



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

18th March 2022

Message from our Vice Chair of Governors, Ian Harvey:

As Governors we have the privilege of visiting the school and seeing the children learning. Last week Governors spent a morning in school and were delighted to see how much the children were enjoying their day. We arrived before school officially starts and were really impressed by the different activities taking place. We were then able to meet some of you to hear your views about the school which was a really positive experience for us. Throughout the morning, we visited several classes and were able to see how engaged and happy the children were and how important that is to the adults supporting them. Everyone has had a really tough couple of years and we were inspired by the children and the staff and how they are all adjusting to the new normal.

As Governors, we feel very proud to be associated with such a good school.

COVID-19 Update:

As of 17th March, we have 4 positive cases across the school. This is the lowest number of cases since the start of this half term. For the latest guidance regarding self-isolation and testing, please click here: [COVID-19](#)

Commonwealth Day:

During this week's Collective Worship, pupils learnt about the Commonwealth. Children were set challenges – some could be completed alone, but others needed to be completed as a team. This demonstrated the role of the Commonwealth, with the same values and aims, the countries work together to improve outcomes for their citizens.

As part of Commonwealth Day, the school's Junior Governors and the school's Year 6's School Councillors and Sports Reps attended the Commonwealth Service at Westminster Abbey. The children were a credit to the school and should be proud of their involvement and engagement in the service.

'The Commonwealth Service was great fun! We explored a lot of places and saw some famous people. Overall I really enjoyed it!' (Nadia L)

'At the end of the service we had to sing the National Anthem which was fun. We also saw Trafalgar Square, Big Ben and the London Eye!' (Georgia C)

'On Monday I enjoyed seeing the Royal Family at the Commonwealth Service. I enjoyed the whole day but this was my favourite part' (Isabella E-D)



Sporting Success:

Following the recent success of our netball and football teams in the locality tournament, pupils have written their match reports. These can be found at the end of the newsletter.



Parent Questionnaire:

Thank you to those of you who have been able to complete the Parent Questionnaire. **This will remain open until midday on Monday 21st March.** If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete the questionnaire, can you please do so to support the school's self-evaluation process.

[Parent Feedback Questionnaire](#)

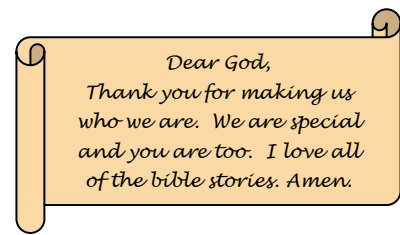
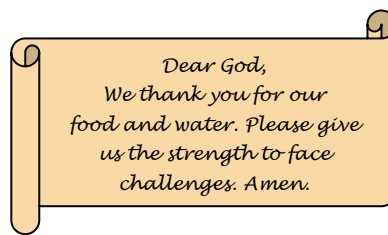
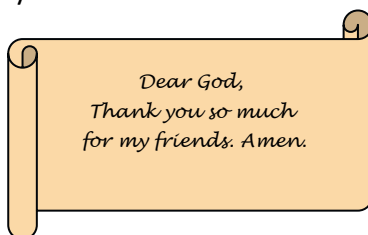
Christian Values:

As part of our focus on **Endurance**, we have continued to explore what it means to endure. Over the past weeks, we have explored what it means to have a Growth Mindset. In having a growth mindset, we believe that with hard work and feedback we can improve. Displaying a growth mindset is an important aspect of learning.

Over the coming weeks we will continue to explore the importance of our mindset. To further deepen pupils' understanding, on Monday we welcome Amanda Worne, who will be leading Monday's Collective Worship and running inspirational workshops across Years 4, 5 and 6. We look forward to hearing how Amanda has overcome challenges to achieve amazing things in her life.

Prayers from the Prayer Space:

Over the past two weeks, pupils have continued to use the indoor prayer space as an opportunity to write prayers of thanks:



During week beginning Monday 9th May, pupils across the school will visit St Mary Magdalene Church to allow them to engage in a range of prayer stations. We look forward to pupils engaging in activities that will encourage them to think of others and to be thankful.

Sex and Relationships Education:

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.

Following on from the letter and parent workshops earlier this half term, next week, pupils in Years 1 – 6 will be taught the key objectives from their year groups as part of a blocked unit of work. A reminder of the objectives for each year can be found on the [letter](#) which was sent out last half term.

World Book Day Competition Winners:

Thank you to all pupils who created their own story stone as part of our World Book Day celebrations. Today, the Junior Governors announced the winners from each year group. Congratulations to the following children who all received a £5 Amazon voucher to spend on a book of their choice:



Year R – Polina G

Year 2 – Lucie-Rose B-E

Year 4 – Rosa R

Year 6 – Isabella E-D

Year 1 – Reggie A

Year 3 – Emily-Jane T

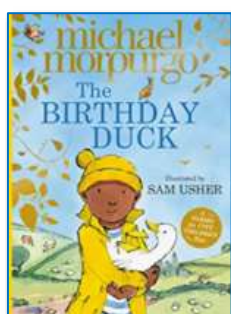
Year 5 – Marcin M



Reading:

Please remember to record in your child's reading record when you listen to them read! The information you record helps us to support your child, as we can see how often your child reads at home and which books they are reading. Please see below for this week's reading recommendations.

