



# Southville Primary School Newsletter



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## Welcome back!

I want to start by saying a huge well done to our children who have each navigated their own period of change this week. Whether it is moving to a new site, a new classroom or a new floor, they have adjusted brilliantly and I have been so impressed with how positive and settled the school has felt. Thank you for supporting them with this and being patient with any initial teething issues we encountered with new routines and arrangements.

**Twitter – coming soon...** You will notice a new twitter handle at the top of the newsletter. We are working towards being able to use this to keep you up to date with celebrations and achievements in school as and when they happen and will be increasing our use of it in the coming weeks. Please note that this is different to the twitter account the school previously used. If you don't use twitter, please be assured that we won't be using it for any essential news unless it is also communicated to you via email or the school newsletter.

We will give you an opportunity to either give or withhold permission for your child's image to be used on twitter on the pupil information forms which will come home to you at the end of September. In the meantime, no child's face will be visible in the photos we use.

**Covid Measures...** It has been fantastic for staff and children to be able to return a more familiar way of life in school this week, however we are very mindful that we need to remain vigilant and that for many members of our school community this continues to be a worrying and potentially risky time. Whilst the majority of restrictions have been removed nationally, we continue to operate within a covid risk assessment and as a result of this, the following measures are in place to mitigate the risk:

Ventilation - proven to be the most effective preventative measure, we are ensuring classrooms and communal areas remain well ventilated at all times.

Handwashing - our site team are ensuring soap and hand sanitisers are kept replenished and staff have implemented handwashing and hygiene routines in class.

Face coverings - staff have the option to wear face coverings if they wish to do so and parent visitors are asked to wear them when inside the building.

Testing - staff continue to carry out lateral flow tests twice a week on a voluntary basis.

Information - if we have a positive PCR result for a child or member of staff, we will inform all parents of this and include the year group the child is in. We will not share any names of the children concerned.

**Finally, thank you...** for such a warm welcome. I have had a great week and look forward to meeting more of you and your children as the term progresses.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

**Drama Club...** Please see the attached information about the Acting Out drama club for Reception and key Stage 1.

**Tag Rugby...** there will be letters going out on Monday for children in Year 5 and 6 interested in participating in a tag-rugby league

**Upper Key Stage 2 Paddleboarding experience...** Some lucky Upper Key Stage 2 children will be venturing to Bristol Harbour on Thursday to take part in a Paddleboarding event. The activity has been organised by The Whale Company and SUP Bristol. Whilst learning to Paddleboard the children will also be carrying out a litter pick. This free offering is part of the Treasure Your River campaign that we are regionally managing for the epic environmental charity Hubbub, who run really fun projects that help make our planet even better.

**Year 5 and 6 Abernant Residential Visit...** Just a reminder that we are currently taking payments for the residential and are beginning to work out the arrangements based upon the number of children we have payments for. If you have not yet confirmed your child's attendance, please do so as soon as possible and if you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's teacher. If your concerns are financial, please contact us to arrange a meeting or phone call with Mr Bowman to discuss this in confidence.

Next week we will confirm the date of the information evening.

**End of day collection...** If the usual person is not going to be collecting your child from school at the end of the day, please could you inform the office. For safeguarding purposes we must be certain we are letting your child go with the correct person. Thank you in advance.

**PE kit...** Please can we remind all parents that children need to wear either a white or house coloured t-shirt for their PE sessions. Football / rugby kits **must** not be worn for PE sessions. If children are attending Shine afterschool clubs and wish to wear different kit for this event then they can change with Shine before their afterschool club session.



**Nursery...**

It was great to meet the children and families in our Stay and Play events this week. Thank you for coming along!

**Reception...** We loved seeing you all at the Stay and Play session this week! Thank you for coming.

We hope you are feeling positive about your child's transition into Reception. If you have any questions/ worries, please do not hesitate to find one of us. Pick-up is usually the best time to catch us, rather than at drop-off time when we are helping children to settle in.

In these whole-school weekly newsletters, we aim to give you an overview of what to expect in the following week. Please look out for key messages for your reception child.

Next week your child will be joining us for half days. You have been allocated either a morning or an afternoon session. In the smaller groups we are looking forward to getting to know your child.

Week commencing 13th September				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.45 - 11.15am	8.45 - 11.15am	8.45 - 11.15am	8.45 - 11.15am	8.45 - 11.15am
<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>
1.30 - 3.30pm	1.30 - 3.30pm	1.30 - 3.30pm	1.30 - 3.30pm	1.30 - 3.30pm

## **Year 1...**

Monday 13th September is pirate day! Children can come to school dressed as pirates. Please can they bring an egg box and a kitchen roll or cardboard tube?

