



Southville Primary School Newsletter



1st October 2021

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Happy Friday!

School Values... On Monday in assembly we started to think about some of the things that happen at Southville and what these events tell us about our school. It was a way to initiate discussions in class about our school values and I have since begun to collate the insightful and thoughtful ideas the children came up with.

This is part of a bigger process at the end of which we will have defined our school values, hopefully capturing the school we are alongside reflecting the school we aspire to be. These values will become the drivers for key strategic decisions going forward so it is important they are pertinent and aspirational and I am keen to gain your input into this process. I will share more about how we will do that next week.

Coats... It's been wet this week! Really wet! Just a reminder that we want our children to be as free-range as possible and so it won't be very often we keep them in for wet play. Please can you make sure that your child has a waterproof coat in school every day so they can enjoy their playtime whatever the weather? Please also double check it is clearly named before sending it in. Thank you very much.

Meet the Teacher sessions... Teachers have been so positive about the chance to finally be in the same room as you this week and talk about your children and the year ahead. I hope you have found the sessions useful. Thank you for coming if you did – it has been great to have you back!

Monday Menu change... For this Monday only, we will be serving pasta bake on both sites.

Eco team... Finally, I just wanted to give Harry in year 4 a mention. At the start of the week he came to me with a desire to do something positive for our environment and he had a great plan to back it up. By Tuesday he had assembled a team of helpers and had sourced litter pickers and bin bags from Mr Thomas and by Wednesday not only was the litter pick schedule up and running but he'd even organised some planting!

We're now discussing longer term plans to set up a parallel team at Merrywood using the template that Harry and friends are developing. I love the proactivity – be the change you want to see! Well done Harry!

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

Children in Care and Previously Looked After Children... I have recently become the Designated Teacher for Children in Care and Looked after Children (Children previously looked after in England and Wales but who left care through an Adoption Order, a Special Guardianship Order, a Child Arrangements Order). Please contact me if you think your family falls under this category and we are not aware sencosouthvillep@bristol-schools.uk

We recognise the need to become a more adoption-friendly school and would like to invite you to join us on this journey. We are really keen to get this right for this group of children and their families. We would like to invite you to come and meet each other at a coffee morning on Thursday 21st October at 9.15 Merrywood.

Another date for your diary, Wednesday 3rd November 9.15 at Myrtle. This is a meeting to start to put together our offer, to listen to you and understand what support you and your children need from us.

Any questions please contact me Catherine Moody or Paula Mathias through the school office

Parent Consultation evenings – diary date

Monday 8 th November	Tuesday 9 th November	Wednesday 10 th November	Thursday 11 th November
EYFS (Nursery and Reception classes)	Key stage 2 (Years 3 – 6)	EYFS (Nursery and Reception classes)	Key stage 2 (Years 3 – 6)
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)		Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)	

During Covid we found that carrying out this process online over Googlemeet worked for the majority of our parent community. We will set this process in motion before the half term break to ensure a smooth transition after the half holiday. We will also arrange a time for you to look at your child's book.

The ZONES of Regulation®

The Zones of Regulation is a programme that the school introduced last year. It aims to help children notice the emotion they are feeling and then regulate themselves if they are feeling uncomfortable. For those of you interested in finding out more about the programme...

- [Click here](#) for an overview
- [Click here](#) to see the slides used by Ms. Charnock at the meeting that took place last year.

Google Classrooms...lots of you have already joined your new classes. If you haven't yet, you will need to use the link sent to you by your child's class teacher via Pupil Asset. Please inform your child's class teacher if you are having any issues.

School census day = School lunch menu change

On **Thursday 7th October 2021** the school will be changing the school menu to celebrate School Census Day. We would like as many children as possible to celebrate with a hot school meal as possible.

It will be Fish Finger Thursday!

Pupil Premium... Pupil Premium is an additional means-tested funding stream for schools which entitles children to free school meals and brings funding into school that we use to directly support them. As we continue to work through the impact of the pandemic, you may have found your circumstances have changed in which case receiving pupil premium funding for your child may be beneficial.

On Wednesday we emailed all parents a copy of the application form. If you think you may be eligible please return it to us asap and it will be processed in complete confidence. If you have any questions, please speak to Mr Bowman, Mr Potter or Mr Commander.

An exciting new environmental challenge and competition - 'The Zero-Wasters'

We are joining 'The Zero-Wasters' and taking part in the exciting Waste Nothing Schools challenge run by Bristol Waste. The challenge is to encourage children and their families to reduce waste and recycle more by completing five challenges within the home.