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:

Reception: Victoria D Year 1: Reggie A Year 2: Joshua J

Victoria, Reggie and Joshua will all receive a certificate today to recognise their achievement.

Times Tables Rock Stars:

The latest battles have now ended.

Year 3 v Year 4: Year 4 won the battle, ending with **25,682** points versus 4,671 earned by Year 3. The most valuable player for the Year 3 was **Julia S** for Year 4 it was **Alan G**.

Year 5 v Year 6: Year 5 won the battle, ending with **14,134** points versus 4,711 earned by Year 6. The most valuable player for the Year 5 was **Alex C-L**, and for Year 6 it was **Eloise M**.

Julia, Alan, Alex and Eloise will all receive a certificate today. The next battle begins this afternoon at 4.00pm and will run until 30th March. Winners will be announced on Friday 1st April – good luck!

Year 3 v Year 5 AND Year 4 v Year 6

Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

Date	To	Details
17 th March	Various	Final Reminders – Dance House

Letters



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Upcoming Events:

In response to some of the feedback from the Parent Questionnaire, please find below a summary of upcoming events for the next 2 weeks. This will now be included on every newsletter going forward. Just a reminder that school events are also available to view on the [calendar](#) on our website:

Date	To	Details
Monday 21 st March	ALL	Amanda Worne visiting the school
Tuesday 22 nd March	Various	Dance House Club (final session – dress rehearsal)
Tuesday 29 th March	Various	Dance House Rehearsals/Final Performance
Thursday 31 st March	Reception	Visit to Staunton Farm (All Day)



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. Congratulations to:



**Elijah H (YR), Aston M (YR), Daniel K (Y1), Emily K (Y1), Victoria G (Y1),
Kacper S (Y2), Hanna S (Y2), Abigail B (Y3), Archie-Mac S-W (Y3), Jacob P (Y3),
Leo M (Y3), Xavier W (Y4), Maxwel C (Y4), Honey W (Y5), Frankie M (Y5),
Poppy D-M (Y6), Leah S (Y6), Alexa J (Y6)**

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

FAB Locality Football Tournament

Saturday 5th March 2022

Year 6 Match Report by Charlie C and Kuba S

On Saturday, the South Bersted footballers competed in a competitive tournament at the Arena. As a school, we took two teams to the event. The 'A' team consisted of Year 6 footballers and the 'B' team consisted of Year 5 footballers. Each team had 7 players.

Team A were in a group with 8 other teams. Group B were in a group with 5 other teams. All of the teams were from local schools.

Our players were Kuba, Charley, Liam, Archie, Amy, Reggie and Phoenix. Throughout the tournament, all children demonstrated great sportsmanship and determination.

The tournament started well, with an exciting game against St Mary's, which we won 3-2. Sadly, the wins did not continue as we narrowly lost 2-1 to Bishop Tufnell. Despite working well as a team, we unfortunately lost the next game to a powerful Southway team.

The remaining games, we continued to work well as a team and won three and drew one meaning that we finished in eighth place overall.

As a team, we voted for joint players of the tournament - congratulations to **Phoenix**, who made some outstanding saves during the tournament, and **Kuba** for being the highest goal scorer of the tournament.

We look forward to playing future games against Bersted Green Primary.

Year 5 Match Report by Aj and Zack

On a sunny but cold Saturday morning, Year 5 played some tough games against 4 skilful (and surprisingly tall) opposition.

We began with a close, hard fought loss against St Mary's 2-0. Switching goalkeepers, we then went on to face Downview and had less luck. The two following games were also losses but we demonstrated our team spirit and teamwork through constantly running up and down the pitch.

As well as running our hearts out, we showed courage and bravery in our performances with several good tackles.

Another positive from the morning was discovering a new talent in goal - **Aj** - who made many good saves to keep us in the games and has a strong kick which can be used to counter quickly.

FAB Locality Netball Tournament

Saturday 5th March 2022

Netball Victory!

Match Report by Tilly W and Layla D

On Saturday, South Bersted played in a series of matches against other local schools at The Arena next to The Regis School. The team consisted of 7 players from Year 6. During the tournament, we all got to play in different positions and rotated players throughout the 7 games.

Following the friendly tournament we played the week before, we knew that we would have to work hard to win the tournament.

The tournament began well, with a 1-0 victory against Bishop Tufnell. We continued to win, with a second victory against St Marys (7-0). This was soon followed by a hard earned draw against Rose Green Juniors (0-0). After that we went on a winning streak with a 6-0, 4-0 and 4-0 victories.

The most challenging match that we played was against Nyewood Junior School. The match was end to end! We went 1-0 up and defended well, but after a quick break they pulled it back to 1-1. After the break, we continued to push and scored a well worked goal to make it 2-1, but soon after Nyewood scored again to make it 2-2. Goals continued to be scored and in the last minute of the game, we scored and we won 4-3.

At the end of the tournament, we gathered to listen to the results and knew that we had a chance of winning. As the teams were scored our excitement continued to grow. At the end we were named winners of the tournament with **33** points!

We were all proud to win the tournament!

