



Southville Primary School Newsletter



September 17th 2021

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Happy Friday!

It's been another lovely week in school with the children settling in to their new routines and learning well. I really hope your child is feeling happy and settled but if they're not quite there yet, please do chat to their teacher and Learning Support Assistant who will see what more can be done to ease them in.

Covid Measures... Further to previous communciations around covid, please can I remind you that if your child is displaying one of the following symptoms...Persistent cough; Raised temperature; Loss or change to smell or taste...You must keep them at home for 10 days or until they have a negative PCR test. A negative lateral flow test is not sufficient to come into school if the symptoms are still present. Thank you for your support with this.

Please rest assured we are continuing to monitor the number of positive PCRs closely, liaising with public health, and have plans in place to adjust our operations for certain year groups if needed. These measures may include minimising mixing between classes and avoiding certain activities for a short period. We will keep you informed.

Meet The Teacher... Is back! We are delighted that we are now able to invite you in to your child's classroom to meet their teacher and to hear about the curriculum and routines they will be enjoying this year. In order to reduce the number of people on site at any one time we are going to stagger the sessions as outlined below. This means those of you with siblings in different year groups will have more than one day to attend but I am sure you will understand our reasons for this in the current climate.

All the meetings will run 3.45 to 4.15 in the classroom and will be on the following days:

- Monday 27th September: Year 2
- Tuesday 28th September: Year 3
- Wednesday 29th September: Year 6 and Year 1
- Thursday 30th September: Year 4
- Friday 1st October: Year 5

Please ensure when coming in to the building to join the sessions that you wear a face mask. We will ensure the rooms are ventilated throughout the meeting

Join Our Team... We are currently advertising for a School Administrator to oversee the admin team's work across both sites. It is a permanent position, term time only and a great opportunity to join a brilliant team. Please click on the link for more info, or phone to speak to Savi Flaecher. <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-administrator-1171835>

Well done Luke... In the summer term, year 3 were set homework to design a garden that would be great for pollinators. It was linked to a competition that BBC Radio 2 were running called the Big Bee Challenge and they wanted children to include flowers, plants, bee hotels, water stations and places for people to sit as the winning garden would be built next to a NHS Hospital Trust in Doncaster. This week we heard that out of 13,000 children, Luke was chosen as one of the 20 finalists! You can see the top 20 designs [here](#). We are all really proud of Luke and I wanted to share this picture of him with his certificate (large selection of prizes just out of shot!). Well done Luke!



Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots...being able to recall key number facts and times tables is so **important!** It makes it far quicker and easier for children to work out maths problems in their heads. It also frees up children's working memory when being introduced to new mathematical concepts which aids their understanding. We strongly encourage your children to go onto Times Tables Rock Stars & Numbots as often as possible to practice. Well done to those of you who have been logging on over the past few weeks, we are very impressed!

Menu changes... You may have heard recently that there is a national shortage of haulage and delivery drivers. Whilst the ingredients used in our kitchens is increasingly locally sourced, the disruption to deliveries may occasionally mean that the meal served differs slightly to that on the menu. The kitchen team will always do their best to offer a closely matched alternative, and all allergies and intolerances will of course still be taken into account.

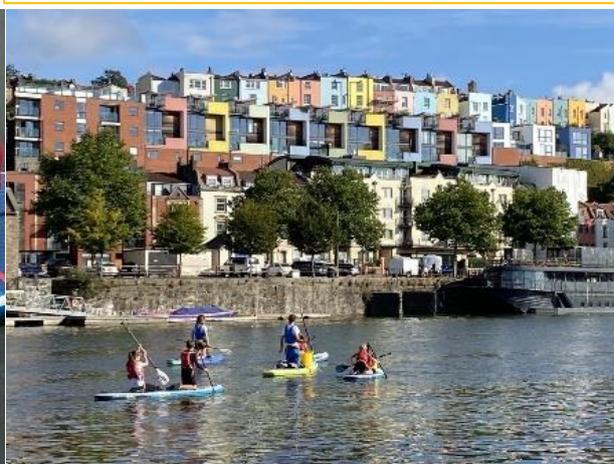
Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Google Classrooms...

