



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

19th November 2021

Courageous Advocacy:

Following COP26, staff and pupils at South Bersted Church of England Primary School have continued to consider the positive difference we can make to our environment. Pupils across the school have made pledges, which are displayed on leaves, which will support them in making a difference and reducing global warming.

This week, we added the pupils' pledges to our tree; more will be added over the coming weeks. The aim is for all children to recognise and value the positive difference that they can make. During Collective Worship, we continue to reflect on the pledges that pupils have made and the positive difference they are making.



Some of the pledges made by pupils were:

'I will turn my tablet off for half an hour every day to save power'

'I will try to litter pick around my house once a week'

'Whenever I leave a room I will make sure I turn the light off'

'I am going to waste less food'

'I will try to buy fruit and vegetables that are not in plastic packaging but are loose instead'



To learn more about our approach to helping others and making a positive difference, please visit our [website](#).

Message from our Foundation Governor:



I joined the Governing Body as a Foundation Governor in February 2016. Foundation Governors make a particular contribution to the effectiveness of schools through maintaining and developing the Christian distinctiveness of the school. I feel the early development of children is important, and I wished to be an active part of that process. I am retired after 19 years working for a local firm based in Chichester following a long career in the Royal Air Force.

Since joining the Governing Body, I have seen the ethos of the school change and the way that, in those six years, the staff have developed under the Senior Leadership Team. This has really come to fruition over the last two years as all the staff, (teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, premises and catering) successfully endured the additional pressures placed on them by the pandemic, ensuring that the children's education was uninterrupted as far as possible based on the resources available. However, we know from the current media reports regarding the pandemic that we are not out of the woods yet and there are still challenges ahead.

One area of responsibility for the Governing Body is to ensure that not only the children's but also the staff's wellbeing is a priority. I am very grateful to have been part of this process. The results presented by the Senior Leadership Team have showed us that everyone went above and beyond.

May I pass on my thanks for the support you have given the school, staff, and the Governing Body ensuring that the agreed standard, respectability, and the reputation of South Bersted School within the local community is maintained and continues as we enter into 2022.

Mal Penberthy, Foundation Governor

One Kind Word:

On Monday, it was wonderful to see children wearing their odd socks as part of Anti Bullying Week. During Collective Worship, we reflected on our individuality and the importance of kindness. As a school, we have created a Kindness Wall where we are celebrating the small things that we can do that make a difference to others.

We would like to continue this theme into our Whole School Home Learning Challenge! On Friday, your child will bring home a selection of 'Acts of Kindness' prompts. We would like parents and carers to fill these in and return them to school so they can be added to our Kindness Wall.

An Act of Kindness is about people going above and beyond:

- *Stopping to ask how someone is,*
- *Stopping to help,*
- *Stopping to care!*

These can be returned at any point over the next two weeks! I look forward to seeing our wall grow!

PSHE:

PSHE this week has focused on Bullying. The progression of learning has ranged from recognising our own feelings - emotional and physical pain and the impact our actions can have on others, to learning about prejudice and discrimination of people based on their beliefs, culture, identity or skin colour. This has been supported by the Educate Against Hate Programme.

'If we say unkind words it can bruise someone, like an apple' (Fearne H, Y1)
'We should be kind because we can't put unkind words back again, like when we squeezed the toothpaste out of the tube' (Isabelle P, Y1)

Children in Need:



As you are aware, today is Children in Need day. To support this worthwhile cause, we held a non-school uniform day today. We are delighted to confirm that thanks to your generosity, so far, we have raised **£243.50**. The ParentMail payment option will remain open until Tuesday 23rd November if you have not yet donated but would like to. Thank you for your support.

Sporting Success:

Over the past two weeks, our sports teams have competed in further events. Last week, our year 6 Basketball team competed against local schools at The Arena. The pupils demonstrated team work, commitment and great skill in their performances, finishing in third place.

Please take the time to read our pupil report at the end of this newsletter.



'I enjoyed it because there were lots of fun activities and I learnt new things' (Lincoln R)

'I enjoyed the range of activities and the teamwork we showed' (Layla D)

On Wednesday, pupils in Year 6 also competed in a football tournament with 10 other schools. The pupils played incredibly well as a team winning 4 games, drawing 3 and losing 3 which earned them a 4th place finish. Please read our pupil reports on these events at the end of this week's newsletter.

Christmas Events:



As we near the end of November, we begin to think about preparations for our Christmas traditions. I am delighted to confirm that we will be inviting Year R, 1 and 2 parents and carers to join us in school for the Reception Nativity *'It's a Baby!'* and the Year 1 and Year 2 performance *'Lights, Camel, Action'*. We will also be inviting KS2 parents and carers to join us for the Key Stage 2 Carol Service at the church.

Next week, we will be sending home more details about all events taking place during December, including how to book tickets for performances.

Parent Teacher Consultations:

It was lovely to see so many parents attending last week's Parents Teacher Consultations. If you were unable to make or attend your appointment, your child's class teacher will contact you over the coming days to arrange a meeting.

If you have any questions regards your child's new ZPD, please discuss this with your child's class teacher during next week's Parent Teacher Consultations.

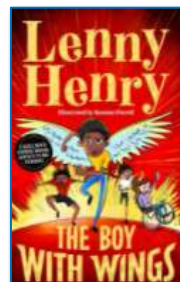
Reading Recommendations:

It is wonderful to see so many children engaged in reading, and reading at home! This year, over 1,600 quizzes have been taken on Accelerated Reader! That is double the number of quizzes compared to this time last year!

