



# SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Thank you so much for all the donations towards the Bognor Regis Food Bank. The food that we received as part of our Harvest church service last Friday is greatly appreciated. I was so impressed with each and every one of our pupils and in particular the pupils who presented on the theme of Harvest. From our Junior Governors to Early Years, who shared their recording of 'I Can Sing A Rainbow'. Each and every one of the children were fantastic. Below is a prayer which was written and read by pupils in Year 1:

*Dear God*

*Thank you for the world and all the people who live in it. We remember those who do not have a home and may need our help. We think of the people in Pakistan who have been affected by the floods. Help them to get food and clean water. Thank you for our friends who help us and play with us when we are feeling sad. Help us to be kind to others and to share the things we have. Amen.*



### Christian Values:

Next half term, we focus on the Christian Value of **Friendship**.

Trust, feeling comfortable in each other's company, being able to share joys and sorrows are all features of friendship and these are things of immense value. True friendship enables each person to grow and ensures that the unique individuality of each person is recognised. During next half term, our value of friendship is underpinned by the following biblical quote:

*'If one falls down, a friend can lift him up'*  
*(Ecclesiastes 4:10)*

### Attendance:

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.

As part of the school's Attendance Policy, I regularly monitor pupil's attendance. Where a pupil's attendance is a concern, I will endeavour to discuss this with parents and carers, to understand how we can work collaboratively to improve your child's attendance.

We are pleased to confirm the classes with the highest attendance for this half term were:

Year 3	97.2%
Year 5	95.9%
Year 6	95.6%



## New Parent Governor:

Earlier this week the ballot papers were counted as the final stage of the Parent Governor election. We are pleased to confirm that **Mrs Rachel Topley** has been voted as the new Parent Governor. Mrs Topley will begin her role as soon as the governor recruitment process has been completed, and I look forward to welcoming her to the Governing Body.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all candidates. They have shown true commitment to the school by nominating themselves for this role and we do appreciate this.

## Picture News:

Starting this week, I will upload a prompt from Picture News onto the school's Class Dojo Page. The aim of the page is to continue discussions from school at home. This week's discussion question is **'Should we all aim to be the best?'**

Please feel free to share any comments and discussions using the link on the prompt.

## Home Learning Challenge:

A reminder that the home learning challenge continues over half term. The current challenge is linked to Sir Richard Hotham. A reminder of the challenge is included with this newsletter.

## Reading Awards:

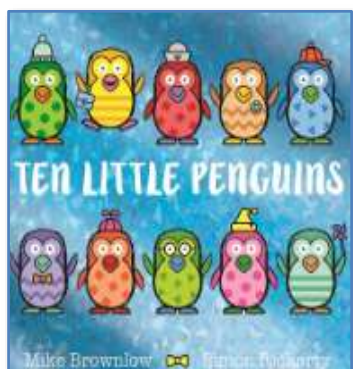
During Tuesday's Collective Worship, we completed our book raffle. Congratulations to the following children who received a new book:

<b>Reception:</b>	Florence H
<b>Year 1:</b>	Ariana S
<b>Year 2:</b>	Elliott C
<b>Year 3:</b>	Joshua P
<b>Year 4:</b>	Francesca W
<b>Year 5:</b>	Isla J
<b>Year 6:</b>	Poppy L

Over the half term, pupils can continue to access Accelerated Reader to complete any quizzes and add to their word counts. You can access the school's logon [here](#).

This week's reading recommendations are below:

**Key Stage 1**



**Years 3 and 4**



**Years 5 and 6**



## Times Table Rock Stars:

Congratulations to **Jack K (Year 4)** who has become our latest Rock Hero by answering times table questions in under 1 second! We have a number of children who are now close to this achievement so please encourage your child to log in to their Times Table Rock Stars account and enter the battle over the half term... we could soon be congratulating them on becoming a Rock Hero! Our school average is currently 5.16 seconds per question and over the half term we want to be under 5 seconds. Playing little and often will really make a difference to children's recall of times table facts!

The latest Times Table Rockstars battle has now ended, the final results were:

### Air v Fire:

The winning house was **Air**, who finished the battle with **17,001** points versus 10,065 earned by Fire. The Most Valuable Player for Air was **Alan G (Year 5)** who earned 6,681 points for his team, and for Fire it was **Oskar D (Year 5)** who earned **3,448** points for his team.