This challenge is a competition between schools within Bristol and our school is one of the lucky ones taking part. Our school could get a prize, so help us win by taking part and completing the challenge with your household at home and bringing it back to school.

Each child from Reception to Year 6 will be coming home with a Waste Nothing Schools booklet on Monday 4th October.

Please ensure completed booklets are back to the class teacher by Monday 18th October.

All you need to know is inside the booklet and additional help is on the Bristol Waste website! www.bristolwastecompany.co.uk/schools

The children will watch a short film introducing the challenge in school on Monday. If you would like to watch it with them beforehand the link is here. (It's 7 minutes long). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uVJQzW8Ozw4&t=8s>

Year Group Updates

Meet The Teacher info...

All of the information from the “Meet the Teacher” meetings can be found on your child’s year group page:

<https://www.southville.bristol.sch.uk/learning/curriculum-guide/year-groups/>

If you click on the year group and scroll down the bottom of the page, you can find links to all relevant sections (see example below for Year 6).

Please contact your child’s class teacher for further information not found on the class page.

USEFUL LINKS

- > [Year 6 Maths Overview](#)
- > [Term 1 MT Overview - Banksy's Bristol](#)
- > [Times Tables Rock Stars](#)
- > [Meet The Teacher 2021](#)

Google Classroom info...

To join your new Google Classroom, you must use the sign-up link sent by your child’s class teacher via Pupil Asset. You will then be asked to sign on using your child’s username and password. Homework and spellings will be uploaded on this platform. Please also encourage your children to practice their times tables on ‘Times Tables Rock Stars’.

Thank you!

Nursery...

All of Seahorse Class continue to be total superstars, as they continue to settle in, adjust to the new routines and start building new friendships.

We have started sharing your wonderful family photos and are displaying these in the classroom. Please do bring one in for your child to talk about and share, or just to admire.

Next week we look forward to exploring the story of 'Goldilocks and the three bears'.

Reception...

Dear Reception Families,

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 04.10.21</u>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● I can start to recognise and manage my feelings.
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 'Bucket Time' (Attention Circle Times)● Philosophy Circle Time - Is the family special?● Circle Time - sharing special photos
Physical Development (PE)	Ring games
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Focus book - <i>Hueys and the New Jumper</i> by Oliver Jeffers● Phonics - Phase 1● Writing task - My family booklet● 1:1 reading
Mathematics	Comparing amounts - We are learning to make comparisons between sets of objects to find out which has greater/ more than/ fewer/ less than.
Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Gardening Club with Mrs Kerr - This week it is Jellyfish Class's turn.● We are learning about similarities and differences between families. We will be reading <i>The Great Big Book of Families</i> by Mary Hoffman.
Expressive Arts and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Colour collage● Music - learning simple songs

Additional Information

Morning Drop Off and Pick Up Routine

Please can we remind parents and carers that we have a one way system in operation when dropping children off and picking them up. The gate on Merrywood Road is for parents and carers to enter the school grounds and the gate leading on to Milford Street is to exit the school grounds. Thank you for your support with this. Please can we also remind parents and carers to leave the school premises as quickly as possible to avoid congestion. We apologise for the delay in opening the exit gate on some occasions.

Year 2...

Reading books

Please can all children bring their reading records and books into school every day?

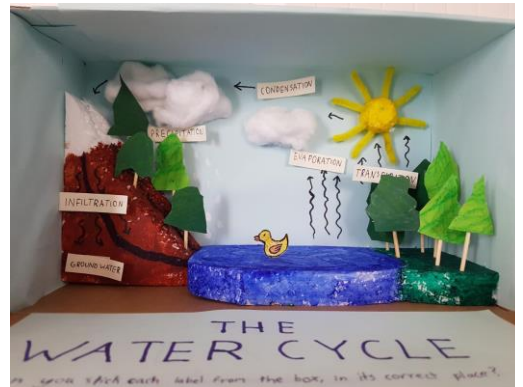
Year 3...

Time to dress up!!

As part of our 'Savage Stone Age' topic, children will have the opportunity to dress up on **Monday 18th October** for a fun filled topic day. Children can dress up as anything they wish, on the theme of the Stone Age. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

Year 4...

The weather this week has really helped our learning about the water cycle! Great timing! We were really impressed by this water cycle model by Zennor.



Year 5...

School camp meeting

Please be aware that this weekend you will be sent a zoom link to access our year 5 camp meeting on Monday (4th October). The meeting will start at 15:45.

Year 6...

Thank you to all those parents and carers who came to visit us at our year 6 meet the teacher meetings. It was lovely to meet you and answer your questions.

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