



# Southville Primary School Newsletter



8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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## Happy Friday!

**Covid Update...** With the reduction of new positive PCR results continuing, we were pleased to be able to return to the usual operation plan at Myrtle site on Monday of this week. We continue to appreciate your support by remaining vigilant regarding symptoms and by keeping us in the loop if you are waiting for a test result as it all helps us to continue to plan ahead. We will of course continue to let you know of any further cases and will introduce and ease measures as required.

**Arrangements regarding contact from Track and Trace...** The children do not need to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace because they are under 18 years. We would encourage all children to take a PCR test if advised to do so. They do not need to self-isolate if they do not have any symptoms whilst waiting for the PCR test result.

**Data collection...** Yesterday you should have received a data collection form which includes contact details, permissions related to local visits and the use of images. Please complete the form and return it to school by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October so we can make sure the information we have is up to date and accurate. It is particularly important we have three contacts so that we are always able to gain a response in the event of absence or emergency. Thank you for your help with this.

**Dogs on site...** Just a reminder that if you bring your dog on the school run, please ensure they stay outside of the school grounds at all times. Thank you.

**Meet The teacher Presentations...** In case you missed it last week, 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.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

**Parent Consultation evenings – diary date**

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>EYFS (Nursery and Reception classes)</b>	<b>Key stage 2 (Years 3 – 6)</b>	<b>EYFS (Nursery and Reception classes)</b>	<b>Key stage 2 (Years 3 – 6)</b>
<b>Key Stage 1 (Years 1 &amp; 2)</b>		<b>Key Stage 1 (Years 1 &amp; 2)</b>	

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.

**Harvest Festival**

Next week we will be celebrating Harvest Festival and encouraging reflection and appreciation for the things we have. This will start with an assembly on Monday on both sites.

Over the week, we will be collecting non-perishable food for our local and school foodbanks and adding them to our Harvest display in each hall. If you feel that you can donate then please send your child in to school with an item of either:

**dried foods/tins/packages of food**

As the food won't be distributed until at least Friday, non-perishable food would be best.

Many thanks.

**Forest School**

We are working extremely hard to be able to start our whole school approach to Forest school after half term. It will be fantastic to see the children in the forest again.

**Play**

We are about to embark on a whole school project looking at ‘Play’ This will look at play within our curriculum, at break times and lunch times and areas within which we can make changes and improvements.

We are aiming to involve our whole community in this exciting project as well as getting the children, through School council, to take full ownership of their playground space.

# Year Group Updates

## Nursery...

While the rest of Southville Primary School takes part in Bristol Waste's exciting school challenge 'Waste Nothing' (4th -22nd Oct); in Seahorse Class we are thinking about the recycling that we do and resources that we can reuse.

We are looking forward to building up collections of resources to be used in Seahorse Class for exciting play opportunities and are hoping you can help:

Please can you collect up your clean **milk bottle tops** and **corks** to bring into us.

We also love using natural materials as part of our learning in the classroom and outside. A lot of our investigations are based on seasonal themes, so would love to start collecting some more autumnal things: so, if you're out and about over the next few weeks, please could you look out for a few **conkers** and **pinecones** too?

Thank you!

## Reception...

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 11.10.21</u>
<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can talk about my aspirations.</li> </ul>
<b>Communication and Language</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Bucket Time' (Attention Circle Times)</li> <li>Philosophy Circle Time - Should all dinosaurs have blue spots?</li> <li>Circle Time - sharing special photos from home</li> </ul>
<b>Physical Development (PE)</b>	Parachute games
<b>Literacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus book - <i>What do grown-ups do all day?</i></li> <li>Phonics - Phase 1</li> <li>Writing task – Pencil grip</li> <li>1:1 reading</li> </ul>
<b>Mathematics</b>	Comparing size, mass and capacity - We will be comparing and describing the size, mass and capacity of everyday objects in the classroom.
<b>Understanding the World</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gardening Club with Mrs Kerr - This week it is Octopus Class's turn.</li> <li>We will be thinking and talking about people who help us to make good decisions.</li> </ul>
<b>Expressive Arts and Design</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Texture play</li> <li>Music - learning simple songs</li> </ul>
<b><u>Characteristic of Effective Learning focus</u></b>	Finding out and exploring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Showing curiosity about objects, events and people</li> </ul>

## **Reception continued...**

### Additional Information

#### Classroom cover

Please note that Miss Holden will be covering Jellyfish class on the morning of Friday 15th October for this week only.

Please ensure that children have at least one full change of clothes in their PE bags for accidents, including socks/tights and pants, so that staff can easily get them changed if they need to. If you have any items of clothing at home that belong to school, please ensure that these are returned so that we can replenish our stocks. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## **Year 3...**

This week's homework task is to research a famous scientist and prepare a 2-3 minute presentation on your chosen person, to share in class over the course of the week. Explain why their work is significant and why you admire them. We can't wait to see them!

Our Stone Age dress up day is also coming up on Monday 18th October.

## **Year 4...**

Another great week of learning in Y4--this week we've been reflecting on how our lives compare and contrast with those of other people in other countries, and how we all take water and sanitation for granted.

And on another 'watery' note: Y4 will be going swimming on Wednesdays during terms 2 and 3!

Have a fantastic weekend.

## **Year 5...**

### School camp

Please don't forget to return your medical / contact detail form for camp by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021. We need to ensure these are all processed before leaving on Wednesday. We've had many forms returned, but we are still waiting on a number. If you require a printed copy, you can find them at the Myrtle office.

Best wishes.

The Year 5 Team

### Explorer Dome

A reminder...that the deadline to pay the donation for the Explorer Dome is 15.10.21. Thank you

**Year 6...**

**School camp**

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The Year 6 Team



The poster features a festive winter scene with a blue sky, snowflakes, and a snow-covered ground. At the top, there are four Christmas ornaments: a large red one with a white snowflake, a green one with a white snowflake, a red one with white snowflakes, and another green one with a white snowflake. On the left, a circular logo for 'Friends of Southville Primary School PTA' is shown, featuring a group of children holding hands. Below the logo is a holly leaf and a gift box. The main title 'Christmas Tree and Cracker Sale' is written in a large, red, cursive font. To the right of the title is a green Christmas tree decorated with red ornaments and white lights, with several colorful gift boxes at its base. A list of activities is provided in green text, and the event details 'Merrywood Playground' and 'Sat 4th December 11am-3pm' are highlighted in a red box.

**Christmas Tree and Cracker Sale**

- Collect your pre-ordered Christmas Tree
- Purchase a glass of mulled wine\*
- Wave at your PTA Christmas Elves who will welcome you to your pre-booked Santa's Grotto experience!\*\*
- Collect your pre-ordered charity eco Christmas crackers

**Merrywood Playground**

**Sat 4th December  
11am-3pm**

For more information visit:  
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/southvilleprimarypta>



Where you can order your trees, stands, potted trees, eco-crackers and Santa's Grotto tickets.

**\*\*LIMITED NUMBERS AVAILABLE. BOOK ASAP!**

\*Mulled wine/Grotto subject to COVID restrictions.

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