### Water v Earth:

The winning house was **Earth** who finished with **16,874** points versus 10,120 earned by Water. The Most Valuable Player for Earth was **Rocco J-N (Year 5)** who earned 3,780 points for his team, and for Water it was **Frankie M (Year 6)** who earned 2,000 points for his team.

**Alan, Oskar, Rocco** and **Frankie** will each receive a certificate today to recognise their achievement.

The next battle will commence today at 4.00pm and will run until 7pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November:

### **Boys v Girls (Whole School)**

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## Friends of South Bersted:

Earlier this week we sent out some information about The Friends of South Bersted to explain more about the Friends and how you can get involved. The AGM will take place on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm**, all are welcome to attend.

In the meantime, we are beginning to look towards Christmas. As always, we will be running a Christmas raffle to raise funds to support projects in school, so if you know of anyone who may be willing to donate a raffle prize please do contact the school office as the office team will be holding the raffle prize list.

We are so keen to get events planned in to ensure we are offering our pupils extra experiences, but we can only do this with the support of parents, carers and wider family members... the Friends!

Please come along to our AGM if you can. Every offer of help and support is greatly appreciated.

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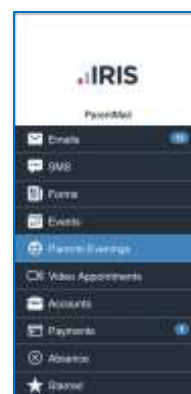
## Parent Teacher Consultations:

We will be holding Parent Teacher Consultations on the following dates:

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

Appointments must be booked via your ParentMail account (select 'Parents Evenings' within your ParentMail account). If you are having difficulty booking an appointment please contact the school office. A letter has been sent out this week with more information.

**Please note that the booking window will go live at 7.00pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October.**



## 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. Today we also welcomed Reception Class for their first Collective Worship and red book awards! Below are the children who were awarded a red book award today, and those who were awarded from last week. Congratulations to:



George A (YR), Olivia R (YR), Teddy B (Y1), Darcy G (Y1), Lyla E (Y1), Eli-James G (Y1), Teddy E (Y2), Isabelle P (Y2), Malachi H (Y2), Louie C (Y2), Zachary B (Y3), Tommy P (Y3), Leo D (Y3), Maisie S (Y3), Catherine-Elizabeth S (Y3), Bella-Rose H (Y4), Savannah M (Y4), Leo M (Y4), Abigail B (Y4), Rocco J-N (Y5), Alan G (Y5), Maxwel C (Y5), Oskar D (Y5), Lydia W (Y6), Marcin M (Y6), ALL of Year 6!

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

## Numbots:



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

**Year 1:** William P

**Year 2:** Theodore S-W

**William** and **Theodore** will each receive a certificate to recognise their achievement.

## INSET Day – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October:

**A reminder that tomorrow is an INSET Day so school will be closed to pupils.** School will re-open on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, after the half term break.

## Christmas Performances:

We are pleased to confirm the following dates for Christmas performances:



<b>Reception - Christmas Performance;</b>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am
<b>Key Stage 1 - Christmas Performance:</b>	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am
<b>Key Stage 2 - Carol Service:</b>	TO BE CONFIRMED

More details, including ticket information will be sent out in due course.

## Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications:

A reminder that the application window for secondary transfers is open until **11.59pm on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. **You must submit your child's application before the deadline.** Applying after the deadline can seriously impact which school your child is offered. If you had not applied by 6.00pm on 17<sup>th</sup> October, you will receive a reminder letter today. The quickest and easiest way to apply is online, more information is available [here](#).

## Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

Date	To	Details
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	ALL	Parent Teacher Consultations
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 1	Trips and Visits – Autumn Term
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 5	Trips and Visits – Autumn Term

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## Upcoming Events:

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

Date	Who	Details
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	ALL	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
24-28 October	ALL	HALF TERM
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 5	Visit to Ford Materials Recycling Facility
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	ALL	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	n/a	Open Morning (9.00 – 10.30am)
w/c 7 <sup>th</sup> November	ALL	Poppies on sale every morning (Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	ALL	Friends of South Bersted AGM (2.15pm) all welcome
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Various	Dance House dress rehearsal and final performance
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6	Visit to Tangmere Aviation Museum

