



Southville Primary School Newsletter



22nd October 2021

@Southville_Prim

Happy Friday!

Camp Thanks... This time last week, our Year 5 and 6 campers were on their way back from Abernant in mid-Wales where they had enjoyed three days (and two nights!) of adventurous activities and (just as memorably) dozens of funny moments with their friends. They have come back full of stories and memories that they will have forever and with, quite rightly, a great deal of pride for all they have achieved. I would like to thank the team of staff who planned the trip and paused their own home lives to accompany the children. Their positivity, professionalism and real care for the children made me extremely proud and I would like to thank them all for their time, care and commitment.

Here are a few pics from the week in case you missed them on twitter:



Covid Update... As you will have seen via email, we have had a few positive covid cases confirmed this week so we have adjusted measures proportionately, cancelling 'in person' assemblies at Merrywood for this week. After the holiday, as we head into the colder weather, we will be creating a ventilation plan for every classroom as we work to balance the need for fresh air with the need for everyone to stay warm enough.

At this point I want to add another thank you as the additional pressure of covid has meant that our staff team has had to be continually flexible and resilient in order to avoid disruption to the children's learning. This has been co-ordinated magnificently by Mr Potter and Mr Commander and I would also like to thank you for your understanding and patience as we continue to negotiate these challenging times.

INSET day... please remember that Monday 1st November is an INSET day. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 2nd November.

Secondary School Applications... Just a reminder to our Year 6 parents that the deadline for [Secondary School applications](#) is 31st October 2021 – the second Sunday of half term.

Welcome to Mrs Jones... After the holiday we will be welcoming Leanne Jones to the office team as School Administrator. We are really excited Leanne is joining us and she will become a familiar face (or at least voice!) to you as she will be working across both sites to lead the admin team. Welcome Leanne!

Sporting Successes... Please see the sports reports on page 2 to celebrate some fantastic individual and team sporting performances this week. Well done to all of the children who took part for representing the school so brilliantly, and a huge thank you to Mr Goddard who dedicates so much time and enthusiasm to making these events happen.

Finally... I wanted to thank you for the warm welcome you have given me this term. I have loved being part of the Southville school community and alongside the settling in of staff and children, we have been cooking up lots of plans for this year and beyond, more details of which I will be able to share with you early next term. For now though, have a lovely holiday.

Andy Bowman

French online

Have fun at home practicing French on the computer. Southville School children currently have access to two language websites to practice their French at home with lots of games and stories.

www.lcclubsbabelzone.com

username: southvillep password: learn4life21

www.languagenut.com

username: kturvey password: bristol1219

Enjoy! Madame Turvey

Sport across the school...

Big week for sport in SVP, started off with the tag rugby league with a very respectful 5th place finish. Massive development & improvement in such a short space of time.

Yr6 football match victory against Luckwell Primary. Very gracious in a well deserved emphatic win.

Girl's football against Luckwell Primary. A fantastic performance with some real quality passing football being played in another emphatic win. A great time enjoyed by everyone involved.

We finished off the week with an incredible performance by the cross-country team. Ending up with 2 individual gold's, 1 silver and 1 bronze, plus many top 25 finishes (out of 80 individuals). As well as a team gold.

Super proud!



Twitter...not following us yet? Click here to keep up to date with some of the great learning happening across the school and maybe you could be our 104th follower! https://twitter.com/southville_prim



Free to a good home...A parent has kindly offered these items of bedding and curtains for free to anyone who can make use of it.

It is made up of a single duvet cover and pillow cases, 2 fitted sheet (unused, one single one toddler bed size) and a pair of tan curtains.

If you would like them, please contact Mrs Mathias.



Year Group Updates

Nursery...

We have enjoyed exploring Autumn and Halloween themed play this week and will continue with some more Autumn activities in Term 2. So, if you find any interesting natural objects from outside (conkers, leaves, pinecones etc) during the break, we would love to make use of them in Seahorse Class.

Our collection of bottle tops and corks is beginning to look good; any more would be gratefully received and enjoyed!

Please can we remind parents to provide a healthy snack for snack time: no chocolate, crisps, sweets etc.

We hope all you have a super week to rest, recharge and enjoy time with your families 😊

Reception...

Dear Reception Families,

What a fabulous first term! We are so pleased with how the children have settled in and it's been lovely getting to know you all.

Next term our topic is People Who Help Us. More information about our topic will be found on our termly curriculum map and termly newsletter. Please look out for this in your emails after the half-term break. Our focus for the first week back will be Autumn.

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

<u>Area of Learning</u>	<u>Week beginning 02.11.21</u> <u>Monday 1st is an Inset Day - no school for the children</u>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Settling in after the half-term
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circle time - sharing half term news 'Bucket Time' (Attention Circle Times) Philosophy Circle Time - Is magic real?
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bikes and scooters
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus book - <i>Spookily the Square Pumpkin</i> Phonics - Phase 2 - We are learning: i, n, m, d Writing task - Firework mark making using technology 1:1 reading
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2D shapes
Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gardening Club with Mrs Kerr - This week it will be the turn of Starfish Class Autumn discussion Halloween Toasting pumpkin seeds Diwali - Thursday 4th November Bonfire Night - Friday 5th November
Expressive Arts and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pumpkin design and exploration Firework pictures Rangoli patterns Music - learning spooky songs
<u>Characteristic of Effective Learning focus</u>	Finding out and exploring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showing curiosity about people, events and objects

Tuesday 2nd November

Starfish class have won all their magic marbles and have chosen to have a disco on the first day back!

If the children would like to bring a change of clothes for the disco then that would be lovely.



Reception continued...

