



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

27th January 2023

Last week, I had the privilege of joining the school's Junior Governors for the Sir Richard Hotham memorial service. The service was held to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone for Richard Hotham's new seaside resort in 1787.



Over the past two weeks, I have been amazed with the wonderful and creative healthy snacks that pupils and families have created as part of the recent home learning challenge. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the creation of our South Bersted Church of England Healthy Snacks Cook Book. Over the coming weeks, we will share the cook book across the school.



The current whole school challenge is based on our visit from Fit4Kids sports event on Tuesday. Please feel free to complete the challenges as a family. Further information on the challenge can be found at the end of this newsletter.

'Do not eat things that have lots of sugar in them and have 5 fruit and vegetables a day' (Poppy T, YR)

'We did lots of exercises to keep us healthy, we did windmills and bicycle kicks!' (Olivia R, YR)

'It was really fun because I didn't know about all the different things that we should eat' (Isabelle P, Y2)

'It was fun doing the exercise to burn calories' (Reggie A, Y2)

We did lots of exercising. We learnt about healthy food and not to drink coke because it's not healthy. Cucumbers and apples are healthy' (Cynthia-Rose C, Y1)

'We need protein because it is good for us' (Maya S, Y1)



Christian Value:

Linked to our value of **HOPE**, last week pupils across the school planted a range of Spring bulbs. Pupils are learning that part of having Hope is taking action. For their bulbs to grow, they need to be cared for and nurtured. Over the next half term, we look forward to seeing our flower beds grow into life and colour.



This half term, our Collective Worships focus on us taking action. Hope is a lot more than asking for help and 'wishing' for things to get better.

Strike Action:

I will continue to keep parents and carers updated on each of the dates for planned strike action. On **Wednesday 1st February 2023** the school will be open as normal to all children.

If you have any questions regards the strike action, please talk to myself rather than any other member of staff at South Bersted Church of England Primary School.

Attendance and Punctuality:

A reminder that the school gates open at **8.35am** and close at **8.45am**. If children arrive late, they are missing valuable learning time. During morning work, class teachers set learning tasks to consolidate prior learning. Arriving late means that pupils miss these opportunities, which impacts their learning and progress.

The 3 classes with the highest attendance so far this half term are:

Class	Attendance
Year 1	97.4%
Year 3	96.2%
Year 6	95.0%

Sport at South Bersted:

Recently, pupils from Years 5 and 6 competed against other schools in a competitive basketball event. I was extremely proud of the pupil's determination and commitment towards each of the games they played.

Although we did not win all of the games, the children were awarded with the 'sportsmanship award.'

'I was really proud that we won the sportsmanship award. It was great to play alongside friends' (Ellie H, Y6)

'It was harder than we thought but we managed to beat the team that we were worried about' (Nathan S, Y5)

'I enjoyed that we persevered, and how everybody tried and worked together' (Hadley J, Y5)

Parent/Carer Meetings:

Over the past two weeks, there have been a number of parent workshops linked to national assessments for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 pupils.

Today, all presentations have been uploaded to each of the class pages. If you have any questions regards these presentations, please contact your child's class teacher.

On **Monday 6th February** we look forward to welcoming parents to an Internet Safety Workshop. Please send a Dojo message to the school office to book your place. Sessions will take place at 9.00am and at 2.15pm.

Bognor Children's Bookfest Event:

We are delighted to confirm that we will be taking part in the Bognor Children's Bookfest this year. On Wednesday 8th February, visiting author **Candy Gourlay**, will be in school to work with pupils in Years 1-6. All children will receive a free copy of one of Candy's books, which they will be able to get signed by her on the day.

<https://www.candygourlay.com/p/about.html>



A letter with more information has been sent out today via ParentMail.

Children's Mental Health Week:

The week beginning 6th February is Children's Mental Health Week, therefore PSHE in all classes will be focused on this. Children in KS1 will be using the text '**The Problem with Problems**' to think about how problems can impact us and what we can do to help solve problems. Children in KS2 will be thinking about how to manage things that impact our mental health, including friendships, reading other people's emotions and worries.

As part of this, **Friday 10th February** will be 'Dress to Express Day' where children can come into school in non-uniform dressed in a way that they feel expresses their identity. For further information on our aims for this week, please view the letter [here](#).

Outdoor Learning:

Since the start of this half term, pupils have been engaging in our outdoor learning Fire and Food afternoons. I have been delighted with the pupil's positive attitude and engagement in these activities.

Being outside and engaging in a range of activities is proven to have a positive impact on our wellbeing.

'I really liked planting the bulbs as it was fun as we found insects in the undergrowth' (Maya D-C, Y5)
'I really enjoyed planting Snowdrops and really enjoyed eating by the fire' (Caithen L, Y5)



Over the coming weeks, we look forward to Years 3, Year 2 and Year 1 engaging in their outdoor learning activities.

Numbots:



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

Reception: Maisie C

Year 1: Ariana S

Year 2: Dexter N

Maisie, Ariana and **Dexter** will each receive a certificate to recognise their achievement.

Times Table Rock Stars:



The Earth v Air and Water v Fire challenge has now finished.

Earth v Air:

Earth won the battle, with 42,252 versus 34,533 earned by Air. The most valuable player for Earth was **Adam A-G (Y3)**, and for Air it was **Angel J (Y4)**.

Water v Fire:

Water finished in first place with 16,357 points versus 9,315 earned by Fire. The most valuable player for Water was **Angel A (Y5)** and for Fire it was **Maisie P (Y5)**.

Maisie, Angel, Angel and Adam will each receive a certificate today to recognise their achievement. The next battle is now underway (Air v Fire and Water v Earth) and will run until 1st February.

Activate your ParentPay Account:

A reminder if you have not yet done so that you must activate your ParentPay account in order that you can order meals for your child. You will be able to book meals via your ParentPay account for 20th February onwards.

Please speak to the office as soon as possible if you are having difficulty accessing your account or ordering meals.

Reminder – Year 3 Visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace:

A reminder that Year 3 will be visiting Fishbourne Roman Palace on Tuesday 7th February. If you have not yet made a payment for this visit, you can do this via your ParentMail account.

Please speak to the office as soon as possible, in confidence, if you are having difficulty making a payment.

Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

Date	To	Details
27 th Jan	ALL	Children's Mental Health Week
27 th Jan	Years 1-6	Bognor Children's Book Fest
26 th Feb	ALL	Safer Internet Parent/Carer Workshops
26 th Feb	Reception	Trips and Visits – Spring Term 2023

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Upcoming Events:

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

Date	Who	Details
Monday 30 th January	Year 2	Outdoor Learning
6-10 th February	ALL	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 6 th February	ALL	Internet Safety Workshops (9.00am and 2.15pm)
Monday 6 th February	Year 1	Outdoor Learning
Tuesday 7 th February	Year 3	Visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Wednesday 8 th February	Years 1-6	Bognor Children's Bookfest Event (in school)
Friday 10 th February	ALL	Non-Uniform Day (Dress to Express)
Friday 10 th February	ALL	Break up for Half Term
13-17th February	ALL	HALF TERM
Monday 20 th February	ALL	Start of Spring 2 (8.45am)

