



# SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Over the past two weeks, it has been lovely to hear of the Acts of Kindness that pupils have been displaying as part of their home learning challenge.

A reminder that children and family members can continue to engage in these activities as we move towards Easter. A copy of the challenges can be found at the end of this week's newsletter.

### Support for Parents and 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 have collated these services on an updated page on the school's [website](#).

If you would like further information please speak to Mr Goodwin, Mrs Bush or Mrs Greatorex.

### Christian Value:

This half term, our Christian Value is **Endurance**. Over the past two weeks we have learnt about Lent and the temptations that Jesus faced during his forty days and forty nights in the wilderness. We have also reflected on the importance of facing challenges and the fact that many of us will be climbing our own mountains and that at different times we may need the help of others to take the steps for success. Last Friday, we shared a piece of art work from a pupil in Year 2 which represented a journey that we may be on.



### Parent Teacher Consultations (Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6):

Next week, we look forward to celebrating your child's progress with you at parent's evenings. When you arrive for the meeting, please sign in at the front office. Allow time to view your child's books from across the curriculum.

For both evenings, members of the school's Governing Body will be available if you wish to talk to them about your child's experiences at school.

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, between 3.30pm and 5.00pm, Nikki Hull from the Dedicated Schools Team will also be available if you would like to meet with her regards any worries that you may have. Whether these worries are around behaviour, child wellbeing, difficulties with going to school, worries around finances or support around implementing boundaries and routines, Nikki can talk through these and offer information, advice, and guidance on where to get help and support. The aim is to ensure children and families are getting the right support at the earliest opportunity.

Please speak to Mr Goodwin or Mrs Greatorex if you would like to book an appointment to see Nikki.

#### Year 5 Parent Teacher Consultations:

A reminder that Year 5 consultations will take place on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March (3.30 – 5.00pm)** and **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March (3.30 – 7.00pm)**. The Year 5 booking window will remain open on ParentMail until 3.00pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Sporting Success:**

Over the past two weeks, pupils in Years 5 and 6 have represented the school in a football and hockey event. In the football event, pupils won 4 games, drew 2 and lost 2. Congratulations to all the pupils who represented the school and we wish the children good luck for Saturday's tournament.

On Tuesday of this week, pupils finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 9 schools in a locality Quicksticks hockey event.



*'I really enjoyed playing hockey and representing the school. The whole team worked really hard. I was proud to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 9 schools.'* (Alan G, Year 5)

### **Eat Them to Defeat Them:**

Within school, it has been wonderful to see so many children receiving the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' stickers. Earlier this week, children brought home their own packs including a wall chart and stickers for when they eat vegetables at home. Please remember to share these via Class Dojo and via #EatThemtoDefeatThem. Good luck!



### **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 2	97.7%
Year 6	96.4%
Year 3	96.4%
<b>School Average % (Spring 2):</b>	<b>95.5%</b>

A reminder that at the end of this term, pupils with a termly attendance of 97% or above will be entered into a prize draw.

## Industrial Action:

Thank you for your continued support during this week's industrial action. There are further planned dates on the Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. I will continue to keep parents and carers updated regarding these dates.

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.

## House Points:

Across the school, children receive green dojos for:

- Acts of Kindness,
- Perseverance,
- Aiming for Excellence.

Each green dojo that a child earns goes towards their house total. At the half way point of the year, the results are as follows:

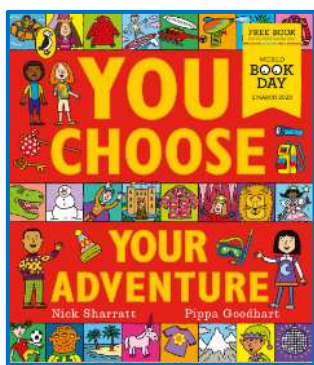
Fire	3,126
Earth	3,000
Air	2,976
Water	2,873

## Reading at South Bersted:

Congratulations to Joshua P, who last week became a Word Millionaire. In recognition of this fantastic achievement, Joshua received a £10 Amazon voucher.

At the half way point of the academic year, 22,384,145 words have been read by pupils in Key Stage 2! This week's reading recommendations come from The World Book Day £1 selection. Using the token that your child has brought home you can purchase any of these books.

You can view the list of books here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>



## INSET Days 2023-23:

Please find below confirmation of the INSET Days for the next academic year:

1. Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023
2. Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023
3. Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023
4. Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024
5. Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

These dates, together with 2023-24 term dates, will be added to the calendar on the school website shortly.

## Numbots:



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

**Reception:** Poppy T

**Year 1:** Ariana A

**Year 2:** Theodore S-W

**Poppy, Ariana** and **Theodore** will each receive a certificate to recognise their achievement.

## Times Tables Rock Stars:



The current battle is still ongoing and will run until 8<sup>th</sup> March. The mid-way scores are:

**Year 5 v Year 6:** Year 5 are slightly ahead with 3,687 points, with Year 6 following closely behind at 3,385. This is an extremely close battle!

**Year 3 v Year 4:** Year 4 are steaming ahead with 27,170 points. Year 3 have some work to do to catch up, and are currently on 4,243 points but there is still time for this to change. Please do encourage your child to log in daily and complete the challenges!

## 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. Below are the children who were awarded a red book award today, and those who were awarded from last week. Congratulations to:



**Emilija C (YR), Logan C (YR), Amelia M (Y1), Maya S (Y1), Charlie S (Y2), Anton B (Y2), Hanna S (Y3), Tommy P (Y3), Zachary B (Y3), Jack K (Y4), Bella-Rose H (Y4), Lauren B (Y5), Maya D (Y5), Fred N (Y5), Nathan S (Y5), Ellie H (Y6), Ella R (Y6), Bella L (Y6)**

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

## Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

Date	To	Details
1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Years R/4/5	Wild Science Workshops
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	ALL	Student Teacher Questionnaire
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 6	Bikeability letter and booklet/consent form
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	ALL	Eat Them To Defeat Them Campaign

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## Upcoming Events:

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

Date	Who	Details
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5/6 x 21	FAB Saturday Football/Netball tournament
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	R/1/2/3/4/6	Parent Teacher Consultation (not Year 5)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4	Outdoor Learning
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	R/1/2/3/4/6	Parent Teacher Consultations (not Year 5)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6	Swimming
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4	Visit to The Mary Rose Museum
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3	Outdoor Learning

