



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

23rd September 2022

Across the school this week, we have focused on fundamental British Values with a key focus on Democracy. We began the week with pupils from Year 6 presenting about why they should be elected to the role of Junior Governor. After pupils had presented their speeches, staff and children from across the school went to the ballot boxes to cast their votes. Congratulations to **Alice C**, **Ellie H**, **Jamie B** and **Bella L** who were voted as this year's Junior Governors. Next Thursday, Bognor Regis' Town Mayor, Cllr John Barrett, will be visiting the school to present the Junior Governors and School Councillors with their badges.

On Thursday, Mrs Bush led our whole school Philosophy for Children worship linked to International Day for Democracy and the text 'The Fairest Queen of All.'

New Chair of Governors:

At the end of the last academic year, our Chair of Governors Mr Ron Robson left the Governing Body. We are pleased to confirm that Mr Jon Davis has now been appointed as our new Chair of Governors. Mr Davis has a lot of experience in finance and buildings and will be taking on additional roles within the Governing Body, including being a lead governor for Computing, Buildings/Health and Safety and Finance, and he will also be the link Governor for Year 6.

"I have a strong interest in children's education. I wanted to make a difference and I felt that by joining the Governing Body at South Bersted Primary school I could share my experience and knowledge. I have two teenage daughters of my own, and my wife also works in the school office so I already had some links with the school.

I run a small local business employing 30 people and am well used to finding solutions to problems and balancing financial resources together with employee health and wellbeing. I look forward to working more closely with Mr Goodwin and all the staff and I will be visiting school as regularly as I can. I recently met with the Ofsted Inspector to discuss the school's journey and found this to be a very valuable experience for me as a new Chair of Governors."

Parent Governor Vacancy:

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and we have sent out a letter this week with more details about this. The extract below from the National Governors Association highlights the importance of parents and carers being part of the Governing Body:

'The more involved the parents were in their children's school life (including volunteering in school, participating in Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) conferences, and teaching at home), the more positive the impact became on children's performance academically. [...] only a minority of parents in the United Kingdom are uninterested in their children's education. Instead, the majority may experience difficulty in expressing their interest, something which is identified and acknowledged by professionals.' Strong links between school and home have a beneficial impact on school life. The wider benefits of parental participation also include building trust between parents and teachers, developing a shared school ethos and culture, gaining cultural understanding, raising aspiration, increasing parent financial contributions, improving staff retention, and increasing access to out of school activities, business and employers.'

If you would like to apply for this role, please complete the nomination form and return it to school no later than 9.00am on Friday 7th October (clerk@southbersted.co.uk)

Trips for the Academic Year:

Over the course of the year, classes will take part in a number of trips out of school to enhance their learning. To keep parents and carers as informed as possible, a schedule will be sent out to each class in the coming weeks detailing the trips that have been planned for the full year and an indication of the cost per child.

Knowledge Organisers:

This week, I posted your child's Knowledge Organiser for their current BIG question on Class Dojo. A Knowledge Organiser (KO) sets out the important, useful and powerful knowledge on a topic on a single page. By having access to these, you can pose key questions, research key people and events and reinforce key vocabulary. Further information linked to your child's BIG questions can be found on our [Curriculum](#) and the tabs on the [Class Pages](#) of the website.

Meet and Greet Sessions:

It has been wonderful to see a number of parents and carers attending our Meet and Greet sessions. These sessions provide key information for the year ahead. Next week we look forward to welcoming Year 5 and 6 parents and carers in to school:

| Year Group | Date | Time |
|------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Year 5 | Tuesday 27 th September | 8.45 – 9.15am |
| Year 6 | Thursday 29 th September | 8.45 – 9.15am |

Please sign in at the hall, tea or coffee will be available on arrival. For those year groups whose Meet and Greets have already taken place, you can access the presentations on the [Class Pages](#) section of the website.

New Trim Trail:

This week, pupils across Key Stage 2 have had the opportunity to use and explore the new trim trail. The trim trail was funded through the Sports Premium Grant. You can learn more about what the grant is and how we use it to ensure our pupils are physically active during the school day by visiting the [website](#).



Prayer and Reflection at South Bersted Primary:

Across the day and school year, pupils are provided with a number of opportunities to pray. Last week, a pupil in Year 2 asked to share a prayer during Collective Worship, which I would like to share with in this week's newsletter:

*Dear God,
Thank you for looking after us and we praise you
for our Majesty the Queen.
Amen*

Following the funeral of her Queen Elizabeth II, we have continued to explore the following bible reference:

'Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others' (1 Peter 4:10)

During Collective Worship, we used our hand to identify five ways we can help (serve) each other. Pupils defined this as: Love (Kindness), Friendship, Help, Listening and Sharing.

