



# SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### School Closure:

With the change of weather warnings overnight, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your swift responses to the school closure today.

I hope that you have all remained well and safe and that you have an enjoyable and relaxing half term. School will reopen after half term on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February**.

### COVID-19 Update:

As of 17<sup>th</sup> February, we had **7** positive cases between staff and pupils.

The guidance has recently changed with regard to self-isolation and testing, therefore we recommend that you refer to the latest Government guidance, which can be accessed [here](#).

A reminder that children who are **not** displaying symptoms of COVID-19 should continue to attend school, even if a member of their household has tested positive. If your child has any symptoms (a new, continuous cough, a temperature and/or loss or change to taste or smell), you should book a PCR test and your child should remain at home until their test result has been received.

After half term, the one-way system will no longer be in place at the beginning and end of the school day. At this time, for parents of EYFS pupils, we are asking that you continue to use the same path for leaving the school to reduce congestion near the Key Stage 1 doors.

### Half Term Reading Awards:

Yesterday, we held our half termly reading awards. For pupils in EYFS and Key Stage 1, we completed our raffle draw and for pupils in Key Stage 2 pupils were awarded for the progress they have made on Accelerated Reader. Congratulations to the following pupils:

<b>EYFS:</b>	Noah J	<b>Year 3:</b>	Tilly
<b>Year 1:</b>	Reggie A	<b>Year 4:</b>	Riley
<b>Year 2:</b>	Ahyan A	<b>Year 5:</b>	Charlie
		<b>Year 6:</b>	Archie



Over the past half term, I have been delighted with pupil's engagement with Accelerated Reader. Since January, **1,097** quizzes have been taken. Congratulations to pupils in **Year 3** for completing the most amount of quizzes this half term!

Over the half term holiday, pupils can continue to access Accelerated Reader and complete their quizzes. Pupils can access their account via Google Classroom or by following this [link](#).

## Safer Internet Week:

This week, pupils across the school have deepened their understanding of how to stay safe online.

At the beginning of the week, pupils in EYFS and Key Stage 1 explored the importance of not sharing their passwords with their friends and not clicking on pop ups within online games. We shared the story of 'Digiduck and the Magic Castle' to help deepen children's understanding. Parents and carers can access other online books in this series [here](#). These are a fantastic resource for sharing ways to keep safe online.

Pupils in Key Stage 2 have explored a range of themes including online stereotypes and online advertising. To begin the week, Mr Thorn led a Collective Worship based on 'Internet Legend', the main character of Interland, an online game produced by Google. The game covers 4 key aspects: how to keep secrets secure, how to be kind online, how to spot fake emails and news stories and what information is safe to share. Over the week, it was lovely to see so many pupils completing their puzzles.



## Outdoor Learning:

This half term, pupils have clearly enjoyed engaging in our Outdoor Learning unit: Fire and Food. From s'mores to broth to sausages pupils deepened their understanding of the dangers of fire and engaged in a range of team building activities outside of the classroom.



Next half term, our Outdoor Learning focus is science – pupils will look for signs of growth and change within the school grounds.

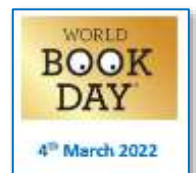
## Sporting Success:

Yesterday, pupils from Years 5 and 6 represented the school in a locality football event playing a total of 7 games at The Arena. The boys worked incredibly well as a team and Mr Thorn was proud of the players determination and desire to support each other and work collectively! A match report will follow in our next newsletter.

## World Book Day:

A reminder that we will be celebrating World Book Day this year on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on this day.

A copy of the letter regarding World Book Day arrangements can be found on our website or by clicking [here](#).



As well as dressing up on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, we will also be running some other activities leading up to World Book Day:

- **Paint a stone competition:** Paint a stone depicting your favourite picture book character. All stones should be brought in by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March (please varnish them too if you can!). A winner from each class will receive a £5 Amazon voucher.
- **Author Visit – CS Clifford:** Children’s author, Steve Clifford will be visiting on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March. Mr Clifford will work with every year group during his visit. There will also be a book sale on both days after school when you can purchase signed copies of his books and meet the author himself!
- **World Book Day Tokens:** Each child will be issued with book token which can be used to claim a free book or as a £1 discount off a book or audio book worth £2.99 or more. To learn more about this year’s books, click [here](#). Tokens will be sent home by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022.
- **Whole School Text:** In previous years, we have celebrated Word Book Day by focusing on a whole school text. This year, our text is Maybe by Kobi Yamada. This text links with our whole school Christian Value of Endurance for next half term.

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### Parent Teacher Consultations:

We will be holding this term’s Parent Teacher Consultations on the evenings of **Monday 14th March** and **Wednesday 16th March**. This will be an opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher, receive an update on their progress and discuss how you can support your child in achieving their targets.

A letter with more information about how to book your appointment is available on our website [here](#).

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### PSHE Parent Information Meetings:

As a part of your child’s education at South Bersted Primary School, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

A reminder that we will be holding Parent Information Meetings for Years 1-6 - the aim of these meetings is:

- *To review the curriculum for your child’s year group,*
- *To review the resources used,*
- *To understand the withdrawal process.*

Zoom links will be issued via Class Dojo after half term. In the meantime, please find below a reminder of the session dates and times for each year group:

Year Group	Date	Time
Year 1	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	9:30 – 10.30am
Year 2	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	11.00 – 12.00pm
Year 3	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	1:00 – 2:00pm
Year 4	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30 – 10.30am
Year 5	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00 – 12.00pm
Year 6	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	1:00 – 2:00pm

## Numbots:



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

**Reception:** Fabian D    **Year 1:** Malachi H    **Year 2:** James D

Fabian, Malachi and James will all receive a certificate to recognise their achievement after half term.

## Times Tables Rock Stars:

The latest battles have now ended.

### Fire v Earth:

Fire beat Earth, although this was a very close battle with Fire finishing with 33,149 points and Earth with 31,727 points. The most valuable player for Fire was **Eloise M (Y6)** with over 24,000 points! The most valuable player for Earth was **Olivia R (Y5)**.



### Air v Water:

Air beat Water, finishing with 35,649 points versus 9,470 earned by Water. The most valuable player for Air was **Isla J (Y4)** who earned 7,334 points... beating her brother by just 18 points! The most valuable player for Water was **Poppy D-M (Y6)** with 2,294 points.



Eloise, Olivia, Isla and Poppy will all receive a certificate after half term.

The start of the next battle has been brought forward and this is already live! This time the battle is:

## Girls v Boys

We will announce the winners in the newsletter on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March – good luck!

## Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

Date	To	Details
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	ALL	School Closure/Remote Learning
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	ALL	Parent Teacher Consultations
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	ALL	World Book Day
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 6	Leavers Hoodies

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## 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. On our return to school, we will celebrate the reasons why the children listed below have been selected for the Red Book. Congratulations to:



**Billy P (YR), Arnie M (YR), Jim H (Y1), Lola T (Y1), Mollie S (Y2), Maisie S (Y2),  
Oscar C (Y3), Bella-Rose H (Y3), Millie-Mai T (Y4), Oskar D (Y4),  
Bella L (Y5), Zara A (Y5), Reggie M (Y6), Lisa A (Y6)**

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