

(24th March 2023)



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below the Friday Flyer for this week:

Staff Update:

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mrs Yates, who has been successful in being appointed as a therapeutic teaching assistant within a local school.

Mrs Yates has had a long affiliation with South Bersted Primary School as her husband has also worked here and her children attended the school. During her time working at the school, Mrs Yates has supported the learning and wellbeing of our youngest children as they have begun their journey at South Bersted.

I am sure you will join me in wishing her the greatest success in her new role!

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Charlotte Cook to the Administration team, from Monday 17th April. Miss Cook will be organising trips, visits and after school clubs, alongside being available in the Office during the afternoons.

World Book Day:

On Wednesday 29th March, we look forward to holding our Peter Pan inspired World Book Day. Children are encouraged to come dressed as a character from this famous story or a book character of their choice.

Flowering of the Cross:

One of our Easter traditions, is the flowering of the cross. We take our Christmas tree and cut it down to create a cross using the trunk of the tree. The cross is then covered with wire so children can decorate it with fresh flowers. The transformation of a barren cross reminds us of Jesus' death on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday. On Thursday 30th March, we invite the children to decorate the cross with fresh flowers. Please bring a fresh flower to school on Thursday morning for your child to join in decorating the cross.

Wild Science Events:

On Monday Reception class, Year 4 and Year 5 had a visit from Wild Science to support their current learning in science. They were lucky enough to meet a wide range of animals including a snake, a hissing cockroach, a giant African land snail, guinea pigs, a tree frog and a bearded dragon named pancake!

The children learnt how to take care of these animals, where they are from, what they eat, their lifecycles and lots of interesting facts about them. It was a brilliant morning!

"Venomous means it is poisonous. This snake isn't poisonous."

(Thea, Reception)

'It was super good, but I did not like the cockroach.'

(John-Joe, Year 5)

Big Sing:

On Thursday 23rd March children from Year 1-6 attended the Big Sing at The Arena. This year's theme was ABBA. Schools from across the area performed songs and both Felpham Community College and The Regis School performed music for the children to enjoy. The children had a wonderful time and can't wait to go again next year. We also received a plaque in recognition of our 'Commitment for 20 years to the FAB Big Sing'.

Brent Lodge:

During Collective Worship today, we had a visit from Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital who told us all about the hospital, what they do, how they take care of wild animals and what we can do to help the animals. Alex the Education Officer at Brent Lodge then went into Reception Class to talk to them about the lifecycles of animals, to link with their 'How Do Living Things Change?' topic. Alex taught the children about many different lifecycles including the Little Owl.

The children then created their own eggs, owlet and Little Owls to explain this lifecycle. Brent Lodge were amazed at the donations received so thank you to everyone who donated!

"I loved making the owls. We used feathers for wings."

(Bella F, Reception)

"The lifecycle of an owl is an egg then an owlet then an owl."

(Poppy T, Reception)

Hedgehogs:

This week the Eco Representatives had a visit from a local volunteer who is assisting Chichester University with a survey on hedgehogs in the local area, to investigate where they live and how far they travel around the area. The children learned about a survey which took place in Hotham Park last year and is being expanded this year across the local area, to include local schools and residential gardens. The children walked around the school grounds to find suitable habitat locations to place

arches for the hedgehogs to travel through. The arches are being delivered in May and the Eco Representatives are looking forward to taking part in the hedgehog survey.

"I am really looking forward to hosting the hedgehog survey and finding out if we have any hedgehogs in our school grounds."

(Poppy L, Y6)

Easter Events:

Please see the attachments with the list of Easter Events and the Easter Bonnet Home Learning Challenge.

