



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

16th December 2022



It has certainly been a busy and exciting term at South Bersted Church of England Primary School. The year started with an Ofsted inspection. The inspection report celebrated the hard work of the pupils, staff, governors and our families. I am extremely proud of the comments within the report and that so many aspects of the school's vision and values were recognised by the inspector.

Also, during this term, we received the Global Neighbours Accreditation. The accreditation scheme celebrates schools that are helping pupils learn about global poverty and the Christian responsibility to tackle it, as well as giving them the tools to play a confident part in creating a fairer world. As part of our drive to inspire pupils to be courageous advocates, it has been wonderful to hear of pupils who are driving change and raising money for such amazing causes. Last week, I was made aware of the fantastic fund raising of **Pippa C** in Y2.

Next term, we welcome volunteers from our chosen charity for this academic year, The Snowdrop Trust.

As part of our continued school development, we have implemented a new phonics scheme, which continues to have a positive impact on our youngest pupils becoming fluent and confident readers. Thank you for the recent feedback from parents and carers in EYFS and Key Stage 1, via the Google Form.

Next half term, we continue to review and develop our curriculum offer by reviewing our approach to history.

Over the past two weeks, it has been wonderful to welcome families to school as part of our Christmas performances. In addition to this, our school choir have attended local events and this week they recorded Christmas Carols for residents of Saxby Lodge. I continue to be so impressed with the pupil's confidence and pride in performing and representing the school.

During this half term, our Christian Value has been Friendship. At the heart of our Collective Worship has been the Bible passage from Ecclesiastes 4:9-10:

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Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed.

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If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

We have continued to state the importance of recognising that the only time that we should ever look down on someone is when we are helping them up.

On behalf of Governors and staff I wish all of our school community a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas holiday with friends and family and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Wednesday 4th January 2023**.

Merry Christmas

Staffing Update:

During yesterday's Collective Worship, staff and pupils thanked Mrs Mitten for her commitment and support towards our Year 5 pupils. After 4 terms at the school, Mrs Mitten is looking forward to her next adventure travelling around South America with her husband.

We wish them both safe travels on their adventure.

Change to PE Days – Year 2:

From January, there will be a change to PE day for Year 2. PE days for Year 2 will now be **TUESDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**.

Reading Raffle:

Congratulations to the following pupils, who this week won the reading award for their year group:

Olivia R (Reception)
Victoria D (Year 1)
Theo C (Year 2)

Zachary B (Y3)
Freddie P (Year 4)
Rosa R (Year 5)
Ellie H (Year 6)

Also this week, we rewarded our first word millionaire of the year, **Poppy L (Y6)**, with a £10 Amazon voucher. I am also delighted that we have achieved our target of 2,000 quizzes on Accelerated Reader this term. Over the Christmas holidays, pupils can continue to access their Accelerated Reader [account](#).

Please find below this week's reading recommendations:

Years R/1/2



Year 3 & 4



Years 5 & 6



House Points:

Congratulations to **Earth**, who on Wednesday afternoon were crowned this term's winners for receiving the most Green Dojos this term.

During the afternoon, pupils in Earth engaged in a range of enrichment activities: ball skills, cooking and Christmas crafts.



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| Earth | 6,141 |
| Fire | 5,884 |
| Air | 5,833 |
| Water | 5,454 |

Home Learning:

Over the Christmas Holidays, we will extend our Home Learning linked to telling the time. Please see the attached flyer relayed to this. In addition, there will be a whole school Times Table Rockstar Battle: Girls vs Boys.

Red Book:

Each week, 2 pupils are entered into their class Red Book for displaying the school's Christian Value and/or for going above and beyond in their learning. The pupils listed below have been recognised in our whole school Collective Worship **today**. Congratulations to:



Lincoln M (YR), George R (YR), Casper C (Y1), Swara P (Y1), Reggie A (Y2), Emily K (Y2), Alisa G (Y3), Lucie-Rose B (Y3), Paisley H (Y4), Bella-Rose H (Y4), Austin E (Y5), Alex R (Y5), Honey W (Y6), Ellie H (Y6)

Upcoming Events:

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

| Date | Who | Details |
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| 19-30 th December | ALL | Christmas Holiday |
| Monday 2 nd January 2023 | ALL | Bank Holiday |
| Tuesday 3 rd January 2023 | ALL | INSET DAY |
| Wednesday 4 th January 2023 | ALL | Start of Spring Term (8.45am) |
| Wednesday 4 th January 2023 | Year 1-4 | Deadline for returning club application forms |
| Monday 9 th January 2023 | Year 6 | SATs Parent Information Meeting (9.00am) |
| Monday 9 th January | KS2 x 8 | Basketball Event at The Arena (2.45 – 4.45pm) |

