

# NEWSLETTER



*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'*

9th February 2024

## SIAMS INSPECTION:

Yesterday, I received the report from last week's SIAMs (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Inspection. The principal objective of the inspection was 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.

As you will see from reading the report, the findings of the report show that South Bersted Church of England Primary School is living up to its foundation as a Church school, which is enabling children and adults to flourish.

The report identifies the following strengths of the school:

*Leaders have ensured that the school community understands the vision and values. They are acted out in the daily life of the school, enabling pupils and adults to develop and flourish.*

*The Christian vision shapes the interesting and aspirational curriculum. Pupils make the most of and enjoy the curriculum and the wider opportunities that the school provides. As a result, pupils flourish exceptionally well.*

*Staff, together with pupils make collective worship a daily highlight for staff, visitors and pupils. It is central to the life of the school. Worship enables pupils to understand the importance and place of the vision in pupils' and adults' daily life and helps them develop spiritually.*

*There is a strong culture of respect and trust between different members of the school community. Pupils and staff treat each other well. This helps the school to be a very happy and friendly place to learn and work. Pupils have a clear understanding of justice and responsibility. They know that being fair is important. Pupils play key roles in the life of the school and take on these responsibilities very maturely.*

*The religious education (RE) curriculum is well-sequenced. The subject leader and senior leaders skilfully support teachers. There is well-planned and effective training for staff to enhance their subject knowledge and how to deliver RE effectively across the school.*

The full report is attached to this newsletter and can be found on the school's website.

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## SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS - KELLY SIMM VIST:



Last Friday we had an inspirational visit from GB gymnast Kelly Simm. The children enjoyed taking part in their sponsored circuits and then we had a collective worship led by Kelly telling us all about her journey to compete at the Commonwealth and the World Championships! As a school we raised £3578.90, which is just fantastic! Thank you so much to everybody who sponsored the children for this event!



## TAG RUGBY EVENT:

On Tuesday 6th February 9 children from years 4,5 &6 attended a tag rugby festival at Bognor Regis Rugby Club. The children took part in a variety of skills and drills led by the sports leaders from The Regis school. They learnt some of the rules, how to tag each other and how to score a try. The children then came back as together as a team and played 3 matches against other local schools. Elsie D was named the chief tagger while Harrison and Rocco excelled in their quick running and dodging to score multiple tries. The children did really well and enjoyed themselves. Some of the children had never played rugby before, all children learnt lots and had lots of fun! The children demonstrated remarkable sportsmanship and teamwork! Thank you to Mrs Gabb for accompanying the pupils.



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## MENTAL HEALTH WEEK:

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week. The focus of this has been to love ourselves and appreciate ourselves. This has included writing poetry about what we love about ourselves, art work and philosophy for children.

## PARENTS EVENING:

A reminder that when attending parents evening, you must sign in. During the meeting, you will be provided with your child's Interim Report. This outlines your child's current attainment and identifies next steps in learning.

If you are unable to make either of the dates, please arrange a time to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress.

## READING:

At the half way point of the year, 23,126,767 words have been read by the pupils that are accessing Accelerated Reader. It is wonderful to see children engaging in a range of books and exploring different worlds and themes. Congratulations to this half term's winners of the Reading Raffle - **Arthur H (EYS)**, **Luna-Bella B (Y1)**, **Leo C (Y2)**, **Harry B (Y3)**, **James D (Y4)**, **Francesca W (Y5)** & **Max C (Y6)**.

This week, we also welcomed two authors to the school. Pupils in Penguin Class and Key Stage 1 were visited by Christine Chambers who read her book *Red Fox Does What? Surely Not!* to the pupils. Our pupils in Key Stage 2 were visited by Iszi Lawrence who told the children about the historical interests and how these inspire her in her writing. Each child received a signed copy of her book *The Time Machine Next Door: Explorers and Milkshakes*.



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## SAFER INTERNET DAY:

This week, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. During Collective Worship and class based activities pupils explored the theme of 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'

Additional information for parents can be found attached this newsletter and by following this [link](#).

A reminder that on Tuesday 27th February, there will be a parent workshop on online safety including the current trends, concerns and steps that can be taken to keep children safe online.

To book your place please use the following links in the letter sent out on 7th February.

