



Southville Primary School Newsletter



15th October 2021

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Happy Friday!

Covid update... You will have probably seen in the news this week lots of discussion about people receiving a positive lateral flow test followed by a negative PCR test and many of you have expressed concerns about children and adults being in school but potentially infectious as a result of this. I understand these concerns and we have been trying to get clarity on this issue, which seemed to be fairly localised to the South West. The newsletter is slightly delayed today due to a last minute change to the message I was all set to share. The updated guidance is as follows:

- A private laboratory in Wolverhampton has been suspended following reports of people receiving negative PCR test results after they have tested positive using a lateral flow (rapid) testing device.
- NHS Test and Trace are investigating this issue, and testing has been suspended at this laboratory.
- NHS Test and Trace estimate that around 43,000 people may have been given incorrect negative PCR test results between 8 September and 12 October, mostly in the South West, including Bristol.
- NHS Test and Trace have today confirmed that they will be contacting people that could still be infectious to advise them to take another PCR test. Close contacts who have symptoms of COVID-19 will also be advised to take a test, in line with national guidance.
- **They remain confident that there are no technical issues with lateral flow (rapid) testing devices or PCR testing kits themselves, and it continues to be really important that people make use of them as normal.**

We are entering into cold season and we have received calls from several parents asking whether they should send their child in with cold-like symptoms. The bottom line is that provided the symptoms aren't as described above, the decision is entirely a parental one – if your child is not well enough to be in school please keep them at home until they improve. If you have covid-related concerns, please remember that lateral flow kits are a good early indicator and are available free of charge from pharmacies.

Thank you for your ongoing co-operation and patience with this. We'll keep working through it together!

Last day of term dressing up... Please see the PTA update for news of the end of term dressing up day. Please can I particularly draw your attention to the request that the children do not bring pretend weapons, wear face paints, fake blood, hair spray or nail varnish. Thank you.

Camp... On Wednesday morning we said bon voyage to our year 5 and 6 campers as they headed off to Abernant Lake Hotel in mid-Wales. As you may have seen on Twitter, after a good journey they got stuck straight into a range of activities and it has been all go ever since, even finding time for a disco yesterday evening. They will be arriving back later today (ETA 4.30-5ish) but this is traffic and emergency-toilet-stop dependent so we will update year 5 and 6 parents and carers if it is likely to be significantly later.

Twitter... If you haven't already, please do follow our new twitter account for photos and updates from across the school. We are going to use it more and more as a way of providing a window into the school and also to enable us to build relationships with local, city-wide and international partners so please do get involved if you haven't already. Our Twitter 'handle' (if that is a thing!) is @southville_prim, you can link directly to it by clicking on this link: https://twitter.com/southville_prim and the twitter feed can also be seen on the home page of the website too.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman



We are currently carrying out a large piece of work across the school to identify our Whole School Values. Once defined, these selected values will underpin everything we do at Southville Primary School. We have currently asked the staff, children and governors. In the near future we will be asking you as parents and carers to provide us with your views on the key values that you feel the school should be developing and promoting with your child/children. We are confident that working together we will establish a set of values that fully embrace how we want our children to be educated and to be characterised by.

Harvest donations: Many thanks to all families who have given so generously to our harvest table. We will now organise for your donations to be collected or delivered to local charities. Thank you!

Bristol Autism Support (BAS) is a registered charity providing information, support and training for parents and carers of autistic children in BS postcodes. We believe the need for our support is self-defining. Parents and carers do not need a diagnosis for their child in order to access our services.

We do still have an in-person meeting every week where parents/carers can come and get advice, support and meet new people just like them. Currently Wednesday 10-12 Quaker Meeting House in Wedmore Vale, Bedminster BS3 5HX.

<https://www.bristolautismsupport.org/>

Zero Waste competition

We need your help to win this competition:

Calling all Southville Primary Students who have completed all 5 Zero Waste Challenges! Bring your booklets back to your teachers on Monday 18th October. (We will give them back to you after we have counted them). We will let you know soon how our school has done compared to others in the city. Many thanks!

<https://bristolwastecompany.co.uk/household/schools-challenge/>

Term 2: Spanish Club!

Be ready to see the transformation in your child's knowledge and use of the Spanish language!

I am delighted to offer this club to introduce Spanish to our students at Southville Primary school.

Your child will learn the foundations of the language while having fun through games, songs and different activities in a friendly, social and flexible environment.

The sessions will be held immediately after school from 3.15 pm until 4.15 pm on our Myrtle site. The club will take place every Tuesday, from the 9th of November for 1 hour.

