



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 2/18

28th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

We have continued our focus on learning and not doing by facing a range of challenges over the past two weeks. To further engage, motivate and inspire our pupils we have also had a range of visitors including Superheroes in Early Years and a T-Rex which visited Year 1 and Year 3 on Monday!

'I liked the dinosaur because it was a meat eater but it didn't eat people' (Arabelle A, Y1)

'I liked it when it growled!' (Rosa R, Y1)

'When I stroked the Tyrannosaurus Rex it closed it's eyes and shook it's head' (Maisie P, Y1)

'I was a bit scared it would chase me, but it couldn't run. It had a nose but it was different to mine' (Alex R, Y1)

Early Years also took part in some Superhero challenges including avoiding the laser beams, crossing the crocodile infested water and building the broken bridge!

Mr Goodwin
Headteacher

Growth Mindset Workshop

It was pleasing to see so many of you attending Wednesday's Growth Mindset workshops. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you that were able to attend for your contributions to the sessions. If you were unable to attend and would like to know more, please visit the school's website and click on the *'information'* tab to view the presentation and further information.

Harvest

Parents, carers, friends and families are very welcome to join us to celebrate the harvest. The Harvest Festival will take place at South Bersted Church on:

Friday 12th October at 9.00am

(please note that this is a change of date)



This year we are focusing on water, as without water, crops cannot grow and there would be no harvest. During the service, each year group will be presenting what they have learnt on an aspect of water, focusing on the Water Aid charity.

We would like to support the Bognor Regis food bank again this year and are kindly asking for donations of tinned (no baked beans please) or packet foods with a reasonable shelf life, which will be gratefully received. Please note that damaged products and products past their sell by date cannot be used. Thank you for your continued support. **Donations should be brought to school w/c 8th October.**

KOINONIA:

'Encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing'

Thessalonians 5:11

School Council

This week we had our first School Council meeting. The children's first job as a School Council was to elect **Ethan C** (Year 5) and **Brooke H** (Year 5) as the Vice Chair. During the meeting, pupils defined their role:

'The aim of the School Council is to form a democracy where we give each child a voice and work together to improve our school'

We also decided that these qualities were important to us as a school council:

- * Be fair when collecting views
- * Help our school to get better
- * Look after the school
- * Democracy – take the view of the class to the meetings
- * * Make sure everything is OK
- * Find out new things
- * Listen

During October, the school council will select a new charity, decide how they would like the outside reading area to be used and welcome visitors from Chichester University to discuss plans for an outside prayer space.

Consent for Trips and Visits / Update of Contact Information

This week we sent home a letter and a form about some changes we are making to parental consent for trips and visits.

We have also sent home a Data Collection Sheet – this must be checked and returned to school as soon as possible to ensure our records are up to date, particularly emergency contact information and medical details for your child. **We would also like to bring to your attention that we do now need at least two emergency contacts, as per DfE guidelines.**

Please return both forms to the school office as soon as possible. If you prefer, you can post the forms in the post box outside the main door, as this is emptied daily.

Chartwells Christmas Lunch

We are pleased to confirm the date for the Chartwells Christmas Lunch, as follows:

Friday 19th December
(this is also the last day of term)



We will write to you separately in due course with further details and to confirm the menu.

Bedtime Breakfast Event (Reception Class)

A reminder that our 'Bedtime Breakfast' event will take place as follows:

Wednesday 3rd October (8.40 – 10.30am)



Please ensure you return your form to the office by **Monday 1st October**. This will allow us time to plan catering. We look forward to seeing you there.

What We Will Be Learning

In giving your child an advantage we are now including information on what you child will be learning. We encourage you to discuss these key areas so your child starts the unit of work, topic or lesson with some knowledge and understanding. This may be as simple as discussing key words, looking out for key information when out walking or talking to family members. Below is a summary of what each class will be learning over the next 2 weeks:

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- Reception:** *Over the next 2 weeks we will be continuing our Superhero theme, thinking about the qualities of a Superhero. We will also be learning more about real life super heroes, such as the emergency services. You can support your child further by talking about super heroes and who they may be in our wider community. In RE we will be making stained glass windows – we will be thinking about where we might see a stained glass window in real life.*
- Year 1:** *We will be focusing on fossils; drawing them and finding out more about them. To support your child at home you may like to help your child to find some fossil facts. We will also be writing postcards and creating pictures of dinosaurs using ICT and a range of materials.*
Word of the Fortnight: *Fossil*
- Year 2:** *We will be exploring the story of The Wizard of Oz, looking in particular at friendships and resilience. We will then link this to maths and will be building the Emerald City walls and yellow brick road. You can support your child by researching the story of the Wizard of Oz or watching the film.*
Words of the Fortnight: *Blue, Yellow, Flesh, Red, White, Green, Black*
- Year 3:** *We will be learning how to write letters using the correct structure, beginning, middle and end. In Maths, we will be learning more about time facts. You can support your child further at home by looking at division facts for the numbers 3, 4 and 8.*
Words of the Fortnight: *Hoard, Storage*
- Year 4:** *Over the next two weeks we will be looking at why the River Nile was so important to the Ancient Egyptians. In the second week we will be designing and making our own Egyptian style amulets. You can support your child's learning further at home by researching some facts about the importance of amulets and Ancient Egyptians beliefs.*
Words of the Fortnight: *Irrigation, Amulet*
- Year 5:** *Did you know that it took 3 days for Apollo 11 to reach the Moon? Year 5 are discovering a huge amount about our moon and will soon be finding out even more at the Chichester Planetarium. In mathematics, we will be learning about decimal numbers and time. Please help your child to learn how to read the time on digital and analogue clocks; they will also need to know what the time would be 15 or 20 minutes later or earlier.*
Words of the Fortnight: *Aggressive, Amateur,*
- Year 6:** *Has technology taken over? We will be learning about how technology has developed in recent years and the positive and negative effects it has on us. Talk to your child about the technology when you were young and consider all the technology your family uses every day, including its positive or negative impact.*
Words of the Fortnight: *Convenience*
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Red Book

We are pleased to announce that the following children have been presented with a Red Book sticker for good work, effort, achievement and or demonstrating this month's value of **KOINONIA** in action.



Tyler C (Y1), Xavier W (Y1), Finnley C (Y2), Marcin M (Y2), Leah S (Y3), Isabella E-D (Y3), jamie G (Y4), Yusein K (Y4), Honey S (Y5), Oskar W (Y5), Oskar Z (Y6), Charlie O (Y6), Marshall W (Y6)