



School-Wide News

Parents' Evenings

We're really looking forward to speaking with you about your children's progress and how they have settled into the new school year in a week or so. If you haven't yet booked an appointment for w/c 19th of October 2020, please do so on ParentMail. If you are having trouble logging on to ParentMail, please contact the school offices and one of our team will help you get sorted.

Communication with Staff

We understand that it can be difficult at the moment to pass on messages or ask questions of our staff, particularly with the current drop-off and pick-up arrangements. Please remember that you can pass on messages via the person who is standing on the gate or you can email southvillep@bristol-schools.uk and ask for your email to be forwarded to the right person. One of our staff will then give you a call for a catch-up and to answer any questions that you may have.

World Mental Health Day 2020

Tomorrow, the 10th of October 2020, is World Mental Health Day. Now more than ever, it's important that we keep our eyes and ears open to become more aware of how our children are feeling. Here are some organisations that have useful resources that you might like to read or utilise.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/world-mental-health-day-2020/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/>

Chicken Names

The names are in! Thank you to all of the children for such creative thinking – we had some super suggestions for names. Here are the chickens' new names: **Sky, Marshmallow, Meryl, Autumn, Biggins, Snuffle, Sparkle and Alaska.**

Shine Bookings for Term 2

Shine are currently taking re-bookings for breakfast and after-school club from parents of children who have attended this term. The booking system will then open to all parents next week. Please see www.myshine.co.uk for further details.

Reception News

Next week, we will continue to focus on our 'Superhero Me' topic and we will be continuing to look at story books that investigate what makes us the same or different.

Each week we will be promoting the learning of a skill that helps us to be good learners. In Reception, we call this the Characteristics of Effective Learning. The skill we will be promoting this week comes from the strand Playing and Exploring and is 'Representing their experiences through play'.

Here is a rough outline of some of the activities that we will be covering but please note they may be completed on different days in each class.



<u>Monday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phonics – Phase 1, Aspect 5, Alliteration• Maths – comparing quantities• Artwork – Christmas Card designs (ready for printing)• Writing – Practising writing our names• Stories that celebrate similarities and differences
<u>Tuesday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jellyfish PE (chasing and evasion games)• Phonics – Phase 1, Aspect 5, Alliteration• Maths – comparing quantities• Listening and attention session• Scissor skills – practicing careful cutting• Stories that celebrate similarities and differences
<u>Wednesday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changing Reading books - All classes• Phonics – Phase 1, Aspect 5, Alliteration• Maths – comparing quantities• Octopus PE (chasing and evasion games)• Stories that celebrate similarities and differences
<u>Thursday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phonics – Phase 1, Aspect 5, Alliteration• Maths – comparing quantities• Listening and attention session• Stories that celebrate similarities and differences
<u>Friday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phonics - Phase 1, Aspect 5, Alliteration• Maths – comparing quantities• Starfish PE (chasing and evasion games)• Listening and attention session• Stories that celebrate similarities and differences

Reading books

Every child has been given a reading book and reading record to take home. The first book may have no or very few words; we ask that you encourage your child to tell you the story by exploring the pictures. In the reading record you can make a note of when your child has read and how they got on. If you wish to simply leave a tick to let us know they have read that is fine too. **Please make sure your child brings their book and reading record to school every day so that adults can read with them.**

Please ensure all reading books are given in every Monday so we can safely quarantine them and then we will send home new books on a Wednesday.

Happy reading everyone!

Packed Lunches

It is great to see how settled the children are at lunch time now. They are really enjoying our range of hot dinners and are really independent when bringing their packed lunch boxes into the dinner hall. We are very proud of them all! Just a quick reminder that as we are accredited with the 'healthy schools' award, please can we ask that children do not bring chocolate in their lunch box.



PTA News

PTA AGM Wednesday 4th November, 7:30pm

The PTA is a registered charity and we have to hold an AGM once per year. All parents, carers and teachers are welcome to attend. (Zoom link and agenda will be circulated next week).

Purpose: The purpose is for all parents, carers and teachers to hold the committee to account for its running of the association. Typically there is a report made by the treasurer on the funds raised and how these have been spent. The chair will highlight successes, thank those who have been involved and indicate what is planned for the upcoming year.

It is usual for all members of the committee to stand down at the AGM but they can seek re-election.

- Current Chair – Tarnjit Khera
- Current Vice-Chair – Charlotte Todd-Brady
- Current Treasurer – Liz Newton
- Current Secretary – Andrea Maguire (stepping down)

Nominations: Ideally, nominations should be received in advance of the AGM, to reassure the committee that enough people will be stepping forward. However, there is nothing to prevent nominations made at the AGM from being accepted. For further information, please email: Southville.primary.pta@gmail.com

New secretary: Andrea will be stepping down at the next meeting and we will need a new secretary. If you are interested in the role, please get in touch.

Attendees required: Minimum of 8 attendees required.

Selection: We have a vote of those present at the meeting, with each person standing needing to secure a majority of the votes cast.

Contact: Southville.primary.pta@gmail.com

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