

(26th May 2023)



Dear Parents and Carers,

Staff Update:

Today we say goodbye to Mr Ainsby, who has been supporting the learning of our Year 4 pupils since the Spring Term. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr Ainsby the greatest of success in his new role in supporting children and young adults.

On Friday 16th June, we say goodbye to Mrs Picton. Over the past 5 years, Mrs Picton has worked in the school as a midday meals supervisor. Mrs Picton has had a long association with South Bersted Church of England Primary School and we wish her and her family the greatest of success for the future.

Sport at South Bersted:

Over the past week, pupils across Key Stage 2 have completed in a range of sporting events against a number of local schools. On Tuesday, pupils in Years 5 and 6 participated in Quad Kids, which is an athletics event where pupils compete in a range of track and field events.

"It was fun because we got to meet new people and race them.

The long jump was my favourite!"

Owen Y5

"I really enjoyed it because I love all sports and it was good to compete against other schools."

Zack Y6

On Wednesday this week, pupils in Years 3 and 4 participated in a tennis festival. During the festival pupils engaged in a range of activities which deepened their hand eye co-ordination as well as their understanding of the game.

"It was great to be able to apply my new skills to a game."

Alisha Y3

Over the past 6 weeks, pupils in Years 3, 4 and 6 have been learning how to play cricket with the support of the Chance to Shine initiative. This week the children applied all of the skills they have learnt to compete in an intra house competition.



Next half term, we look forward to further events including our sports days.

EYFS and Key Stage 1: 21st June 9:00 – 11:30am

Key Stage 2: 22nd June 9:00 – 11:30am

Reading at South Bersted:

Research shows the significant impact that daily reading can have on a pupil. Reading for 20 minutes a day can improve a child's vocabulary by **1,800,000 words**.

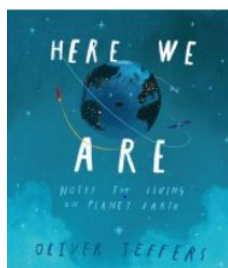
As part of our approach to reading, today we held our half termly book raffle. Congratulations to **Poppy T (EYS), Arnie M (Y1), Isabelle P (2), Hanna S (Y3), Julia S (Y4), Angel A (Y5)** and **Ella R (Y6)** who all received a new book! We hope they enjoy reading them.



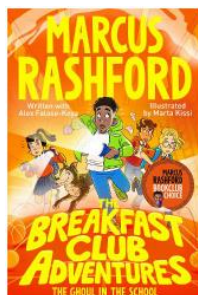
Congratulations to **Jacob C (Y6)** and **Isla J (Y5)** who this week became work millionaires! This is a fantastic achievement and after half term they will receive a £10 Amazon voucher so they can purchase a book of their choice.

The latest reading recommendations can be found below.

Key Stage 1



Years 3 and 4



Years 5 and 6



A reminder that children can access [Accelerated Reader](#) over the half term holiday.

During the week beginning 12th June, pupils in Year 1 will be taking the phonics screening assessment.

Outdoor Learning:

As part of our Learning for Life Curriculum, each half term pupils across the school engage in an afternoon of outdoor learning. This half term, pupils have completed their tools and knots unit. Pupils clearly enjoyed developing their skills in sawing, drilling and whittling.



Eco Reps:

Following on from last week's Collective Worship, our eco reps and pupils from Year 1, have been investigating the movement of hedgehogs through our school grounds. Seeing the footprints when checking the tunnels each morning has not only been exciting for them but it is helping to build up a bigger picture of the hedgehog population in the local area.



Dance Extravaganza:

Parents and carers are invited to attend this year's Dance Extravaganza which will be held on **Wednesday 19th July**. The event will begin at 1:50pm with the school gates opening at 1:40pm.

Home Learning Challenge:

A reminder that the current home learning challenge is linked to wellbeing. Over the half term, is a perfect time to complete the **'5 Ways to Well-being.'** The booklet can be found at the end of this week's newsletter.

Staying Safe Online:

Earlier this week, I was made aware that a number of pupils are communicating over the WhatsApp. As a school, we encourage all parents and carers to talk to their children around keeping themselves safe online and the importance of treating each other with respect.

There are a number of parental tools including a checklist that can be found on our [website](#). You can also view any of our monthly online safety newsletters on the school's website.

If you have any concerns regards your child's online behaviour please contact the school.

Times Table Rockstars:

We are at the half way point of our current House Battle. Water are leading the way with an impressive **12,929 points**. Things may change over the two weeks.

Current leader board:

Water	12,929
Earth	10,357
Air	9,745
Fire	4,672



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:

Bonni Y (YRAS), Amelia C (YRAS), Maya S (Y1), Charlotte L (Y1), Alfie-Joe D (Y2), Anton B (Y2), Gerrard H (Y3), Archie Y (Y3), Jacob P (Y4), Angel J (Y4), Ethan K (Y4), Isla J (Y5), Rosa R (Y5), Jamie B (Y6), Ellie H (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.

Letters sent home:

Date	Class	Details
Monday 22 nd May	Year 6	Year 6 Leaver's Service
Wednesday 24 th May	Year 5	Magic Day Felpham Community College

Upcoming events:

Date	Class	Details
Monday 29 th May	ALL	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 30 th May – Friday 2 nd June	ALL	Half Term
Monday 5 th June	ALL	Return to school (8.35am)
Monday 5 th June	Various	Change For Life Club ((3.15 – 4.15pm)
Wednesday 7 th June	Reception	School Nurse Height & Weight Screening
Tuesday 13 th June	Year 5	FCC Magic Day
Tuesday 13 th June	Various	Future Flyers (Final session)
Wednesday 14 th June	Reception, Y1 – Y3	Prayer Space at the Church
Wednesday 14 th June	Year 6	FCC Soccersize Workshop
Thursday 15 th June	Year 4 – 6	Prayer Space at the Church
Friday 16 th June	Year 3	RNLI Littlehampton Life Boat Visit

Have a lovely half term.