



# SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### World Book Day:

Wow! It has been amazing to see so many children and adults putting so much effort into their World Book Day costumes today. It was so lovely to hear children sharing their favourite stories and characters. Some more photographs can be found at the end of this newsletter.



Today, pupils across the school have explored the text 'Maybe' and engaged in a range of activities related to the text. The book allows us to consider the difference we can all make and the amazing potential that we all have. You, and your child(ren) can listen to the text again by visiting Class Dojo.

Next week we look forward to welcoming children's author Steve Clifford who will work with each class during his visit. There will be an opportunity for you to purchase books and meet Mr Clifford after school. Attached to this newsletter is more information about the book sales and how to place an advance order.

### Conflict in Ukraine:

Many children will be aware of the current situation within Europe and you may be faced with questions over the coming days. It is certainly challenging to know what to share and how to respond to children's curiosity. The BBC along with the Anna Freud Centre have produced [information](#) for parents and carers. Although this is aimed at older children, you may find the questions and responses helpful.

### COVID-19 Update:

Thank you for your responses to Sunday's COVID-19 update. A reminder that children who display symptoms of COVID-19, need to get a PCR test and isolate. If they test positive, children then need to isolate for 10 days, unless they return a negative LFT result on days 5 and 6. We currently have 7 positive cases across the school.

### Christian Value:

This half term, our Christian Value is **Endurance**. At its root, endurance is recognition that life is sometimes difficult and painful, and that it is important not to give up in the face of adversity. This week, we have explored the challenges that Jesus faced during his 40 days in the desert.

Over the coming weeks, we will explore the benefits of a Growth Mindset and the amazing power of the brain in being able to learn new things and the importance learning from our mistakes.

This half term, we also welcome Amanda Worne to the school who will inspire the children by talking to them about endurance in the face of adversity. This half term, our bible reference is taken from Galatians:

*'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'* (Galatians 6:9)

## Sporting Success:

Congratulations to the Year 6 pupils who represented the school on Wednesday at the High Five Netball event. They drew one of their games and lost the other 2. Miss Stanton was delighted with the children's determination and positive attitude towards each other.

This Saturday, our football and netball teams play against other schools in the locality. We wish all of the children the greatest success in the event and look forward to reporting the results. A full match report will be shared at the end of the newsletter next week.

## Spring 2 BIG Questions:

Most year groups have now begun exploring their BIG question. Please find a list of the BIG questions for this half term. For more information on what your child will be learning this half term please view your child's [class pages](#):

Year Group	BIG Question:
EYFS	How do living things change?
Year 1	How did the Great Fire of London change the way we live?
Year 2	Where shall I build my castle?
Year 3	What would it be like to live in Italy today?
Year 4	Why was the Viking invasion a success? (begins in two weeks)
Year 5	What is it like to live in Mexico? / Should we buy Fair Trade?
Year 6	How has the rule of law changed through the years?

## Parent Teacher Consultations:

Just a reminder that Parent Teacher Consultations will take place 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.

If you have not yet booked your appointment, you must do this via ParentMail by selecting Parents Evening. If you are having difficulty booking your appointment, please contact the school office.

## Reading Recommendations:

This week, all children received a World Book Day token which can be used to receive £1 off a chosen book, or can be exchanged for one of this year's World Book Day books. Please find below this week's reading recommendations:

### Key Stage 1



### Years 3 and 4



### Years 5 and 6



Congratulations to pupils in Year 5 who have currently read the most amount of words across Key Stage 2. They lead the way with **8,341,000** words read since September!

## Numbots:



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

**Reception:** Leo C    **Year 1:** Malachi H    **Year 2:** Alisa G

Leo, Malachi and Alisa will all receive a certificate today to recognise their achievement.

## Times Tables Rock Stars:

The latest battles have now ended.

The **BOYS** won the battle, ending with **20,085** points versus 9,901 earned by the girls. The most valuable player for the boys was **Joshua J (Y2)** with **4,276** points and for the girls it was **Ellie H (Y5)** with **1,751** points. **Joshua** and **Ellie** will each receive a certificate today.

The next battle begins this afternoon at 4.00pm and will run until 16th March. Winners will be announced on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – good luck!

### Year 5 v Year 6 AND Year 3 v Year 4

#### TTRS Leaderboard:

Over the last two weeks, we have continued to climb the local scores leaderboard. We currently sit in 14<sup>th</sup> place out of 30 local primary and secondary schools with pupils answering their times table questions with an average speed of 4.65 seconds!

Our aim over the coming weeks is to break into the top 10! To do this we need to be averaging 4.4 seconds per question.

## Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

Date	To	Details
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	ALL	COVID-19 Update
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	ALL	40 Acts of Kindness
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y6 x 8	Commonwealth Day Service
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	ALL	Online Safety Newsletter

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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. Congratulations to:



**Dottie S (YR), Victoria D (YR), Roman O (Y1), Jaxon L (Y1), Buddy S (Y2), Rex J-N (Y2), Elsie G (Y3), Elliott W (Y3), Aleksander D (Y4), Rosa R (Y4), Riley U (Y4), Austin E (Y4), Ellie H (Y5), Olivia R (Y5), Liam S (Y6), Alex F (Y6)**

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

## Reception Class – Side Gate:

From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March the side gate behind the IT suite will be locked so parents and carers should exit the school back through the link doors and out of the main gates when dropping off or collecting.



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