cycle helmets for their safety.

Also, a reminder that you must contact the school by 9.30am if your child is absent for any reason. This is particularly important for those children who usually travel to school by themselves so that we can ensure they have arrived at school safely.

House Points:



Each time your child receives a Green Dojo, this goes towards their house team total. So far this half term over **5,600** Green Dojos have been awarded!

A reminder that the house with the most points at the end of the term will have an opportunity to participate in an enrichment afternoon.

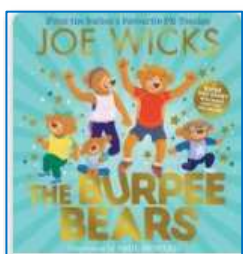
Reading Recommendations:

Yet again, I continue to be impressed with the number of children who are reading and taking their Accelerated Reader quizzes in Key Stage 2. Over **800** books have been read across Key Stage 2 in the first 5 weeks of the academic year!

Thank you to all parents for your continued support in listening to your child read each night. During the last week of the half term, we will hold book raffle. A reminder that for children in EYFS and Key Stage 1, your child receives a raffle ticket if they read 5 or more times within a week!

Please see below for this week's book recommendations:

Key Stage 1



Years 3 and 4



Years 5 and 6



Year 5 – Swimming:

A reminder that Year 5 will be swimming on Monday next week. **Please ensure your child has his/her swimming kit in school on Monday morning.** All children will be provided with a swimming hat which must be worn for every session. Replacement hats will be charged at £1 each.

Please ensure your child also has a lightweight waterproof jacket as we will be walking to and from The Arena.

Times Tables Rock Stars:



The latest battle has finished, the results were:

Earth v Water:

Earth won this battle, finishing with 14,810 points versus 7,824 earned by Water. The most valuable players were **Alex C-L (Y5)** who earned 3,041 points for Air and **Frankie M (Y5)** who earned 2,328 points for Water.

Fire v Air:

Air won this contest, with a total of 11,853 points versus 6,136 earned by Fire. The most valuable players were **Zack C (Y5)** who earned 2,355 points for Air and **Tilly W (Y6)** who earned 1,810 points for Fire.

Well done to everyone who took part in the battles. The next battle will begin today at 4.00pm and will run until 20th October at 7.00pm:

Water v Air
Fire v Earth

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

Numbots:



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

Year 1: Elliott C

Year 2: Alisa G

Both Elliott and Alisa 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. Congratulations to:



**Jim H (Y1), Quinn M (Y1), Lexie P (Y2), Joshua P (Y2), Bella-Rose H (Y3),
Francesca W (Y3), Marley M (Y3), Nellie-Mae A (Y4), Maisie P (Y4), Honey W (Y5),
Ellie H (Y5), Layla D (Y6), Tilly W (Y6)**

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

Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

Date	To	Details
5 th Oct	Year 4	Public Health – Confirmed COVID case
5 th Oct	Year 5	Public Health – Confirmed COVID case
8 th Oct	Year 6	Public Health – Confirmed COVID case
8 th Oct	ALL	Harvest 2021

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