



# SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021



### Advent:

This week in Collective Worship, we began our countdown to Christmas by lighting the first candle on our Advent wreath, which was kindly donated by St Mary Magdalene Church. As a school we discussed the meaning of Advent and what is special to each of us about Christmas.

This week, pupils across the school have also made their own Christmas decorations and have decorated our school tree! Over the coming weeks, we look forward to participating in many of our Christmas traditions, the dates of which can be found at the end of this week's newsletter.



### Acts of Kindness:

Over the past two weeks, it has been lovely to see our Acts of Kindness Wall grow. There have been many comments from parents, carers and pupils that have made me smile and that we have shared during Collective Worship.

*'I shared my toys with my cousin.'*

*'My friend helped me to look for my coat and found it for me.'*

*'I gave a picture that I had drawn to my auntie.'*

*'My friend was sad so I asked if he was ok.'*

*'I shook hands with the team I was playing against and said well-played.'*



Acts of kindness are one of the 5 ways to improve our own mental health. Over the next two weeks, our whole school challenge is linked to well-being. At the end of this week's newsletter, you will see a Well-being Advent Calendar. Please encourage your child(ren) to engage in these activities over Christmas and send pictures in via your Class Dojo account. To learn more about mental health and wellbeing, please visit the school's [website](#).

### Raffle Tickets:

There is now only 1 week left to purchase your tickets for our Christmas raffle. Tickets can be purchased via your ParentMail account until 9.00am on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

## Sporting Success:

Since my last newsletter, we have competed in two more football events. On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, our Year 6 Girls' Football Team competed against other schools within the locality. The team were a credit to the school and Miss Stanton was extremely impressed with their commitment to each other and determination to win! In recognition of this, the team was awarded with the Best Team Work award for the event.



A number of girls from the team also competed against Bersted Green School yesterday afternoon. We were able to take two teams to Bersted Green. Our two teams won both of their matches and then drew 4:4 as they played each other.

All adults and children are incredibly proud of the children for their efforts and for representing the school.

You can read the children's match reports at the end of the newsletter.

## Sunflower and Runner Bean Competition:



Over the summer holiday, Mrs Greatorex set the current Year 4 a competition – who could grow the largest, best sunflower and who could grow a runner bean. The winning children will be announced during Collective Worship next week and will each receive a certificate and a £5 Amazon voucher.

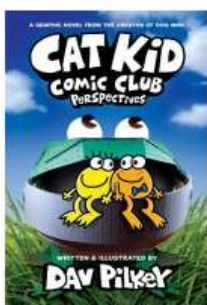
## Reading Recommendations:

During the last week of term, we will make carryout our Reading Raffle Draw. A reminder that when there are five entries into your child's reading record over a week, they receive a raffle ticket to enter the draw. The more raffle tickets, the greater chance they have of winning their year group book! Please see below for this week's book recommendations:

### Key Stage 1



### Years 3 and 4



### Years 5 and 6



Across Years 2 – 6, an amazing **12,176,671** words have been read by the pupils to date! There are also a number of children who are racing towards their Word Millionaire target!

## Staying Safe Online:

Over the Christmas period, your children may receive a new electrical device.

To make you aware of parental restrictions and the latest advice on keeping your child safe online, on Monday you will receive our monthly online safety newsletter.

## Numbots:



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

**Reception:** Casper C      **Year 1:** Theo T      **Year 2:** Antonia T

**Casper, Theo** and **Antonia** will all receive a certificate to recognise their achievement. Special congratulations to Casper C too, as he is the first pupil from Reception class to be awarded a Numbots certificate!

## Times Tables Rock Stars:



The latest battle has finished, the results were:

In the Year 4 v Year 6 challenge, **Year 4** were the champions, finishing with **41,426** points. The highest scorer for Year 6 was **Eloise M** and for Year 4 it was **Ayse U**.

In the Year 3 v Year 5 challenge, Year 5 finished in first place, with an impressive 44,120 points! The highest scorer for Year 5 was **Frankie M**, and for Year 3 it was **Julia S**.