Reading: Children will change their books once a week. Please check your child's reading diary to find out which day. All children will be issued with a reading book by the end of next week.

### P.E. Days:

Badgers Monday and Wednesday

Butterflies Wednesday and Thursday

Bears Tuesday and Thursday

Children can come to school wearing their P.E.kits on their P.E. day

Trip to The Matthew: As part of our topic, we will be going for a sail on The Matthew this term.

Butterflies - Tuesday 12th October

Bears - Wednesday 13th October

Badgers - Thursday 14th October

Please let the school office know if you are available to help with our trips.

PPA cover: The teachers will be out of class for their PPA time for half a day each week.

Bears - Ms Holden will cover the class on Thursday mornings.

Butterflies - Ms Holden will cover the class on Wednesday afternoons.

Badgers - Miss Sheehan will cover the class on Wednesday afternoons.

**Year 2...** We have had a fantastic first week back in year two! Well done to all the amazing children who have settled in so well and been super star learners.

A couple of notes for next week.

**PE:** Please can you child come into school wearing their PE kits on the following days. If your child has long hair, can they please wear it up and if their ears are pierced, can they please wear plasters over their studs.

Flamingo – Tuesday & Thursday

Falcon – Monday and Friday

Fox – Monday and Friday

**Reading Books:** We have started reading and bench marking the children this week, however we have not yet managed to check every child's reading level. If you feel your child has the wrong level book, please bear with us as we will continue next week.

**Homework & Spellings:** This term's homework and spelling sheets will be sent out on Monday. They will also be posted on the Google Classroom as soon as it is set up. The first spelling test will be the following Monday.

**End of day:** As we're still getting to know you all, at the end of the day please can you tell us the name of your child when picking up so we can send them to you quickly.

Thank you for all your help this week parents and carers!

### **Year 3...**

#### Class Notices:

All year 3 classes have made a FANTASTIC start to the school year. Thank you so much for preparing them so well.

#### Reading Books:

Each child has been allocated a day to change their reading books. Please ensure they have their reading diaries and books in their bags that day as they will need it. In fact, it helps to pop it in their bag each day in case an adult asks them to read on a different day as well.

Hedgehog class have written your child's day in their reading diaries.

So you can check which day your child is having their reading diaries looked at and reading books changed, all classes will put up the list in their class windows.

Please do hear your child read for 10 mins each day if you can. Reading aloud not only helps them develop expression and a love of reading but also allows you the opportunity to ask a question or two about the story/book which will deepen their reading knowledge. Many thanks for your support.

#### Clothing incl coats

As you know, we are getting four seasons in one day sometimes, so please make sure your child has a raincoat in school as well as a water bottle and cap. It really helps to name their clothes and water bottles too 😊 Many thanks.

### **Year 4...**

The children have made a great start to the year.

For lots of information regarding PE and Reading days please refer to our Welcome letter emailed earlier this week.

### **Year 5...**

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### **Year 6...**

Welcome to year 6!

The children have settled into the new routines brilliantly and we have hit the ground running.

The staff are very impressed with the energy, maturity and positive attitude the children have returned to work with.

For more information about the routines and arrangements this year please see the welcome letter sent out this week.

**Welcome back everyone**, especially all new parents and carers. As a parent/carer you automatically belong to the Southville Primary PTA. We are parents, carers and teachers who work together to raise funds to support every child in the school. The money we have raised in the past has funded things like playground equipment, library and books, music workshop and the school chickens...and many more.

## PTA meetings

We usually meet once per term. This term, our meeting will be via zoom on Wednesday 22nd September, 7:30pm (more details next week).

## Class reps

Each class has a class representative who passes on PTA information to their whole class. If anyone would like to be the class rep for each reception and preschool class, please contact the PTA. Also, if someone would like to step down as class rep please let us know.

Contact: [Southville.primary.pta@gmail.com](mailto:Southville.primary.pta@gmail.com)

Please join Southville Primary PTA facebook page to keep up-to-date

**Reception Welcome Picnic:** The PTA have organised a welcome picnic for the new reception classes and their parents/carers.

**Year 1 Welcome Picnic:** As the new Year 1 classes missed out on a welcome picnic last year, the PTA have organised one for this year.