Over the coming weeks, we will continue focus and promote these qualities through our Acts of Kindness Green Dojo.

Harvest Festival:

As part of our Harvest traditions, we will be holding a Harvest Festival at St Mary Magdalene, South Bersted on **Friday 14th October**. As part of the service we encourage pupils to bring donations for the Bognor Regis Food Bank. A flyer is attached related to preferred items.

Parents are welcome to join us for this event which will begin by 9.15am and will conclude at 10.15am. Pupils across the school will be presenting on the theme of Harvest.

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:



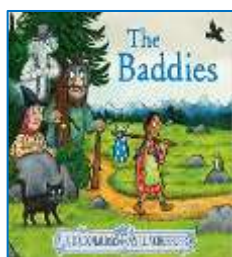
Noah J (Y1), Hana A (Y1), Victoria D (Y1), Matilda R (Y2), Maisie M (Y2), Adam A-G (Y3), Hanna S (Y3), Ahyan A (Y3), Freddie P (Y4), Elliott W (Y4), Leo H (Y5), Alan G (Y5), Finnley C (Y6), Bella L (Y6)

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

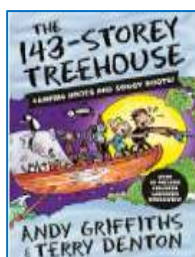
Reading Recommendations:

Congratulations to **Maisie P** in **Year 5** who over the summer holidays became our latest Word Millionaire. This was a fantastic achievement and in recognition of this, during today's Collective Worship Maisie was presented with a £10 Amazon voucher. Already, in the first three weeks of the term, **328** quizzes have been taken. Congratulations to Year 3 who have completed 128 of those quizzes.

Key Stage 1



Years 3 and 4



Years 5 and 6



(Released next week!)

Times Tables Rockstars:

Earth v Fire: Earth won this battle, finishing with 3,584 points versus 2,181 earned by Fire. The most valuable player for Earth was **Julia S (Year 4)** and for Fire it was **David K (Year 5)**.

Water v Air: Air won this very close battle, finishing with 6,661 points versus 6,461 earned by Water. The most valuable player for Water was **Frankie M (Year 6)** and for Air it was **Joshua J (Year 3)**.

The next challenge begins today at 4.00pm and will run until 5th October (Earth v Air and Water v Fire). We look forward to finding out who the champions of the next battle will be.

Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

| Date | To | Details |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 23 rd Sept | School Council & Junior Governors | Mayors Visit / Badge Presentation (29 th Sept) |
| 23 rd Sept | Years 2-6 | Accelerated Reader – Parent Guide |
| 23 rd Sept | Dance House Club | Dance House – additional information |

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Numbots:



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

Year 1: Cynthia-Rose C **Year 2:** Theodore S-W

Cynthia-Rose and **Theodore** will each receive a certificate to recognise their achievement.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications:

A reminder that the application window for secondary transfers is now open. **You must submit your child's application before the deadline of 11.59pm on Monday 31st October 2022.** Applying after the deadline can seriously impact which school your child is offered.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is online, more information is available [here](#).

Upcoming Events:

Please find below a summary of upcoming events for the next 2 weeks:

| Date | Who | Details |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Monday 26 th Sept | ALL | Anxiety Workshop for Parents/Carers (2.00pm) |
| Tuesday 27 th Sept | Year 5 | Year 5 Meet and Greet (8.45am) |
| Wednesday 28 th Sept | Year 4 | Outdoor Learning |
| Thursday 29 th Sept | Year 6 | Year 5 Meet and Greet (8.45am) |
| Thursday 29 th Sept | Various | Mayors visit/Badge Presentation (Junior Governors/School Council) |
| Monday 3 rd Oct | Year 1 | Phonics Parent Meeting (8.45am) |
| Monday 3 rd Oct | ALL | Anxiety Workshop for Parents/Carers (2.00pm) |
| Tuesday 4 th Oct | Reception | Bedtime Breakfast Event (8.45am) |
| Wednesday 5 th Oct | ALL | Friends of South Bersted Parent Meeting – all welcome (9.00am) |
| Friday 7 th Oct | ALL | Deadline for Parent Governor applications (9.00am) |
| Friday 7 th Oct | Year 3 | Outdoor Learning |