Eloise, Ayse, Frankie and Julia 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 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm:

**Year 5 v Year 4**

**Year 6 v Year 3**

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:



**Leo C (YR), Casper C (YR), Roman O (Y1), Teddy E (Y1), Gerrard H (Y2),  
Rex J-N (Y2), Joshua J (Y2), Emily-Jane T (Y3), Oscar G (Y3), Alex C-L (Y5),  
Matthew P (Y5), Lola E (Y6), Roxy F (Y6)**

(As Year 4 were swimming during Collective Worship today, they will  
have 4 names in the red book next week)

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

## Spring Term:

We will break up for Christmas on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15pm.

Please note that Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January is an INSET day and the school will be closed to pupils. **School will reopen for the start of Spring term on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 8.50am.** Please view our school [calendar](#) on the website for more information about term dates and events.

## Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Performance Tickets:

If you have not yet booked your tickets for the performances, please log into your ParentMail account and order your tickets (Payments / Shop). Tickets are free of charge. Due to COVID restrictions, there will be a maximum of 2 tickets per child.

## Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

Date	To	Details
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Reception	National Child Measurement Programme
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 1	Public Health – Year 1
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 6	Public Health – Year 6
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	ALL	Christingle Service

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## Football Report

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

**South Bersted Primary School VS Bersted Green Primary**

***(Written and typed by Charlie and Kuba, Year 6)***

On Wednesday 1st December, we played our second set of matches against Bersted Green School. Earlier in the term we played them at South Bersted - this time we visited their school.

We took two teams to the event, with each team including 8 players of girls and boys from Years 5 and 6. Each game was 20 minutes long.

Read the match reports for each of the teams:

### **Team 1**

#### **Game 1:**

The match started with South Bersted taking the lead with Liam scoring quickly. After only a few minutes, I, Kuba, scored from Liam's cross. As the kick off started, Liam tackled well and took a powerful shot at the goal and it went in! We were 3 up within 5 minutes.

When we got the ball, we made lots of passes and pushed forwards well as a team. As we were in the penalty area, a Bersted Green player touched the ball with their hand and it was a penalty. Unfortunately, we narrowly missed the penalty. Soon after, Alex finished well to make it 4-0. Liam then made a great tackle and scored and soon followed it up with another goal to make the final score 6-0.

#### **Game 2:**

Within the first couple of minutes of the second game, we found ourselves one down due to an own goal. But the team did not give in and we worked hard to score and take the lead. It was a challenge but soon we were able to get our first goal.

We persevered and pushed on as a team and managed to score two more goals, which were scored by Archie. Liam and Kuba soon scored two more goals from a corner to make the final score 5 - 1 to South Bersted. Team 1 won both of their games against Bersted Green before finishing with a 4 - 4 draw with Team 2!

### **Team 2**

#### **Game 1:**

The start of the game was a real battle, but we managed to score 2 quick goals. We worked well as a team, passing the ball well and communicating with each other to push for a win. As we had 8 players we continued to make subs with all members of the team making a difference and working well together. The final score of the first game was 2-0.

#### **Game 2:**

It was a good game from both sides, but we were able to take the lead quickly through a quick break from Lincoln.

As a team we were under some pressure, but Tilly did well to make a save. As a team we continued to push forward and scored a number of goals. Player of the match went to Lincoln who managed to score 10 of our 12 goals in our second game!

**Game 3:**

We finished the afternoon by playing Team 1. After some end to end play and some fine attacking play the game finished 4 - 4.

We look forward to playing further games against Bersted Green in 2022!

**Girls' Football Tournament**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, the Girls' Football Team competed in a local tournament against 9 schools at the Regis School.

We played against 8 schools. We lost 2 games, drew 4 and won 2. We worked well as a team and enjoyed the opportunity to represent the school in the football team.

At the end of the event we were awarded with Team Work Award and during last week's Collective Worship we were presented with our certificates.

Thank you to Miss Stanton for running our football club and for taking us to the tournament.

# Wellbeing Advent Calendar

## (Whole School Home Learning Challenge)

Starting today, I would like to encourage our children and families to consider the importance of their own mental health and well-being.

As individuals, we can promote positive mental health and wellbeing by following the 5 steps below:

1. Give,
2. Connect,
3. Be active,
4. Take Notice,
5. Keep Learning.



Please share pictures of your children engaging in these activities via Class Dojo over the coming weeks.

For further information on Well-Being please visit our school [website](#).