

(24<sup>th</sup> April 2023)



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to that start of the Summer Term. We have a great deal to look forward to this term including a number of sporting events, transition days and the King's Coronation.

Reflecting back on the end of the last half term, again I would like to thank members of the Friends of South Bersted and the pupils who ran many of the stalls during our Easter Fair. It was wonderful to invite members of the community back into the school for this event. One of my favourite times of the year is the Flowering of the Cross. The Flowering of the Cross reminds us of the significance of Easter and Jesus' Resurrection. Despite the poor weather on the last day of term, we were able to come together and celebrate this time in the Christian Calendar at church.



On returning to school last week, it was wonderful to see the school grounds bursting with colour as many of the bulbs that the children planted in the Spring Term have broken through the soil.

Our school priorities for this term, will see us continue to improve our history curriculum, with some new and exciting topics being planned for the next academic year. We also continue to focus on improving pupil's outcomes in writing. Towards the end of the last half term, we adapted the spellings that children will receive each week. Later this week, I will write to explain our approach to spellings.

The start of a new term, sees us welcome a new member of staff to South Bersted. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Miss Cook to our office admin team.

#### **Christian Values:**

This half term's Christian Value is Reverence. During this half term, we will be exploring the meaning of Reverence linked to awe and respect. Our bible reference for this half term is:

***'Do to others as you would have them do to you' (Luke 6:31)***

As well as exploring the value of reverence, we will also be exploring the role of our leaders and in particular the coronation of King Charles III.

### **School Vision:**

As part of the school's vision, we want all children to become '21<sup>st</sup> century global citizens.' As part of this we recognise the difference that we can make to our local, national and international environments. Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April was World Earth Day; as part of our focus in school, we shared the work of Bin Twinning. Many of the children were surprised that 1 in 5 people do not have their rubbish collected, which means people can become ill. By supporting this charity, people can help fund a range of community projects. To learn more about this charity please visit: <https://www.bintwinning.org/>. There are a range of resources and videos that you may want to engage in as a family.

### **Industrial Strike Action:**

A reminder that the school will be open for all pupils on both days of National Strike Action: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

### **Knowledge Organisers:**

Today, I have uploaded your child's current Knowledge Organiser for the Summer Term. This contains, key facts, dates and vocabulary for you, should you wish to extend your child's learning related to the Big Question at home.

### **Whole School Challenge:**

Our current challenge is related to our Coronation Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023. The challenge is for children to create their own fact page on King Charles III. Attached is a flyer explaining the challenge in more detail.

### **Cricket Event:**

Last Wednesday Mrs Keates took a group of Year 5 and 6 girls to The Arena to take part in a cricket event along with a number of other local schools. The event was an introduce to the basics of cricket and the girls enjoyed learning batting, bowling and fielding skills.

*"I really loved playing cricket, there were lots of different activities. It was also very tiring. It was really fun. My favourite was the competitive game at the end."*

**Zara A (Y6)**

*"I enjoyed it because it was something I have never done; cricket at a tournament."*

**Bella L (y6)**

*"I really like cricket because everyone was really kind. When we went against everyone it was really fun."*

**Honey W (Y6)**

### Times Table Rockstars Battles:

The new Times Table Rockstars battle started last Friday. Different from any battle we have had before it is a four-way battle between each of the Houses.

Air are currently in the lead with 2307 points, closely followed by Earth with 2248 points. There is still all to play for as this battle runs until Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

### Red Book:

Each week, two 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:

**Buster L (YR), Poppy T (YR), Fabian D (Y1), Freddie G (Y1), Charlie S (Y2), Isabelle P (Y2), Rex J-N (Y3), Mollie S (Y3), Julia S (Y4), Esmae B (Y4), Maks S (Y4), Emily-Jane T (Y4) Oscar D (Y5), Aleksander D (Y5), Maisie P (Y5), Alise J (Y6), Lucy J (Y6)**

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like more information about why your child has been selected for the Red Book.

### Dedicated Schools Team:

Further to our letter on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April, Nikki Hull, a member of the Dedicated Schools Team will be in school on the dates listed below, if you would like to book an appointment with her please send a Dojo message to the office.

Date	Details
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Nikki Hull Drop-In 1.30 – 3.30pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Nikki Hull Drop-In 1.30 – 3.30pm
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Nikki Hull Drop-In 1.30 – 3.30pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Nikki Hull Drop-In 1.30 – 3.30pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Nikki Hull Drop-In 1.30 – 3.30pm

### Parking Reminder:

We have been notified that some parents and carers have been parking in the disabled bays within Church Lane when dropping off and collecting children. **Can we please remind all parents and carers that it is an offence to park in an on-street disabled bay if you do not have a Blue Badge.**

Can we also remind all parents and carers that parking or dropping off/picking up within the yellow zig zag lines outside the school is not permitted. This is to keep the children and other pedestrians safe.

**Letters sent home:**

Date	Class	Details
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	ALL	Dedicated Schools Team
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	ALL	King Charles III Coronation Celebrations
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Years 1-6	Year 1-6 PSHE Parent Meeting Information & NSPCC Letter
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	ALL	Attendance April 2023 & FAB Attendance Protocol 2023

**Upcoming events:**

Date	Class	Details
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2	Visit to Arundel Castle
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5	Swimming (AM)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5	Outdoor Learning (PM)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1	Salvation Army Visit and Talk
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6	PSHE Parent Information Meeting (AM)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	ALL	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 3	PHSE Parent Information Meeting (AM)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 2	Outdoor Learning (PM)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 2	PHSE Parent Information Meeting (PM)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	ALL	NSPCC Class Assemblies
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	ALL	Coronation Celebrations
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Various Y5-6	Future Flyers (PM)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5	Swimming (AM)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	ALL	Class Photos
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2	PSHE Parent Information Meeting (PM)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1	PSHE Parent Information Meeting (PM)