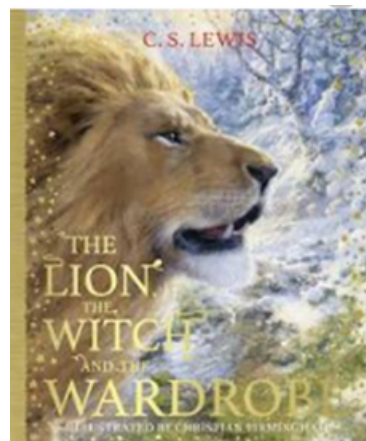
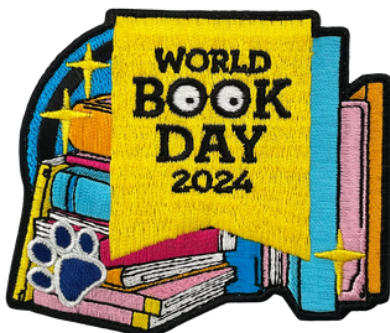
## SOUTH BERSTED'S GOT TALENT:



There is a great deal of excitement around next half term's South Bersted's Got Talent. For all children that are wishing to take part, they must complete an entry form and hand it to their class teacher no later than Monday 4th March 2024. A flyer with the key dates can be found at the end of the newsletter.

## WORLD BOOK DAY:

This year, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. As a school, we will be basing our day on the text *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, and pupils are encouraged to dress as a character from this text or their own chosen book character. We have exciting activities planned linked to the text, similar to our Peter Pan day last year which was enjoyed by everyone. In celebration of World Book Day all children will take home a book token which can be exchanged for a free book in participating book shops.





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## TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS:



We are currently half way through our current battles on TTRS, with Earth taking on Water and Air taking on Fire.

The leaders as it stands are Earth and Air but there is still plenty of time to turn those results around. Good luck to all who play over half-term and let's see if we can change the current leaders.

A special well done to **Olivia-Rose M, Theo T, Alisa G** and **Antonia T** who are the current most valuable players for their house.

## 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:

**Rosie C (EYS), izabella T (EYS), Bonnie Y (Y1), Emilija C (Y1), Aston M (Y2), Leo C (Y2), Maisie S (Y3), Theo C (Y3), Vicky G, (Y3), Maisie M (Y3), Elliott C (Y3), Gerrard H (Y4), Tommy P (Y4), Maisie S (Y4), Chelsea M (Y5), Tilly S (Y5), Alan G (Y6), Zoe P (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.

## MCAS APP:

We now have lots of parents using the MCAS app but there are some that have yet to create their accounts. We would love to have all parents using the app so that everyone is kept up to date with their child's school life and what is happening within school. If you have yet to download the app please do so over the half term and if you need any assistance with it speak to the office who will be happy to help.

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## LETTERS HOME:

Wednesday 7th February - Free School Meals Food Vouchers (Various)  
Wednesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day (All Years)  
Wednesday 7th February - Mathematics Times Table Check (Y4)  
Wednesday 7th February - Commonwealth Day Service (Selected)  
Thursday 8th February - PSHE Parent Information Meetings (Y1-6)  
Thursday 8th February - HAF Holiday Club Flyer & Letter (Various)

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday 19th February - Return to school (8.35am)  
Monday 19th February - Parent's Evening (3.30 - 5.00pm)  
Tuesday 20th February - Year 6 Outdoor Learning  
Wednesday 21st February - Parent's Evening (3.30-7.00pm)  
Friday 23rd February - Year 4 Swimming  
Friday 23rd February - Future Flyers (Selected)  
Monday 26th February - Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital Visit (Reception)  
Monday 26th February - Year 5 Outdoor Learning  
Monday 26th February - Year 1 Parent Reading Session (3.00-3.15pm)  
Tuesday 27th February - Bronze Ambassadors (Selected)  
Wednesday 28th February - Chichester Festival Theatre Trip (Year 6)  
Thursday 29th February - FCC Multi-skills Workshop (Year 4)  
Friday 1st March - Year 4 Swimming

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## South Bersted's Got Talent!



Do you have a talent that you would like to share with the school? If so, get ready to perform!

During the week of 11th March performers will get the opportunity to present their talent to their class. You, along with your class mates, will vote on three performances that will go through to the final.

You can...  
-Perform in a group  
-Perform up to 4 minutes

### How do I enter?

It's simple!  
Complete an application form &  
hand it to your class teacher by  
4th March 2024

The Final will take  
place on 25th March in  
the school hall for all  
pupils.



## South Bersted's Got Talent!

Name:

Year Group:

Name of Act:

Talent:

How many people are in your act:

What resources do you need?