



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

10th February 2023

This week we have been learning about our mental health. In worship, children have been thinking about the theme of 'Let's Connect' and have been completing different activities that show their connections with other children in the school, learning that we all have connections with others and these can help us when our emotions are too big!



To help deepen pupil's understanding of this, each child has created their own hand print, written their interests on them and has then connected their print to another child's hand and displayed them in the school hall.

In classes, children have been learning about how adrenaline works, giving us our fight, flight, freeze response; how worries aren't always bad and can keep us safe and also learning about how to manage problems.

'We looked at worries and what we can do if we have a worry. It is important that we share our worries so others can help us' (Angel J, Y5)

'We drew portraits, and our friends wrote our 'gifts' and strengths around the outside' (Francesca W, Y4)

We learnt the importance of friendship and what makes a good friend. A good friend always looks out for you and you have the same interests' (Evie H and Bella-Rose H, Y4)

Christian Value:

During today's Collective Worship, we reflected on our half termly value of **HOPE**:

'May the God of Hope fill you with all the joy and peace and trust in him so that you overflow with hope by the Power of the Holy Spirit.'

Romans 15:13

This half term's worships have focused on the importance of having hope during challenging times and the hope we can have in God. We have also explored the importance that hope is not just about crossing our fingers, but taking action. Within our indoor prayer space, pupils were given the opportunity to write prayers on their hopes for the future.

Support for Families:

Due to the cost of living crisis and COVID-19, many of us may face a change of circumstances. To ensure our families are supported during these challenging times, there are a number of services that can be accessed.

We will be updating the school's website soon with a number of links where you will be able to learn more about these services.

In the meantime, you can contact the Community Hub to access support, including access to the Household Support Fund and where to get advice, using the link below.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/coronavirus-covid-19-information/advice-and-support/community-hub/>

Plastic Campaign:

You may recall that during Collective Worship, pupils in Year 5 explained how they want to lead a plastic campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to raise awareness of the importance of reducing the number of single use plastics that we use and to make us all consider the impact we are having on the planet.

Attached to this week's newsletter is the campaign along with a link to a questionnaire so Year 5 pupils know the difference they are making. Please support our Year 5 pupils in knowing they are making a difference to our local community and ultimately our planet!

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	97.3%
Year 3	97%
Year 6	96.1%

Author Visit:

This week we welcomed author Candy Gourlay to South Bersted CE Primary School. Throughout her time at the school, Candy led different workshops for pupils in Years 1 – 6. It is clear from speaking to pupils and staff that they were inspired by Candy's story and her journey to becoming a published author.

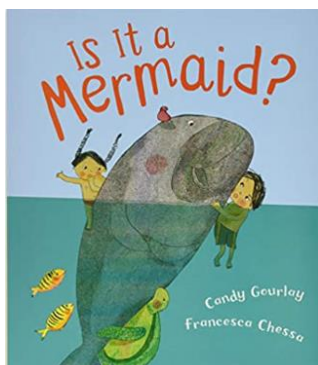


It is wonderful that pupils received their own copy of one of Candy's books and they had the opportunity to have these signed by her.

'It was great to get a new book from an author! I've loved reading it and have read it four times already!'
Roman Yr. 2

'I really enjoyed learning about Candy's life in the Philippines. I'm really enjoying reading Tall Story.'
Austin Yr. 6

This week's reading recommendations are by Candy Gourlay.



Reading Rewards:

Congratulations to this half term's Reading Raffle Winners!



As we approach the half way point of this academic year, I am delighted to announce that pupils in Key Stage 2 have read 19,761,564 words! This is a fantastic achievement!

South Bersted World Book Day:

This year, we will be holding World Book Day on 29th March and not on the 2nd March. As a school, we will be basing our day on the text Peter Pan and pupils are encouraged to dress as a character from this text or their own chosen book character. More news will be shared on this event after half term.

In celebration of World Book Day all children will take home a book token which can be exchanged for a free book in participating book shops.

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:



Bonnie Rose P (EYS) Leo B (EYS), Nelly B (Y1), Penny J (Y1), Theo T (Y2), Lola T (Y2), Rex J-N (Y3), Skylar H (Y3), Adam A-G (Y3), Marley M (Y4), Archie-Mac S-W (Y4), Aleksander D (Y5), Wiktor K (Y5), Aurelia W (Y6), Olivia R (Y6)

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:

Reception: Fatima D

Year 1: Ariana S

Year 2: Lola T

Times Table Rock Stars:



The Water v Air challenge has now finished.

Earth v Fire:

Earth won the battle, with 19,341 versus 4,504 earned by Air. The most valuable player for Earth was **Angel J (Y4)**, and for Fire it was **Poppy L (Y6)**.

Water v Air:

Water finished in first place with 13,977 points versus 11,118 earned by Air. The most valuable player for Water was **Caithen L (Y5)** and for Air it was **Adam A-G (Y3)**.

Times Table Rock Stars certificates will be given out after half term.

The next battle begins today and will continue over half term.

Home Learning:

In continuing our New Year theme of healthy living, the children's home learning challenge is linked to our visit from Fit4Kids and it will run until after half term.

Using the link below can you complete the challenges on the Google Form?

[Fit4Kids Challenges](#)

Reminder – Year 1 Visit to The Weald and Downland Museum:

A reminder that all children will need to take a packed lunch with them to The Weald and Downland Museum on Wednesday 1st March. If you would like us to provide a packed lunch for your child for this trip **you will need to log into your ParentPay account and book a 'Chartwells Trip Lunch' for Wednesday 1st March, by Thursday 16th February.**

If you would rather provide your own packed lunch please select 'Parent Provided Packed Lunch' on the ParentPay account.

Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

Date	To	Details
6 th Feb	ALL	FAB Attendance Protocol 2022-23
8 th Feb	Year 5	Year 5 Staffing Update
8 th Feb	Year 6	Year 6 Mock SATs Assessments
8 th Feb	ALL	Internet Safety Update

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Upcoming Events:

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

Date	Who	Details
13-17th February	ALL	HALF TERM
Monday 20 th February	ALL	Start of Spring 2 (8.45am)
Thursday 23 rd February	Year 6	Swimming
Thursday 23 rd February	Years 5-6	FAB Football Match (15.45 – 17.45pm)

