



School-wide News

Dear parents, carers and all of our school community,

We come to the end of a long school year; one that has been challenging and unpredictable at times, but one that we have come through together. We continue to be impressed by the resilience, flexibility and good humour that our children have shown throughout the many changes they have faced. We are also grateful for the support that you as parents and carers have given to the school during this challenging period. Throughout, we have continued to strive to provide the best for your children and to keep their welfare and happiness, as well as their learning, at the heart of everything we do. We wish you a wonderful summer break and are already looking forward to a fresh start in September.

Message from Ms Chinnadurai

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for the support that you as a parent and carer community have given to the school since my arrival at Easter. I would also like to thank the governors for their support and for helping to ensure that the school is in a great place ready for Mr Bowman's arrival in September. Thank you also to our wonderful staff, who have worked tirelessly during this challenging year. Finally, thank you to the wonderful Southville children who make this school what it is. It has been great to get to know you and I will look back fondly at my time here.

Changes to school day timings and arrangements

Please see the attached letter for important information regarding changes to when and where children will be dropped off and collected for the start and end of the school day from September.

Changes to contact tracing

Please see the attached letter from the Department of Education explaining the changes to contact tracing.

INSET days 2021/22

The 2nd & 3rd September are INSET days. This means the children will start their new school year with us on Monday 6th September.

Wrap around provision

There are some changes to our wrap-around provision from September. In response to growing demand for places, we have worked hard to re-organise our offer:

- Nursery and Reception wrap-around will now be run by our trusted provider Shine at our Merrywood site which will enable us to provide more places. Any parents who have already been offered a place with the school wrap-around will have a **guaranteed place** through Shine but you still need to book a place by [clicking here](#). If you have not been offered a place and you wish to apply, the online booking form will open on **Monday 19th July at 10:00 am**. [Click here](#) to sign up to places.
- Shine will continue to run the wrap-around for Years 1 and 2. However, it will now be run at the Merrywood site. [Click here](#) to sign up to places.
- Shine will continue to run the wrap-around for Years 3-6 at the Myrtle site. [Click here](#) to sign up to places (note, you will need to scroll down for term 1).

Outstanding payments

If you have any outstanding payments, please ensure these are paid before September via Pupil Asset.

Y5 and 6 Trips payments

Information has been sent out regarding payment for the years 5 and 6 trips. Pupil Asset will be accessible over the summer if you would like to pay either as one payment or as an instalment.

Musical instrument lessons

As explained last week, we are extremely pleased to be able to restart our individual and small group instrument lessons for Key Stage 2 children in September.

Lessons are taught by tutors from Bristol Plays Music and we have now signed up to their online booking system, which you can find here: <https://ukbristolbeacon.speedadmin.dk/registration#/> Go to 'Select lesson in school' and find Southville Primary. You will then be able to select from the options listed under 'Discover your activity'. You can also apply to hire an instrument on this page. Registration has now opened and is subject to availability of tutors and instruments.

Please note that the school will be using Pupil Premium funding to ensure that all children have access to this opportunity.

Going home permission forms

If you have a child starting in years 5 or 6 in September and would like for them to walk home without being collected by an adult, please complete the Going Home Arrangements form. You can find the form on the school website here: <https://www.southville.bristol.sch.uk/parent-information/useful-forms-for-parents/> If you have completed this previously, we will still need it to be completed again for the new year.

Community News



Community Children's Health Partnership

Summer 2021 Telephone drop-in
0300 125 6279
Wednesday 28th July,
11th & 18th August
9.30am- 12pm

South Bristol Early Years Speech & Language Therapy Team

Telephone advice session for parents of children aged 0-4 years living in Bristol (pre-school)

Call to chat to one of our Speech & Language Therapists for advice and find out about available support.

The phone lines can get busy, but please do call back!

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Year Group News and Reminders

Preschool

We have had a lovely last few days in Seahorse Class. We have been making the most of the hot weather with some paddling pool fun, water fights and beach party!

We would like to say thank you for all of your support this year. We have loved getting to know you and your children and wish you all well for the next steps in their journeys.

Reception

Tapestry

We will be sending out details shortly about when you can download your child's/children's learning diary from Tapestry. There will be a period over the summer holidays when you will be eligible to do this before we will make all the accounts inactive. We hope you enjoy looking back at the photographs, videos and written observations and reflect on all the wonderful learning during such a fragmented year.

Year 1

We have had great fun measuring capacity in maths this week, exploring how much containers hold and trying to order them from the one that holds the most to the least. Maybe you might like to try this at home?



We also had fun experimenting with water colours and wax crayons. These lovely pictures make us feel lovely and summery!



Year 4



Facts About My Australian Animal My animal is a Wombat



Appearance: Wombats are small marsupials that look like a cross between a bear and a guinea pig. Wombats are built for digging, with short legs, compact heads, and strong claws. To help them dig a burrow.

Habitat: The main habitat for the Common Wombat is the forest-covered southeastern Australia. The species tends to avoid rainforests and is often found in mountainous areas. In southern Queensland and northern New South Wales.

Diet: Wombats are herbivores, which means they only eat plants. Some common meals for a wombat include roots, grasses, scrub, herbs, and bark. They get most of their water from the foods they eat and can live years without drinking water.

Behaviour: All wombats are nocturnal and spend their nights foraging for food or digging. During cold days, some wombats do come out of their burrows to sunbathe and warm up. They do not climb trees like koalas, their nearest relative, but they are good swimmers.

Classification: Wombats are mammals, warm-blooded, fur-bearing animals. They are classified as marsupials because they give birth to very small immature young who must remain in the mother's pouch for many months to nurse and develop.

FUN FACTS:

1. Did you know Wombats poop is naturally in a cube shape. |
2. Did you know a Wombat's bum is its key to defense.
3. Did you know The Wombats are the second largest marsupial.

Great charity work

Polly found out that 41,000 koalas have sadly died in the last 5 years around Sydney due to bushfires. She couldn't believe it and was very upset. She cares for the environment and knew that she had to do something, so decided to act. On the weekend of the 17th-18th of July, Polly set out to walk 41,000 steps for Australian Wildlife Conservancy. One step for every single Koala that has died in the last 5 years. We are super proud of her achievement of 42,324 steps in 48 hours, especially as it was 30 degrees all weekend. You are a superstar Polly!

Year 5

As part of their term 5 topic work on Climate Warriors, children in year 5 wrote a persuasive letter to Marvin Rees the newly re-elected Mayor of Bristol. We asked him about what he's going to do in Bristol to reduce the use of plastics, clean the air and increase the use of renewable energy. He wrote back to us this week - see the attachment to read his response!

More generally, the Year 5 time would like to thank you all for your support and assistance in what has been a challenging year. It has been a pleasure to teach your children and we wish them all the best in Year 6!

Year 6

We are finally here, year 6. You've made it!

Children, you have been amazing through a difficult year and the year 6 staff would like to wish you all the very best for next year and the future.

Also, thank you to all the parents and carers who have been so supportive throughout the year.

The children have matured as learners and they are all ready for their next steps into secondary school.

We now hand them back to you, ready for those teenage years!