Easter Fair – Thursday 30th March (3.15 – 4.00pm):

Our Easter Fair will take place in the hall on **Thursday 30th March**, straight after school. We will have lots of activities on offer including face painting, craft stalls, chocolate tombola, Fair Trade stall, Easter bulbs and plants for sale. We will also have raffle tickets on sale. **The event will be cash only.**

Cakes:

We need cake donations for the Easter Fair. If you would be willing to donate a cake (or cakes!), please bring these in to school on Thursday 30th March. These can be dropped off at the side door of the IT suite at the start of the day. If possible, can we request that cakes do not contain any fresh cream, and no nuts. **For all cakes, including home-made, a full ingredients list must be supplied with the cake.**

Raffle Tickets:

The Friends of South Bersted will be selling raffle tickets (cash only) in the mornings outside the school office next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the Easter hamper. The raffle tickets are £1 per ticket, so please bring some change with you and get yourself a ticket or two. As well as the Easter hamper there is also the chance to win two tickets to the Goodwood Festival of Speed. Please note the raffle tickets will not be available to purchase on ParentMail.

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 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.

Attendance:

Next Tuesday, we will be presenting our attendance awards. A reminder that any child that has had an attendance of 100% receives a certificate and any child with an attendance of 97%+ is entered into our prize draw!

Year 5 Fair Trade Café:

As part of the Easter Fair, Year 5 will be hosting their own Fairtrade Café. This will be held in the Year 5 Class Room and is an opportunity for parents, grandparents and children to learn about the importance of Fairtrade. Children will be selling a range of Fairtrade products so please have your change ready! There will also be the opportunity for children and family members to write prayers.

Red Book:

Please note that Red Book will be celebrated on Monday as today we had our visit from Brent Lodge.

Times Table Rockstars:

The most recent Times Table Rockstars battles ended on Wednesday 22nd March.

Year 4 v Year 6:

Year 4 won the battle with 38,370 versus 2,788 earned by Year 6. The most valuable player for year 4 was **Freddie P** and **Zara A** for Year 6.

Year 3 v Year 5:

Year 3 won the battle with 30,230 versus 9,544 earned by Year 5. The most valuable player for Year 3 was **Tommy P** and **Caithen L** for Year 5.

The next battles begin today, with **Year 6 versus Year 3** and **Year 5 versus Year 4**, and will end next Wednesday 29th March 2023.

Numbots:

Congratulations to the following children who this week earnt the most amount of coins in their year groups.

Reception: William T

Year 1: Emee C

Year 2: Dexter N

Lunch Ordering – ParentPay:

Thank you to all parents and carers for your co-operation with the changes to the new lunch ordering system. Just a reminder that you must order your child's lunches by the end of the Thursday, one clear week before lunches are required. For example, for lunches to be eaten from Tuesday 18th April, you must place your order by Thursday 6th April. If you log in to your ParentPay account and the dates are locked, this is because the final ordering dates have passed.

Please be aware that booking already ready is open for the return to school after the Easter holidays and lunches for the week beginning 18th April will need to be booked no later than 11.59pm on Thursday 6th April.

Please do speak to the school office if you have any questions.

Reception Trip to Staunton Country Farm:

A reminder that Reception class will be visiting Staunton Country Farm next week on Tuesday 28th March. If you have not yet made payment for the trip please can you do so at your earliest convenience. We are still in need of one more parent helper for this trip, if you have a DBS with the school and are available to help please let the office know as soon as possible. Reminders will be sent out on Monday about the trip.

Letters Home This Week:

The following letters have been sent home this week:

Date	To	Subject
21st March	Year 4	Year 4 Staffing Update
23rd March	ALL	Friends of South Bersted Newsletter
23rd March	Various	Change For Life Club - Summer Term

Upcoming Events:

Please see below for details of events taking place for the next 2 weeks. Dates can also be found on the calendar on the school website:

Date	Class	Details
Monday 20th March	Year 1	Outdoor Learning Day
Tuesday 28th March	Reception	Visit to Staunton Country Farm
Tuesday 28th March	Various	Future Flyers (Session 2)
Wednesday 29th March	ALL	World Book Day
Thursday 30th March	Year 5	Outdoor Learning Day
Friday 31st March	ALL	Break up for Easter holidays - 3.15pm
Monday 17th April	ALL	Inset Day

Thank you.