



Southville Primary School Newsletter



24th September 2021

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Happy Friday!

Covid Update... Whilst we have had a few more confirmed cases in school this week, the overall number of 'live' cases has fallen from last week. We wish the affected children and families well for a speedy recovery and are continuing to monitor the numbers daily. Thank you for your communication with us about suspected cases and confirmed cases – it is really useful to help us to plan ahead – and thank you for your ongoing vigilance regarding symptoms.

We have attached a quick 'what to do if...' guide that Bristol has produced for all parents to inform your decision making at home.

Communication with Parents... As you can imagine, we receive a lot of emails every day. It can sometimes take a bit of time to respond in the busyness of the day so if your question would suit a quick chat with the teacher, please catch them at drop off or pick up time for a face to face chat. It will help us out and also get you an immediate response so it's win-win!

Baby News... Great news – Miss Watts has welcomed baby Archie into the world. He arrived a little earlier than expected but mum and baby are doing really well. I know you will join me in sending them all lots of love and congratulations.

Meet the Teacher... We are very much looking forward to welcoming you in to meet your child's teacher next week. We are hoping to be able to go ahead in person as planned, however we will review this year group by year group based upon changes in covid cases and may offer this via Zoom instead. Unless you hear otherwise, presume the visits are in person, 3.45 to 4.15 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

Healthy snacks... A quick reminder that the snacks the children bring in for playtime must be healthy and not crisps, sweets or chocolate. Thank you for your help with this.

Myrtle Road traffic... Although Myrtle Road is officially open to vehicles throughout the day, for the safety of children and parents please can I urge you to avoid driving along it to drop off and pick up children? Creating an unofficial pedestrian zone will make it more pleasant and safe for all and, while the majority of families are already on foot, scooters or bikes, it would be great if we could make it a completely car free zone. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

Tag Rugby ...

A mixture of Year 5 and 6 children visited Broad Plain Rugby Football Ground on Monday to take part in a Tag Rugby tournament. This is one of the first cross school events, organised by Ashton Park School, that has happened in a very long time. All the children played brilliantly and all matches were extremely hard fought with all children progressing in their skill set from the first game to the last. We go again next Monday!! TEAM SOUTHVILLE!!

Reception Tours for September 2022...

Do you have a child who is starting school in September 2022?

Do you know anyone who is looking for a school place?

We have arranged a series of parent tours focussing on the Early Years.

The dates are below. Please contact the school office to book a place. We look forward to seeing you

Dates:

Thursday 14th October 2021: 09.15 - 11.00
Wednesday 20th October 2021 13.20 - 14.50
Tuesday 2nd November 2021: 09.15 - 11.00
Friday 12th November 2021 09.15 - 11.00
Wednesday 17th November 2021: 13.20 - 14.50
Tuesday 23rd November 2021: 09.15 - 11.00
Monday 29th November 2021: 09.15 - 11.00
Wednesday 5th January 2022: 09.15 - 11.00
Thursday 13th January 2022 13.20 - 14.50
Monday 17th January 2022: 09.15 - 11.00

Closing date for Reception applications is
Wednesday 19th January 2022

Year 6 transition meeting ...

On Wednesday 6th October at 4.15pm Carole Hooper from Bristol City Council school admissions team will be hosting a meeting all about transitioning to secondary school. The Zoom link will be sent at a later date.

Covid-19 update...

If your child is not in school because they are self-isolating but they are well enough to learn...class teachers in KS1 and KS2 will send a home-learning pack with tasks on Google Classroom. They will also post some additional lessons and activities which mirror those taking place in school as closely as possible.

Google Classroom Update (KS1 and KS2)...all old classes have been archived and brand-new ones created. You will be sent a code via Pupil Asset to join the class. The children will bring home their new username and password which they will need to login. Homework and other tasks will be set using this platform.

Year 1 parents... we understand many of you will be new to the platform so we will send you some extra guidance and information next week before sending out the codes, usernames, and passwords.

Bristol Harbour litter pick

There'll be pirates cleaning up the harbour tomorrow, Saturday 25th September from 11am until 4pm... why not go help the crew clean up littARRR and fish for hidden treasures. There'll be a remote control litter munching pirate ship and the pirates ARRR looking for kids of all ages and sizes to take remote control and drive the ship... ARRR you the next Captain Jack Sparrow? Get yerself and yer crew down to the Young Bristol activity centre (next to the Grain Barge at Mardyke Wharf ferry jetty) to give it a whirl! There'll be prizes for anyone in pirate fancy dress and for those who dare steer the good ship!



