



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

16th December 2021



Christmas Traditions:

Over the past weeks, we have found ourselves facing challenging times and following new restrictions. I would like to thank all parents and carers for following these adaptations as they have ensured we have been able to continue with a number of our Christmas traditions.

Last week we gathered as a school for our Christingle Service. This is an important part of Christmas as we celebrate Jesus as the 'Light of the World'. A key part of the service, is lighting a number of Christingles and considering how we can ensure our light shines on others by helping or supporting each other during challenging times. In considering how we help others, we reflected on the help and generosity of our school community in giving toys to the V2 Radio Christmas Appeal. On Tuesday of this week, our School Councillors met volunteers and donated these wonderful gifts that will make a significant difference to children and families within our locality.



A video about the toy donations can be viewed on our school [website](#) and the school Facebook page.

Also this week, our choir sang a number of carols at the end of the school day on Tuesday, and our youngest children have performed throughout this week with confidence and enthusiasm during their nativities.



I wish each and every one of you a relaxing and peaceful Christmas and look forward to working with you in 2022!

Sport at South Bersted:

This half term, pupils in Upper Key Stage 2 have represented the school in a number of sporting events. We look forward to building on this success in the Spring Term.

Last week, it was wonderful to be able to hold scooting and skateboarding workshops. Through our Sports Premium, we wanted to be able to provide the children with a fantastic opportunity to participate in this event following the success of the Great Britain Team during this Summer's Olympic Games.

It is clear from speaking to a number of children that they got a great deal from the workshops:

'I liked it because I learnt some new skills' (Broly G, Y2)

'I went crazy at the end because I was so confident' (Hollie G, Y2)

'I felt a bit scared when it was wobbly but I liked it' (Maks S, Y3)

'It was really fun, you got the chance to learn new tricks that you couldn't do before' (Maisie P, Y4)

'I liked when we got free range to ride the skateboards and show what we have learnt' (Liam S, Y6)



Reading Awards:

This week, pupils across the school were presented with new books during the book raffle. Congratulations to this half term's winners:

Reception: Teddy E

Year 1: Theo T

Year 2: Antonia T

Year 3: Jack K

Year 4: Maya D

Year 5: Poppy L

Year 6: Lola E

Over the Christmas holidays, pupils in Key Stage 2 can continue to access Accelerated Reader via their Google Classroom account.

Please find below this week's reading recommendations:

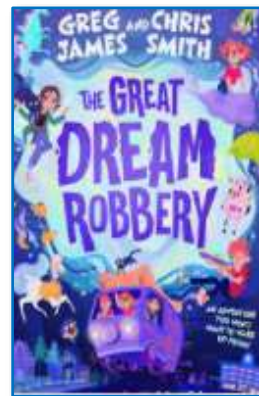
Key Stage 1



Years 3 and 4

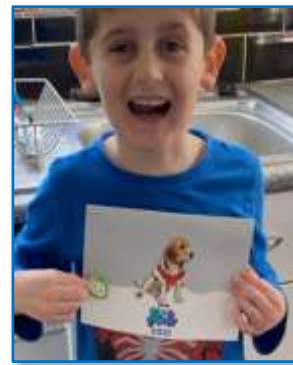


Years 5 and 6



Courageous Advocacy:

You may recall that earlier this half term our whole school challenge was linked to earning a Green Blue Peter Badge following our Collective Worship on COP26. This week, I was informed of three children who had completed the challenges and were sent their badges. Congratulations to [Bella-Rose H \(Y3\)](#), [Aaron F \(Y2\)](#) and [Jude W \(Y2\)](#).



In addition to this, pupils and staff have continued to reflect on the pledges they have made on our Eco Tree which is situated in Key Stage 2.



Christmas Lunch:

Today we held Christmas lunch. All children enjoyed a Christmas themed lunchtime with Christmas crackers for every child. Our Midday Meals Supervisors also enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit too!



Returning to School:

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**. On this day, pupils will begin exploring the answers to their new BIG questions for the Spring Term. To give your child an advantage, you may want to begin exploring some of the key information related to their new topic.

Further information can be found on our [Class Pages](#) and [Curriculum](#) pages of the website.

Numbots:



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

Reception: Aston M **Year 1:** Amelia R **Year 2:** Antonia T

Aston, Amelia and **Antonia** will all 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 6 challenge, **Year 3** were the outright champions, finishing with **14,919** points. The highest scorer for Year 3 was **Marley M** and for Year 6 it was **Archie F**.

In the Year 4 v Year 5 challenge, Year 5 finished in first place with an impressive **61,398** points! The highest scorer for Year 5 was **Olivia R**, and for Year 4 it was **Riley U**.

Marley, Archie, Olivia and Riley 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 tomorrow at 4.00pm and will run until Wednesday 5th January at 7.00pm:

Year 3 Girls v Year 3 Boys

Year 4 Girls v Year 4 Boys

Year 5 Girls v Year 5 Boys

Year 6 Girls v Year 6 Boys

The results from this challenge will be announced in the first newsletter of the new year.

South Bersted Musicians on Tour:

Today, pupils who have been having music lessons for guitar and ukulele with our visiting guitar teacher Mr Eaton, have been 'on tour' in Key Stage 2 performing to their peers. We were so impressed with the standard of music the children can already produce, as many of the children have only started lessons this term! We look forward to hearing them perform again for the whole school in the Spring term.



Well done to:

**Olivia R (Y5), Frankie-James N-A (Y5), Alex C-L (Y5), Poppy L (Y5),
Poppy D-M (Y6), Georgia C (Y6), Reuben C (Y6) and Rubie-Lee P (Y6)**

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:



**Lyla E (YR), Eme C (YR), Theo C (Y1), Reggie A (Y1), Matilda R (Y1), Harrison E (Y2),
Jude W (Y2), Bella-Rose H (Y3), Maks S (Y3), Oscar C (Y3),
Austin E (Y4), Isla J (Y4), Ella R (Y5), Alise J (Y5), Frankie M (Y5),
Charlie A (Y5), Georgia C (Y6), Amber R (Y6)**

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

Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

Date	To	Details
13 th Dec	Year 6	The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
13 th Dec	Year 1	Phonics Parent Information Session
15 th Dec	ALL	Changes to Close Contacts (COVID)
15 th Dec	Years 3-6	Dance House (please respond by 6th January)

Letters



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