



# SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the staff and governors to wish you a Happy New Year!

As we start a new year, it is important that we start with good habits. Each week your child is set home learning linked to maths, English and the whole school challenge. In addition to this, the expectation is that children should be reading and logging onto Times Table Rock Stars or Numbots each day.

Over recent years, children have missed large periods of schooling. Completing home learning is one way that your child can consolidate their understanding of key knowledge. Research shows that children who complete their home learning regularly can make up to 3 months additional progress across a school year. If you have challenges accessing the home learning please speak to your child's class teacher.

When listening to your child read, can you please record this in their reading records so they receive a reading raffle ticket and can be entered into the half termly reading raffle draw.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Christian Value:

This half term, our value is **HOPE**. Hope is a universal human phenomenon. People hope for peace in time of war; food in time of famine; justice in time of oppression. Where hope is lost there is despair and disintegration. Hope generates energy and sustains people through difficult times.

This half term, our collective worships focus on us taking action. Hope is a lot more than asking for help and 'wishing' for things to get better.

#### **Romans 15:13**

*'May the God of Hope fill you with all the joy and peace and trust in him so that you overflow with hope by the Power of the Holy Spirit.'*

### Parking Reminders:

As we begin the new term, once again I must remind all parents and carers that parking on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of the school gates is not permitted. It is an offence to park on the zig-zag lines within the specified hours. Parking in this area would block other road users' view of the school entrance and may endanger the lives of children on their way to and from school.



Also, a reminder that the car park is for staff use only and should not be used when dropping off or collecting your child.

I would appreciate it if you would also share these reminders with other family members or friends who may drop off or collect your child on your behalf.

## Poppy Appeal – Thank You:



Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Royal British Legion poppy appeal in November. As a school, we raised **£347.86** towards this very worthwhile cause.

## Punctuality:

Over the past week, a number of children have arrived late at school. **A reminder that the gates open at 8.35am and close at 8.45am.** From 8.35am, children engage in morning work tasks and RAR (read and respond) tasks which support their learning.

Please ensure that your child is at school on time.

## Knowledge Organisers:

Today, your child's knowledge organiser for this half term was uploaded to your Class Dojo's Class Story. Please use this as an opportunity to discuss key knowledge and vocabulary with your child. Discussing the themes on the knowledge organiser will help to deepen your child's understanding.

## Online Safety Newsletter:

I am sure that a number of children received devices, which can access the internet, for Christmas. Please take the time to read this month's Online Safety Newsletter which was sent out via ParentMail today, for advice on setting up parent controls and recent changes to the features on WhatsApp. A copy is attached to this week's newsletter.

Historic copies of the Online Safety Newsletters can be found [here](#) if you would like to refer back to them at any time.

## Parent/Carer Workshops:

Over the next two weeks we are running a range of workshops for parents. The aims of these workshops are to deepen parent's understanding of the national expectations and the statutory assessments children will be taking during the summer term. The meetings will also provide suggestions on how you can further support your child in preparing for these assessments.

For all workshops, please sign in at the school office. A reminder of the dates and times for all meetings is as follows:

Year Group	Date	Time
Year 6	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	9.00 – 9.30am
Year 1	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	9.00 – 9.30am
Year 2	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	9.00 – 9.30am

## Red Book:

Due to the church service this morning, our Red Book awards will take place next week, on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January.



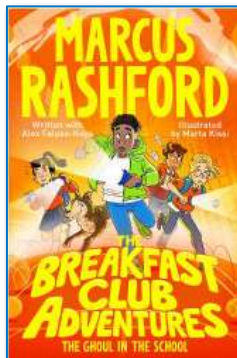
## Reading Recommendations:

Please find below the latest reading recommendations:

### Years R/1/2



### Year 3 & 4



### Years 5 & 6



## Spring Term Clubs:

We are currently working through all the club application forms and we are in the process of allocating the club places. **There are still a few checks to undertake therefore confirmation of places will now be sent out on Monday morning.** If your child has been allocated a place in a club, you will receive confirmation via ParentMail on Monday.

Please note that clubs will begin as follows:

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January:** Board Games, Colouring For Wellbeing (Group A), Eco Club (Group A)

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January:** Gymnastics (Premier Education), Baking Club (Group A), Albion Football

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January:** Choir Club, Coding Club (Group A), Suzanne Hill Dance

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February:** Colouring For Wellbeing (Group B), Eco Club (Group B)

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February:** Baking Club (Group B)

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** Coding Club (Group B)

### Late Applications:

If your child has not yet returned an application form, they can do this until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January and we will try to allocate a place in the club(s) of their choice, subject to availability. **After Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January, we cannot accept any further application forms.**

If you would like another copy of the application form, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

## Numbots:



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

**Reception:** Aiden J

**Year 1:** Fabian D

**Year 2:** Anton B

**Aiden, Fabian** and **Anton** will each receive a certificate to recognise their achievement.

## Times Table Rock Stars:



The latest challenge has now finished (Girls v Boys). This was a particularly close tournament, with only **719** points separating first and second place! The overall winners were the **GIRLS** who finished in front with **20,876** points, versus **20,157** earned by the Boys.

The most valuable player for the Girls was **Angel J (Year 4)** and for the Boys it was **Adam A-G (Y3)**. The next tournament will begin today and will close at 7.00pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January:

**Earth** v **Air**  
**Fire** v **Water**

## Upcoming Events:

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

Date	Who	Details
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6	SATs Parent Info Meeting (9.00am) – Y6 SATS
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	KS2 x 8	Basketball Event at The Arena (2.45 – 4.45pm)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1	Local Walk (9.00 – 10.00am)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	YR/Y1/Y2	My Dentist visiting Year R/1/2 – Healthy Teeth
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1	Parent Info Meeting (9.00am) – Phonics Screening
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	KS2	My Dentist visiting Year R/1/2 – Healthy Teeth
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2	Parent Info Meeting (9.00am) – Y2 SATS



## Letters Sent Home This Week:

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

Date	To	Details
4th January	Year 6	Headlice
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1	Headlice
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6	12 Rated Film (The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas)

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