Year Group Updates

Nursery... We are so proud of the wonderful children in Seahorse class this week; most having their first week of whole days with us. They have arrived with beaming smiles ready for a day of fun, exploring, stories, songs and interesting chats. What super stars!

Reception... We are pleased to say the children have continued to settle in well. We are impressed with their confidence to walk in on their own and how they are getting used to our everyday routines. Thank you for your support in helping us to achieve a smooth transition.

Next week is the children's first full week in school. The gate to the Reception outdoor area on Merrywood Road will open at 8.35am. The classroom doors will open at 8.45am. Please continue to say your goodbyes before the children enter the classroom and then exit through the gate on Milford Street. 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 about your child's transition into school.

Each week our children will be accessing resources from our continuous provision. Here are our specific focuses for next week:

<u>Area of Learning</u>	<u>Week beginning 27.09.21</u>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I understand how it feels to belong and that we are similar and different.
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Bucket Time' (Attention Circle Times) Philosophy Circle Time - Is the [class teddy] special?
Physical Development (PE)	Ring games
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus books - <u>Supertato</u> by Paul Linnet and Sue <u>HendraSuper Daisy</u> by Kes Gray Phonics - Phase 1 - <u>Environmental</u> Sounds Writing task - Mark making on our superhero belts Reading books to be sent home
Mathematics	Matching and sorting - The children will have opportunities to find and match objects that are the same or different. They will be learning that collections of objects can be sorted into sets based on attributes such as colour, <u>size</u> or shape.
Understanding the World	Gardening Club with Mrs Kerr - This week it is Starfish Class's turn.
Expressive Arts and Design	Making superhero power belts Music - learning simple songs

Reception continued...

Miss Holden

During teachers' out-of-class planning and preparation time, the lovely Miss Holden will be teaching in each class. On Monday mornings, she will teach in Jellyfish Class. On Tuesday mornings, she will teach in Octopus Class. She will also cover Miss Trimnell's leadership and planning time throughout the week in Starfish class.

Reading books

Next week we will send your child home with a book and a reading record. Each week your child will receive a new book. Octopus Class and Starfish Class will change books every Monday. Jellyfish will change their books every Wednesday. **Please bring in the book and reading record every day.** Happy reading everyone!

Special photos

As part of our 'Superhero Me' topic this term, we will be exploring what makes us special. We are requesting that the children bring in a special photo from home to talk about in our Circle Time, such as a photo of a special time or of your family. **Please bring in photos by Friday 1st October.** If you need us to print one out, please send the photo to the office via email FAO the class teacher. Many thanks in advance for this! Merrywood.SouthvilleP@bristol-schools.uk

Reception termly newsletter and curriculum map

Each term we produce a Reception Newsletter and a Curriculum Map for parents/ carers with some more information on our topic. Please look out for these attachments in your emails, they will be going out soon. Weekly communication will be found in this whole-school newsletter. Apologies for the lengthy one this week!

Best wishes,

The Reception Team

Year 5...

Year 5 have had another great week learning more about New York City, how to describe its location and its physical geography. On Friday afternoon we had an interesting Zoom talk with someone living in New York, who helped us compare life in the two cities. We had to be mindful of the time difference when we made the call!

We have also begun our whole-class wind band lessons with an introduction to the instruments involved, and can't wait to get started on the instruments next week.

Year 6...

We are all looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday for our 'meet the teacher' event. Please can you attend the class that your child is registered for Pelicans, Penguins or Pelicans. Many thanks.

Year 1 Welcome Picnic

Date: Saturday 25th September, 2-4pm

Venue: Merrywood site front playground

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

PTA Donations

Thanks to our new governor Tom Knighton and his employer KPMG for their donation of £150 to the PTA.

QR Code to get you to [donatemy-school](https://donatemy-school.com) website. Gift aid can now be claimed. One-off or regular donations can easily be setup.



Class representative

We still need a class rep for Lemur.

PTA AGM Thursday 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 closer to the date)

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 next 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 (stepping down)
- Current Vice-Chair – Charlotte Todd-Brady (stepping down)
- Current Treasurer – Liz Newton

· Current Secretary – Elspeth Steel (stepping down, would like to become Vice Chair)

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

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.

Minutes of PTA meetings

The minutes from our previous two meetings are attached.

Contact: Southville.primary.pta@gmail.com

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