



# SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

12<sup>th</sup> September 2022



It has been wonderful to see the children returning to school with enthusiasm towards their learning and looking smart. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome a number of new families to our school community.

The whole school started the term with a PSHE focus. Pupils across the school have completed work on identifying their emotions and developing a range of vocabulary associated to them, the emotions of others, trusted adults and how they can respond to a worry. Pupils have also explored the British Value of democracy and have voted for their class representatives for the year.

### School Value:

This half term's Christian Value is **Koinonia**.

#### 1 Corinthians 12 v 12 -31

*'Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one'*

Koinonia means 'that which is in common' and is often translated as 'fellowship' or 'community'. Other translations might include 'union', 'partnership', or 'being yoked together'. A yoke is a shaped piece of wood that goes across the shoulders, often linking two animals. By combining their strength, it helps work to be done and burdens to be carried.

As a school, every child and adult plays a valuable part in making South Bersted Church of England Primary School a fantastic place to learn. Over the coming week, we will take inspiration from Queen Elizabeth II and her dedication and service, by considering how we can be there for each other.

### Trim Trail:

There has been much excitement across the school, as pupils have begun using the new trim trail. This has been funded through the [Sports Premium](#).

A reminder that no climbing equipment should be being used by children at the end of the school day. During the Summer term, the school achieved the Gold School's Game Mark and the Gold Quality Start awards.

### BIG questions:

Each of the school's topics are driven by a BIG question. To learn more about your child's current BIG question, you can visit the [Class Pages](#) tab on the school's website.

During this week, this half term's Knowledge Organisers will be sent out via Class Dojo.

I also encourage parents to attend the Meet and Greet sessions over the coming two weeks to learn more about what your child will be learning this academic year. Dates for all meet and greet sessions are on the [calendar](#) on our website.

## Attendance and Punctuality:

At South Bersted Church of England Primary School, we want to work with parents and carers to improve our whole school attendance. Over the past two years, there have been many disruptions to pupils' learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We know that central to improving pupil's attainment and accelerating progress is their regular attendance at school.

An attendance of 96%+ is assessed as a good attendance. Often when we see a figure of **90%** we may interpret this as a good attendance; however, if your child has an attendance of **90%** across the school year, this represents **19** days they have been absent from school, which is just under 4 weeks they have not attended school for.

The below table shows the impact in days and weeks for different attendances:

ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUATES TO DAYS ABSENT	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY
94%	10 days	2 weeks
90%	19 days	4 weeks
85%	29 days	6 weeks
80%	38 days	8 weeks
75%	48 days	10 weeks
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks

As stated in the school's [Attendance Policy](#), I regularly review each child's attendance. Each half term letters are sent out for pupils that have an attendance below 95.9% to ensure early intervention in maintaining good levels of attendance across the school year.

If you have any questions regards your child's attendance please contact myself on the gate or speak to the school office.

## Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September:

King Charles III has declared that Monday 19 September, the date of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral, will be a national bank holiday.

**Therefore, school will be closed to all pupils on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September.** School will be open as usual on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.



Queen Elizabeth II  
1926 - 2022

## Home Learning:



As part of the school's expectations related to home learning, all children should be reading each evening and pupils in Years 1 – 6 should be logging on daily to Numbots (Years 1–2) and Times Table Rock Stars (Years 3–6). The current Rockstars Battle is **Earth v Fire** and **Water v Air**.

A reminder that the winning house receives 50 points towards their total and we celebrate the Most Valuable Player (MVP) during Collective Worship.

Spellings and our whole school challenge will be set and sent home on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

## Red Book:

Each week, two 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:



**Reggie B (Y1), Ariana S (Y1), Pippa C (Y2), Theodore S-W (Y2), Harrison E (Y3),  
Jude W (Y3), Francesca W (Y4), Angel J (Y4), Alex R (Y5),  
Nathan S (Y5), Olivia R (Y6) Zara A (Y6)**

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

## Ofsted Inspection / Parent View Questionnaire:

I wrote to all parents and carers today to confirm that our Ofsted inspection will take place tomorrow. To support this process, I encourage all parents and carers to complete the Ofsted Parent View Questionnaire. **This must be completed by 11.00am on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September:**

*'If you are a registered parent or carer of a pupil at the school (including pupils on sick leave or who are temporarily excluded), you can tell us your views about the school by completing Ofsted's online survey, Ofsted Parent View, at:*

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

*Ofsted Parent View asks for your opinion on some aspects of your child's school, including the progress made by your child, the quality of teaching, how the school deals with bullying and poor behaviour. It also provides a free-text box for you to make additional comments, if you wish. The inspectors will use the online survey responses when inspecting your child's school. Written comments can also be sent to the school in a sealed envelope, marked confidential and addressed to the inspection team.'*

## Privacy Notice:

A reminder that the school's Privacy Notice is on the school website and can be accessed [here](#).

## Upcoming Events:

Please find below a summary of upcoming events for the next 2 weeks. School events are also available to view on the [calendar](#) on our website:

Date	Who	Details
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2	Meet and Greet Session in the hall (8.45am – 9.15am)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	N/A	Ofsted Inspection
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1	Meet and Greet Session in the hall (8.45am – 9.15am)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3	Meet and Greet Session in the hall (8.45am – 9.15am)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4	Meet and Greet Session in the hall (8.45am – 9.15am)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception	Meet and Greet Session in the hall (8.45am – 9.15am)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	ALL	Anxiety Workshop for Parents (session 2 of 5)



## Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

Date	To	Details
12 <sup>th</sup> September	ALL	Ofsted Inspection / Parent View Questionnaire
12 <sup>th</sup> September	ALL	School Inspections – A Guide for Parents

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