



## School-Wide News

### New website

We've got a new website! You may have noticed the change if you've been onto the site this week, but if not, please do take a look ([www.southville.bristol.sch.uk](http://www.southville.bristol.sch.uk)). We're really pleased with the finished product and hope you like it too. One of our main aims was to simplify the menu system and ensure that parents, carers and members of our community can find the information they need quickly and easily. We've also got up-to-date photos that show our children happily playing and learning, just like they always do.

We'd like to thank [www.setsquare.co.uk](http://www.setsquare.co.uk) for all of their hard work on our new website.

### Covid Update from Ms Sutherland

As you may have seen on the news today, the government has announced that from Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2020, the self-isolation period for close contacts will reduce to 10 days. This will apply to people who were already self-isolating prior to that date as well as those who begin self-isolating after this date. The NHS Covid-19 app will be updated on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2020 to reflect this change. In the meantime, please follow this guidance:

- If you have been contacted by NHS Test and Trace, you must follow the isolation guidance provided by the contact tracers.
- If between now and next Thursday you have been notified via the NHS Covid-19 app that you must self-isolate, you can leave isolation when the countdown timer shows 3 days. From the 17<sup>th</sup> of December onwards, the app will show you the correct countdown of 10 days and therefore you must self-isolate until it shows zero.

If you need any clarification on this, please do get in touch. As always, I thank you for your support in this matter.

*Clare Sutherland*

### Theatre shows

The children are all going to watch a pantomime or play online next week in lieu of going to the theatre this year – all classes will watch them between Wednesday and Friday. Preschool to year 4 will watch Jack and the Beanstalk; years 5 and 6 will watch A Christmas Carol. As well as paying for these licences for the children, the PTA have also bought lots (and lots) of popcorn for the children to snack on whilst enjoying the shows. We've checked the packets and the popcorn doesn't contain any nuts and is suitable for vegans. ***The class teachers are aware of children's dietary needs as registered on Pupil Asset, but if your child has other dietary needs that might mean they can't have the popcorn, please let your child's class teacher know so we can arrange an alternative.***

### End-of-term parties

We've decided that the children can have their own class parties this year, but with a few changes to ensure we abide by our Covid risk assessment. The children will do this in their classrooms and only with their class bubble. School will provide snacks rather than asking for donations from parents and we'll ensure the children practice good hand hygiene before and after eating in class as we do with snacks and lunch. As with the popcorn above, we'll ensure that any snacks provided are suitable for children's dietary needs as registered on Pupil Asset.

### Non-uniform day

The last day of term, Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December, will be non-uniform day as usual. We will be accepting donations for charity if you would like to contribute.

### School dinner menu next week

Please find attached a revised menu for next week. Due to the complexity and time required to cook Christmas lunch, it needs to be all hands on deck to prepare and serve this at the respective site and therefore the other site will have a simplified menu on that day. For example, on Wednesday, Merrywood will have Christmas lunch and



Myrtle will have jacket potatoes; vice versa on Thursday. This allows us to redirect the majority of our kitchen team for these two days.

### **Thank you messages for staff**

We know that at this time of year, lots of you want to send thank you cards and presents to the staff who work with your children. In order to do this safely, there will be a box on the table outside each office between Monday and Wednesday for you to post cards into that we can then quarantine for a short time before distributing to the staff. If you'd like to drop off any presents as well, please put them on the table labelled for the member of staff you'd like us to give it to.

### **National Theatre Online**

The **National Theatre** is offering state schools free access to their online collection. The collection includes 30 high-quality recordings of NT plays. As part of this offering, the school can share login details with parents so that you can watch the plays at home with your children. Not all the plays are suitable for young children, so please check the age ratings on the website. For primary-aged children, we recommend ***Peter Pan, Treasure Island, The Winter's Tale and Romeo and Juliet.***

### **The access details are:**

Login: <https://www.dramaonlinelibrary.com/custom-browse?docid=nationalTheatreCollection>

Username: HNIOOD

Password: DYGRVZ

*(The 'Log in' button can be found in the top right-hand corner of the landing page. If you copy and paste the details, please be very careful not to include any invisible spaces as these will invalidate the details. If you have any difficulties, please test in another browser.)*

**This online access is for Southville staff, students and families only, so please do not share with anyone else or post the details on social media.** Happy theatre watching!

### **Lego Cards**

Paula Mathias is organising the sale of these Lego cards like last year. All proceeds will go to the school Food Bank. For £5, you'll get a book and 100 packs of cards, with 4 cards per pack. If you'd like to buy some, please contact Paula Mathias on [paula.mathias@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:paula.mathias@bristol-schools.uk) or call 07745 954 213.



### **BS3 Community Pass the Parcel scheme**

Please find attached information about this locally organised initiative.

## **Reception News**

Dear parents and carers,

Here is a rough outline of the activities that we will be covering but please note they may be completed on different days in each class. Our focus for this week is the book 'My Two Blankets', a story about moving to a new place and making new friends. We will also be doing a range of Christmas maths and craft activities throughout the week.

The Characteristic of Effective Learning we are focusing on is from the 'Finding and Exploring' strand - 'engaging in open-ended activity'.



<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b>Reading books back to school</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jellyfish PE – Christmas yoga</li> <li>• Phonics – consolidating phase 2</li> <li>• Maths input</li> <li>• Writing Christmas cards</li> <li>• Introducing focus story, 'My Two Blankets'</li> </ul>
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phonics – consolidating phase 2</li> <li>• Maths input</li> <li>• Listening and attention session</li> <li>• Where in the World? Next episode</li> </ul>
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>  <b>Christmas lunch</b>	<b>Reading books sent home</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Octopus PE – Christmas yoga</li> <li>• Phonics – consolidating phase 2</li> <li>• Maths input</li> <li>• All classes – individual reading and book change</li> <li>• Christmas lunch at Merrywood</li> </ul>
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>  <b>Christmas performance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phonics - consolidating phase 2</li> <li>• Listening and attention session</li> <li>• Online Christmas theatre performance - Jack and the Beanstalk</li> </ul>
<b><u>Friday</u></b>  <b>Non school uniform day</b> <b>Christmas party</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starfish PE – Christmas yoga</li> <li>• Phonics – consolidating phase 2</li> <li>• Listening and attention session</li> <li>• Christmas parties in classrooms</li> </ul>

Christmas parties

We will be having a small Christmas party in our classrooms on the afternoon of Friday 18th December. We will be having a disco, party games and providing some snacks for the children to have. It will be a wonderful way to finish the term! This day is also a non-school uniform day.

PE bags

We will ask all children to take home their PE bags by the end of the week.

**Year 5 News**

Next term, our new topic is 'Greatest Greeks!' On our first day back, **Tuesday 5th January**, it would be great if you could send your child into school dressed as an Ancient Greek or Greek God. We very much look forward to seeing what you come up with! Time to get creative with a white sheet.

Thanks again for all your support this term. We hope you have a wonderful break.

The Year 5 team