Children will be sent home with their new login details for google classroom next week.

Upper Key Stage 2 - Paddleboarding

34 Upper Key Stage 2 children had a brilliant morning paddleboarding around the Bristol Docks. As well as learning how to stand up and manoeuvre a paddleboard the children carried out a litter pick on the water.



Confidential information...

Please note that the school office team will be updating each child's confidential information form on our school management system. As part of our annual process we will be sending the relevant forms for you to complete and return.

Year Group Updates

Nursery...

The children continue to be absolute super stars playing and developing friendships.

Reception...

Dear Reception Families,

It has been wonderful getting to know your children in small groups this week. We have been really impressed with the smooth start to the school year! Well done to our super Reception children!

Next week we would like for the children to be dropped off at the classroom doors so please try to say your goodbyes before they enter the classroom. The children will start each day by putting their things away and sitting on the carpet together. Please do not hesitate to talk to us if you have any worries.

Please see below our timings for next week:

Week commencing 20th September				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.45am - 1pm	8.45am - 1pm	8.45am - 1pm	8.45am - 3.30pm	8.45am - 3.30pm
Children stay for lunch and are picked up at 1pm.	Children stay for lunch and are picked up at 1pm.	Children stay for lunch and are picked up at 1pm.	Children have a full day at school.	Children have a full day at school.

Baseline Assessments

Your child's teacher will start to carry out the statutory baseline assessment. If you would like more information please visit: <https://www.nfer.ac.uk/for-schools/participate-in-research/information-about-the-reception-baseline-assessment/>

Year 1...

A brilliant week with loads of ARGHHHHHHH-ing. The children's costumes were arrrrrrggggghhhh-mazing PE kits

On the days the children have PE they can wear their PE kits to school and not change on site.

Year 5...

School camp

More information regarding school camp will be sent over the next few days.
We will be holding a parent meeting nearer to the time - Date TBC

The closing date for final payments is Friday 24th September 2021. If you require an extension to this date please contact the school office, Mrs Mathias or Mr Bowman to make a payment plan. If you do not contact the school this may result in your child being removed from the final residential list

Year 6...

The children continue to conduct themselves extremely well around the site being role models for the younger children.

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Secondary School places

Please note that the closing date for all Secondary School applications is Friday 22nd October 2021

Open evenings are taking place throughout September across the different schools.

You can through the Bristol City Council website through following this link: [Secondary admissions - bristol.gov.uk](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/secondary-admissions) or visit each secondary schools website for information on how to apply



Topic: PTA Term 1 Meeting

Date: 22nd September, 7 :30pm

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81324077894?pwd=WGFpR0RXU3I0TG5GNNGNOV0tBUXYxUT09>

Meeting ID: 813 2407 7894

Passcode: PTAz00m

Agenda

#	Item	Person
1	Review minutes from last meeting	TKK
2	Treasurers report	LN
3	Review Term 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant writing (library funding) • Tea Towels • Balloons/Kites 	TKK/IK CBC CTB/TKK
4	Terms 1 and 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 picnic – 25th September • Reception picnic – 18th September • Christmas cards • Christmas Trees and Crackers sale • Crackers for school Christmas dinner • Winter balloon race/hampers • Theatre/show 	TKK/EM/HB/Mithi
5	Other costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lantern Parade 	LN/CTB
6	Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TKK stepping down as Chair • CTB stepping down as Vice-Chair • Elspeth stepping down as secretary (would like to be Vice-Chair) 	ALL
7	AOB	ALL
8	Date of Next Meeting – PTA AGM Nov 2 nd -4 th or 9 th -11 th TBC	TKK