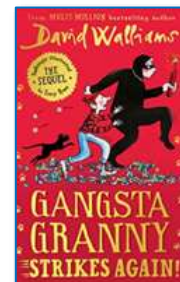
Key Stage 1



Years 3 and 4



Years 5 and 6



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 Theo and Alisa will receive a certificate to recognise their achievement.

Times Tables Rock Stars:



The latest battle has finished, the results were:

In the Year 3 v Year 4 challenge, Year 3 were the champions, finishing with **23,378** points. Year 4 also put in a superb effort, finishing with a final score of 17,436. The highest scorer for Year 3 was **Oskar C** and for Year 4 it was **Aleksander D**.

In the Year 5 v Year 6 challenge, Year 6 finished in first place, with an impressive 33,944 points! Year 5 also did very well, finishing with a total of 20,057 points. The highest scorer for Year 5 was **Frankie M**, and for Year 6 it was **Tilly W**.

Oskar, Aleksander, Frankie and Tilly will all receive a certificate today to recognise their achievement. Well done to all pupils who took part in these battles.

The next battle will begin today at 4.00pm and will run until Wednesday 1st December at 7.00pm:

Year 5 v Year 3

Year 6 v Year 4

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

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:



**Aston M (YR), Ariana S (YR), Lily A (Y1), Emily K (Y1), Georgia R-S (Y1),
Mollie S (Y2), Hollie G (Y2), Ethan K (Y3), Jacob P (Y3), Julia S (Y3),
Isaac H (Y4), Hadley J (Y4), Olivia R (Y5), Aurelia W (Y5),
Bella L (Y5), Finnley C (Y5), Penny C (Y6), Liam S (Y6)**

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

REMINDER – Year 4 Swimming:

Year 4 will be swimming on Monday 22nd November. Please ensure your child has his/her swimming kit in school on the following dates:

**Monday 22nd November, Monday 29th November,
Monday 6th December and Monday 13th December**

An alternative date to replace the Year 4 session which was cancelled on Monday 15th November will be confirmed as soon as possible. We are also in the process of arranging an alternative date for Year 5 who missed their session on Tuesday 16th November. Again, this will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

Date	To	Details
19 th Nov	Years 3-6	KS2 Carol Service
19 th Nov	Reception	Bognor Observer 'First Class' Edition
17 th Nov	ALL	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
17 th Nov	Year 2	Phonics Screening Check
16 th Nov	ALL	The Arena – Christmas Holiday Camps
16 th Nov	ALL	V2 Radio Christmas Toy Appeal

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Friends of South Bersted Christmas Raffle:

Tickets for our Christmas raffle are now on sale via ParentMail priced at £2.00 per ticket. All money raised from the raffle will be used to provide additional resources and improve facilities for the children. Thank you for your support.

If you are able to donate any prizes for the raffle, please do contact the school office.



Basketball Report

Tuesday 9th November 2021

(Written and typed by Reuben C and Nadia L, Year 6)

On Tuesday 9th November, South Bersted Church of England Primary School 4 played friendly games against Rose Green, Bishop Luffa and Southway. There was 1 team from each school with 8 players in each team. There were 5 players playing on the court and 3 roll on and roll off substitutes. The referees were the sports leaders from The Regis School.

When all of the schools were at The Arena, we were split up on two sides with 2 schools on each side. We then had time to practise and warm up.

The final scores for the first game were 8 - 3 to Bishop Luffa.

Before the second game we had time to take a drink and practice with some of the sports leaders.

When people were tired and out of breath they would go off and someone else would go on for them.

For the second game, we played against Southway and the scores were 8 - 2 to us (South Bersted).

After the second game we had a drink and practice but we didn't do the same practice. It was a different one.

For the third game, we played Rose Green and the final scores for that game were 8 - 4 to Rose Green.

Everyone was proud of their achievements and the effort that they put into the games.

We were placed 3rd overall.



Football Report

Tuesday 17th November 2021

(Written and typed by Lincoln R and Liam S, Year 6)

On Wednesday 17th November 2021, South Bersted Primary School played a football tournament at The Regis school. When we got to the school we had a very warm welcome by the Youth Sport Leaders. Our first match was on pitch 1 in the cages. It was against Rose Green Juniors. Sadly, we lost but after that we came back with 6 matches without loss.

In cage 2 we had lost 4-2 to Bishop Tufnell with Liam S and Reggie M scoring our two goals. In our 2-0 victory against St Mary's, Lincoln R scored two goals to win the match. We then played against Southway - it was a very tight match with the final score being 0-0 despite there being plenty of shots at both ends of the pitch.

After, we played Aldingbourne Primary and had a 1-0 victory with Kuba scoring the only goal of the match. In our win against Edward Bryant, we had scored 2 goals to make it 2-0. When suddenly, the opposition came back and scored two quick goals to level the fixture. There was not long left until we went on the attack and scored a last-minute winner, which was tucked away by Liam S.

In our 4-1 loss against Rose Green Junior School, Reggie M scored a goal but sadly, it wasn't enough to win us the match.

At the end of this amazing tournament, we gathered and had a summary of all of the matches showing where all the schools had finished. In an amazing performance by South Bersted we finished 4th out of the ten schools there.

We thank The Regis School for inviting us to the tournament and all of the people that helped set it up, including the sports leaders and Mr Thorn, who took time out of his day to help us secure a great spot.