

(5<sup>th</sup> May 2023)



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so wonderful to see the children **'dressed to impress'** as part of our Coronation Celebrations. During the day, children engaged in a number of activities which helped to deepen their understanding of the importance of the event and the many traditions of the service which will be taking place tomorrow. I am delighted with our new banners, which the children worked hard to create as part of the day.



In Collective Worships this week, we have reflected on God selecting David as King of Israel, not because he was the biggest or the strongest but because of his character and his 'heart.' We explored this further by sharing the importance being judged by our actions and how we make others feel rather than our appearance.

*"I enjoyed the dancing. Dancing is one of my favourite things to do. We learnt new dance moves which were really fun."*

**Theo (Y2)**

*"I enjoyed everything. It was to celebrate. I liked being with the bigger children."*

**Fatima (Reception)**

*"I liked doing the fact sheets as we got to research the crown and find out how many jewels were on it. There were over 2,000 diamonds."*

**Esmae (Y4)**

*"I really liked the dancing, it was a bit crazy. We were jumping around and having so much fun."*

**Emily-Jane (Y4)**

As part of our celebrations, today pupils will be bringing home a Coronation Book (donated by the St Mary Magdalene Church) and a commemorative bookmark, which is a gift from the Friends of South Bersted Church of England Primary School.

I hope all members of the school community have an enjoyable time this bank holiday weekend with friends and family members.

### **Speak Out and Stay Safe:**

Yesterday, pupils across the school engaged in the NSPCC, Speak Out and Stay Safe Assemblies. For more information on what the children learnt about you can view the letter that was sent out last week on the website or visit the NSPCC website. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/safety/activities-safety-kids/>

It has been wonderful to see a number of parents attending the RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) workshops over the past two weeks. A reminder that your child's unit on this will be taught during the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> May. During this week, we also welcome the NSPCC who will be running further workshops with our pupils in Years 5 and 6.

### **Year 6 Assessments:**

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will take their end of Key Stage 2 assessment (SATs). The children and staff have worked extremely hard and we are delighted with the continued progress that they are making. I am sure you will join me in wishing them the greatest of luck for next week and beyond. A reminder that the children are encouraged to attend the 'Toast Café' from 8:00am each morning next week.

### **School Uniform:**

As we progress through the summer term, a reminder that the school's uniform policy does not change.

Pupils need to wear their school uniform, which includes no hooped earrings. A link to the school's policy can be found here. <https://www.southbersted.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Uniform-Policy-2022.pdf>

If you suddenly find that your child is growing out of their uniform, please view our pre-loved uniform page via the ParentMail App. There are a number of items that can be purchased for a great price. #

### **Attendance:**

Over the past week, there has been a significant drop in school attendance, which has been impacted by a number of families taking holidays. A reminder that holidays are unauthorised and in line with all schools in the Bognor Regis area we issue Fixed Penalty Notices.

Following the pandemic and time missed from school, it is important that we all work together to continue to improve school attendance.

The term to dates attendance is **94.9%**. As a school community our target is to have an average attendance of at least **96%**.

Year Group	Attendance
Year 6	97.8%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 5	95.4%
Year 1	94.7%
EYFS	93.5%
Year 4	90.8%

### **Packed Lunches:**

We have recently noticed that a number of children's packed lunches have had items in them which contain nuts. As some children suffer an allergic reaction to nuts these products should not be including – this also includes peanut butter sandwiches.

### **Times Table Rockstars:**

The most recent TTRockstars battle ended on Wednesday. It was a four-way battle between each of the houses across the school with Air victorious gaining a total of 10486 points. This was closely followed by Earth with 10197. Fire came third with 7274 points and fourth were Water with 4994. Congratulations to Freddie Y4, Angel Y5, Ella Y6 and Zara Y6 who were the most valuable players in their houses.

An exciting new five-way battle starts today between the classes from Year 2 to Year 6.

### **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:

**Amelia L (YRAS), Leo B (YRAS), Emee C (Y1), Swara P (Y1), James B-B (Y1), Quinn M (Y2), Dexter N (Y2), Hope B-P (Y3), Aarron F (Y3), Tilly S (Y4), Elsie D (Y4), Aleksander D (Y5) Alex R (Y5), Olivia-Rose M (Y5), Caithen L (Y5), Dylan B (Y6), Frankie-James N-A (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.

### **Whole School Challenge:**

The current whole school challenge is linked to Numeracy Day on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

We would like all children to consider how they will use numbers in their 'dream' job or hobby.

*‘When you grow up, how will you use numbers in your life? Maybe you would love to do a cool job like a vet, teacher, engineer or footballer? Or do you dream of spending your days dancing, baking or saving the planet?’*

*Create a picture of you doing your dream job or hobby and tell us how it uses numbers. Let your imagination run wild and win a fantastic prize for yourself and a prize bundle for your nursery, school, or community/youth group.’*

Winning Criteria:

- **The most imaginative picture, showing great effort**
- **The most creative uses for numbers**

A copy of the form can be found below.

Please upload to the website by 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023.

For more information visit the National Numeracy Website: [Number Heroes competition | National Numeracy](#)

#### Letters sent home:

Date	Class	Details
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 1	Year 1 Trips and Visits – Summer Term
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	ALL	Online Safety Newsletter – May 2023
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Various	Quidditch Event – 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2023

#### Upcoming events:

Date	Class	Details
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	ALL	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6	SATs Tests
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6	Toast Café
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year	SATs Tests
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception	EYS Screening – School Nurse
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Various	Quidditch Event
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5	Outdoor Learning (PM)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception	EYS Screening – School Nurse
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 & 6	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshop