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Value: Friendship - 'Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 New Living Translation (NLT) Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble'

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SIAMS INSPECTION:

Yesterday, we were notified that we will receive a Section 48 Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) inspection. The principal objective of the inspection is to evaluate the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a church school, and how well the distinctive Christian character and ethos of the school ensure the development and achievement of the whole child or young person. The school was last inspected in 2016.

More information on the inspection can be found in the letter that was sent out earlier today.

JUNIOR GOVERNORS:

On Thursday of last week, our Junior Governors were invited to attend in a ceremony to memorialise the laying of Bognor's foundation stone. With a service led by Rev Tim Crook, town dignitaries and the pupils paid their respects to Richard Hotham.

For more information visit the Diocese of Chichester's [website](#)



"I found it very exciting and such an honour to the wreath on Sir Richard Hotham's grave."

Ayse - Y6

"I thought it was thrilling to attend and it such a pleasure to lay the wreath on Sir Richard Hotham's grave."

Maisie - Y6



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SPORT AT SOUTH BERSTED:

On Tuesday of this week, pupils in KS2 represented the school in a dodge ball event. Congratulations to all of the children that represented the school. The children showed perseverance and teamwork to win lots of their games during the afternoon. South Bersted came 4th out of our pool of schools and the children were very proud of their achievements. The children spoke highly of dodgeball and hope to play more of it in the future!

ATHLETE VISIT:

The pupils (and staff) are very excited to be welcoming GB Gymnast Kelly Simm to the school on Friday, 2nd February 2024.

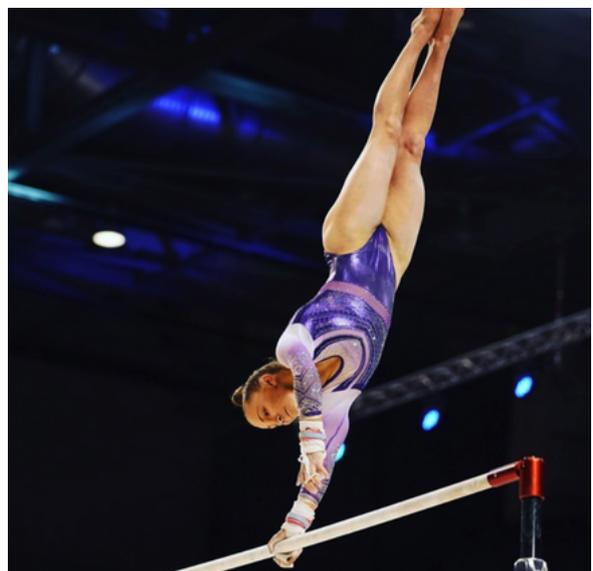
A reminder that Kelly will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils, followed by a motivational assembly, and Q&A session. The aim of the event is to inspire the pupils to be more physically active, but just as importantly, encourage them to discover and pursue their passion in life.

For more information on this event please visit view the [event letter](#).

If you or family and friends would like to sponsor your child for this event you can do so via th link below.

<https://portal.sportsforschools.org/events/23397/promo>

So far we have raised £449.50 which is incredible!



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ATTENDANCE:

Improving our school attendance, remains a key priority. This half term, the school's attendance is **94.5%**.

Congratulations to Year 5 who have the highest attendance across the school at **97.5%**.

If your child is unwell please can you ensure that you [call into the office by 9.15am](#) and you need to do this for every day that your child is off school.

OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS:

During our Friday Collective Worship, it is wonderful to hear of all the exciting opportunities the children have outside of school. Pupils have enjoyed sharing their achievements. This half term, pupils have shared their musical and sporting talents. In order for the children to show case their talents, we will be holding our own South Bersted's Got Talent next half term.

If your child has a talent they would like to share and celebrate at school then this is their perfect opportunity. Pupils will have up to 4 minutes to share their talent in their classroom and the two acts that get the most votes will then perform to the school in the 'finals,' which will take place the week beginning 25th March 2024.

More information will be sent home next week.

HOME LEARNING CHALLENGE:

Thank you to those pupils who have shared their home learning challenges linked to hope. I have seen some wonderful Hope Catchers and Hope Spirals.



Our next home learning challenge, is a sporting one in preparation for our sponsored event. See the end of the newsletter for the challenge!

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AUTHOR VISIT:

On Tuesday 6th February, we look forward to welcoming the author Iszi Lawrence who wrote *'The Time Machine Next Door: Explorers and Milkshakes.'* Each pupil in KS2 will receive a copy of the book and an opportunity to get their book signed. In addition to this, she will be explaining what inspires her and the personal journey she has experienced in becoming a published author.

This week's, reading recommendations are books by Iszi Lawrence.



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK:

The week beginning 5th February is Children's Mental Health Week. We will be exploring this through creativity and poetry. This is based on the National Literacy Trust research which found that: Children who are the most engaged with literacy are three times more likely to have higher levels of mental wellbeing than children who are the least engaged (39.4% vs 11.8%). We are also aiming to develop children's self-reflection and spirituality, appreciating the awe and wonder within themselves. Therefore, learning will be based around creative activities linked to the poem below.

Me

I love me.
I love the way I shoot through the sky when I jump,
jump, JUMP.
I love my stretchy arms and all the shapes I can make.
I love my wobbly belly and my wiggly toes.
I love my curly hair and my brown skin.
I love my brain,
my brilliant thinky brain that maps my voyages and
paints my daydreams.
But sometimes there are days when I'm not sure I love
me as much as the day before.
So on those days
I squeeze my eyes shut.
I take a deep breath in.

And I blow that thought away,
away.

So far away.

And I hug my arms around me and squish me hard.
Then
I jump and I stretch and I leap up high.
And I sing and I shout and make shapes and I wiggle
my toes and wobble my belly
and I dance on my head and think all my thinks.
And I remember just how much
I LOVE BEING ME.

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TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS:



Our most recent battle finished last week with **Air** beating Water and Earth claiming victory over Fire. The most valuable players for each house was: **Malachai S (Y6 Air)**, **Theo T (Y3 Water)**, **Jim B-B (Y2 Earth)** and **Antonia T (Y4 Fire)**.

The current battles between Earth and Air, Fire and Water conclude next Wednesday with Earth and Fire currently leading, but there is still time for Air and Water to turn it around.

Good luck.

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:

Molly W (EYS), Kiera-Robin H (EYS), Aiden J (Y1), Poppy T (Y1), Aston M (Y2), Fabian D (Y2), Harry B (Y3), Isabelle P (Y3), Hollie G (Y4), Hanna S (Y4), Francesca W (Y5), Jack K (Y5), Paisley H (Y5), Angel A (Y6), Owen E (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.

LETTINGS:

We have availability for evening lettings after the half term holiday. If you know of anyone that may like to use our facilities please contact the office.

PAPER SHREDDER:

We have a paper shredder available free of charge if anyone can make use of it in a home office. If this is something that would be of use to you please contact the office.

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TAX-FREE CHILDCARE:

Please see below some information about Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) which is a childcare top-up for working parents. It can be used to help pay for accredited holiday clubs, childminders, or sports activities. TFC enables parents and carers to access childcare during the school holidays, saving them money.

It is estimated that there are 1.3 million working families who are eligible for TFC in the UK, however only a small percentage are making use of the scheme. Around 75% of families are losing out on this support.

To see if you are eligible for TFC please go to the [childcare choices website](#).

LETTERS HOME:

Monday 22nd January - Mary Rose Museum (Year 4)
Tuesday 23rd January - Parent Teacher Consultation (All Years)
Wednesday 24th January - Rugby Festival (Selected Y5 & Y6)
Friday 26th January - SIAMS Inspection (All Years)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday 31st January - Year 2 Outdoor Learning (PM)
Thursday 1st February - SIAMS Inspection
Friday 2nd February - Athlete Visit & Sponsored Circuit Event (All Years)
Friday 2nd February - Friends of South Bersted Meeting (2-3pm)
Monday 5th February - Year 1 Outdoor Learning (PM)
Tuesday 5th February - Author Visit (All Years)
Tuesday 6th February - Rugby Event (Selected Y5&6)
Friday 9th February - Year 5 Swimming

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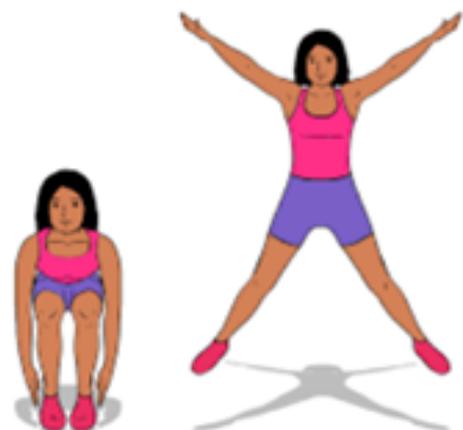
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To prepare for this can you practice the exercises that we will be doing on the day of the event? How many can you do in a minute?

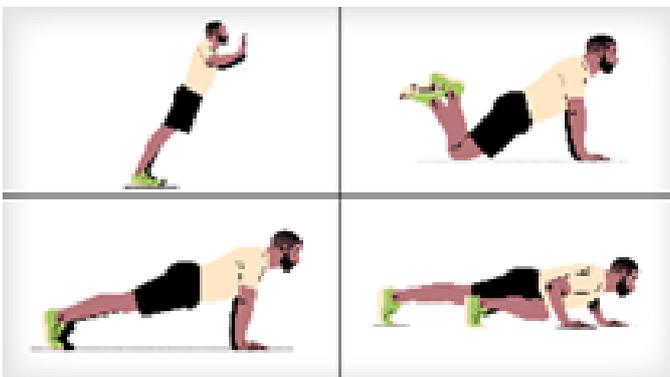
SPOTTY DOGS



STAR JUMPS



PUSH UPS



LEG DRIVE



Send your pictures in by Friday 2nd February