I am holding a FREE tester session on Tuesday the 2nd of November for 1 hour! For further information and to reserve your space, send an email to ana.asensimuno@bristol-schools.uk

Weekly fees (£5.50) will be payable Half Termly or Termly by bank transfer.

Reserve your place now!!

Mrs Asensi



Speech and Language Therapy

Drop in session

Speech and Language Therapy
Southville Primary



Date	Time	Location
Monday 18 th October	9.15-11.00	Merrywood site

- Informal drop in sessions for anyone with a child attending the school.
- Pop in to chat about your child's speech and language development.
- We can talk about any concerns and answer your questions
- We can also give you tips and ideas to support speech and language development.
- Free service to anyone with children at the school.

Leonie Vooght

Speech and Language Therapist

Bristol Virtual Coffee Morning

Wednesday 20th October 10 - 11.30am

**Will your child be starting school in
September 2022?**

This virtual coffee morning is aimed at parents of preschool children with additional needs who will be starting school in September 2022 onwards and who would like to find out more about how to choose a school, apply for a place and what to expect when a child starts school.

We will be joined by Sarah Swann Senior Early Years Portage and Inclusion Specialist from Bristol City Council.

Grab a cuppa, listen to a presentation, ask questions and meet with other parents and carers.

To book a space please visit:

bristolvirtualcoffeemorning.eventbrite.co.uk



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Year Group Updates

Nursery...

We have been enjoying the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' this week; exploring and building different houses for the pigs in the story.

Also, this week; Seahorse class is proud to have opened our very own vet's surgery. Children have been taking care of our various cuddly pets. We continue to focus on our play in Preschool and think about how we play alongside our friends.

Next week: we will be start looking for any signs of Autumn. If you would like to bring in any natural objects for us to investigate and play with (pine cones, leaves conkers etc) , that would be great!

Reception...

Dear Reception Families,

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

Area of Learning Week beginning 18.10.21

<u>Area of Learning</u>	<u>Week beginning 18.10.21</u>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Circle Time: I am good at....
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 'Bucket Time' (Attention Circle Times) ● Philosophy Circle Time - Is the colour blue for boys and the colour pink for girls? Discuss. ● Circle Time - Where does our food come from?
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parachute Games (PE) ● Using knives to chop vegetables using a correct grip.
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Focus book - The Enormous Turnip ● Phonics - Phase 2 phonics. Learning s,a,t,p ● Writing task - Holding a pencil correctly to draw patterns and shapes. ● 1:1 reading
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Making simple patterns ● Numberblocks episodes
Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gardening Club with Mrs Kerr - This week it will be the turn of Octopus Class. ● What are our 5 main senses? ● Harvest - Growing food and vegetables. ● Cooking - Making vegetable soup
Expressive Arts and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Printing with vegetables ● Music - learning simple songs
<u>Characteristic of Effective Learning focus</u>	Active Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Being Involved and Concentrating

Additional Information

Vegetable Soup

Next week, we will be making vegetable soup. If possible, please could you bring in one vegetable from the recipe on Monday to share with the class for this activity. Please see the recipe attached for ingredients that we intend to use.

Year 3...

Monday is our Year 3 Stone Age Day. Please: come in dressed up as something from The Stone Age times (if you'd like to)

Cooking

Bring in £1 and a paper bag or small tupperware as we will be making rock cakes. All monies will go towards the ingredients and any leftover money will go towards our Term 4 cooking

Year 5...

Google Classrooms

All our weekly homework, spelling lists and times tables are on Google Classrooms, similar to last year. We issued new sign-ons for the new classes back in September. Some Y5 children still haven't logged onto their classroom, or submitted any homework. Please could you try to get into your classroom before the end of term? If you are having issues, please contact us for help.

Explorer Dome

We are really sorry for the confusion around paying for Explorer Dome. We said that the deadline was today for payments but this has now been extended to 22nd October as we have become aware that the visit wasn't appearing on Pupil Asset. It should be there now and we would be really grateful if you could pay the contribution as soon as possible please. Thank you and apologies again.

Keeping Children Safe

If your child is not going home with the regular person for that day, please let us know in advance. In order to keep them safe we need this message to be from an adult please, not via your child. You can either email the school office, ring the school office, tell the teacher on the entry gate to the MUGA (who will have a notebook), or come into the MUGA and tell the class teacher directly.



HALLOWEEN

Dress Up or Dress Down Day



Southville Primary PTA welcomes you to dress up for Halloween, or dress down if it's not your thing!

**October
22nd**

**Last day
of term**

Bring a cash donation on the day or donate to our Paypal Pool:

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/southvillehalloween>

For everyone to enjoy this event, strictly no pretend weapons, face paints, hair spray, fake blood or nail varnish!