Additional Information

Pumpkins

The first day back after half term will be Tuesday 2nd November. We would love to have donations of pumpkins on this day for the children to explore. We will toast the seeds too! Our focus book is Spookley the Square Pumpkin, all about a pumpkin who overcomes his fear of being different. All pumpkins are welcome - tiny ones, big ones, green ones, knobbly ones or just your regular orange and round ones! Many thanks in advance.

Bike and scooter session

In this first week back and for this week only, we would like the children to bring in their bikes or scooters from home for their PE lesson. We have some to borrow if they do not have one they can bring in. Here are the PE days for each class:

- Jellyfish - Tuesday
- Starfish - Thursday
- Octopus - Friday

PE Kit

From Term 2, we request the Reception children come in wearing their PE kit on their allocated PE day (as above). PE kit is black joggers or leggings, a white t-shirt, a red jumper and comfortable shoes. Daps/ plimsolls/ pumps/ light trainers - whichever you may call them! We will still need the spare change of clothes which can stay on the pegs.

Year 1...

Well done to all the Year 1s for a fantastic Term 1. We have been so impressed with the children and their learning.

Our topic next term is 'Bandages and Bravery'. We will be launching this topic, with a 'WOW Day' all about life in Victorian Times. On Tuesday 2nd November, it would be great if your child could come into school dressed in Victorian costume. (Please don't feel you have to buy a costume- see if you can make a costume from clothes you have at home.) In Victorian times, children had to bring in a penny to pay for their education, so maybe they could even bring in an 'imaginary' penny with them too!



PE days for next term (from week 2):

- Badgers: Tuesday and Wednesday
- Butterflies: Tuesday and Wednesday
- Bears: Monday and Tuesday

As we will be in fancy dress on Tuesday 2nd November, we will be swapping PE on the first week back from Tuesday to Thursday. **So during week one, PE will be on Thursday (not Tuesday) for all three classes.**

Google Classrooms:

Please can you make sure you have joined Google Classrooms as you will need it if you need to self isolate. Log on details were sent home in your child's reading record and an email was sent out to all parents containing information about Google Classrooms. If you need your child's log on details again, please let your class teacher know.

Year 2...

What a fantastic first term we have had in year 2! Next term's topic is: "Fire, Fire!" and will be about the great fire of London. Please can children bring in an apron or old t-shirt for painting activities next term, they can keep them in their drawers at school. Could children also bring in one toilet roll each, thank you.

Google Classroom

Please let us know if you can't access Google Classroom.

PE next term

During the first week back Year 2's PE day will change from Tuesday to Thursday as we are swapping with year 1 who have a hook day and will be in costumes on the first day back.

Flamingo class - Thursday and Friday (Tuesday and Friday week 1)

Fox class - Monday and Thursday (Monday and Tuesday week 1)

Falcon class - Tuesday and Thursday (Week 1 the same)

Thanks for your on-going support. Have a wonderful half term!

The year 2 team

Year 3...

Homework Presentations:

It is clear that the children put a lot of time and energy into researching facts about a scientist for their homework presentations. Many thanks for supporting them with this 😊

Term 2:

Nov. 1st of next term is an INSET Day. Our topic in term 2 will be To the Ends of the Earth where we will be starting off with a WOW Day. One of the activities will be a presentation by a scientist and researcher Liz Bagshaw who has been to Antarctica to conduct her research. She has been to our school before in previous years and is fascinating. The children do not need to dress up for this WOW day.

This week:

The children in Year 3 have had a FABULOUS Stone Age Day. Thank you so much for their AMAZING costumes! They really had fun making fruity rock cakes, as well as comparing a Stone Age diet to a modern day diet. They have also studied/drawn crystals with oil pastels and have learnt about the important Stone Age settlement at Skara Brae off Scotland.



Year 3 continued...

Spellings

Children will be bringing home their spelling books every Friday. Please review any tricky spellings and ensure the spelling book is in their bag to be collected in every Monday. There will be no spellings to learn for the first week back, but please take the time to review any spelling mistakes from term 1.

PE days – Term 2

There are some changes to the PE timetable next term.

- Heron Class - Monday and Wednesday
- Honeybee Class - Monday and Wednesday
- Hedgehog Class - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 6...

Year 6 have completed their first term. It has been a busy one and, thankfully, less disrupted than last year. The children have already become positive role models for the younger pupils within the school and they have started off their final year at Southville with enthusiasm and positivity. Well done year 6!

Have a well-deserved break and we will see you all at the start of next term.

The year 6 team.



Pass the Parcel is back!

Join us in making sure that everyone in BS3 has something special to open and enjoy this Christmas

Be a part of this BS3 Gift Donation Scheme and purchase a gift online or from some gorgeous local independent retailers.

All gifts purchased via the scheme will be wrapped and given to a suitable local individual or family to enjoy opening this Christmas.

Share a little Christmas sparkle with others this winter

www.actiongreaterbedminster.org.uk

Pass the Parcel is back!

Last year, Pass the Parcel shared over 400 gift bundles with vulnerable individuals, families and children across BS3. We know this year may be just as difficult, if not more so for some people, so our gift donation project is back!

Organised by members of Action Greater Bedminster, St Paul's Church and the BS3 Covid Response Group, this winter we are coming together once again, to reach as many of those in need as we can and to ensure they get a little something special this Christmas.

Pass the Parcel will be launching on Monday 1 November, when our Online Gift List will be released featuring items from some gorgeous local independent retailers.

The Gift List will feature suitable products and presents that are available to purchase from local retailers. Once purchased, we will ensure that your gift is given to the appropriate recipient to open at Christmas. You will be able to purchase gifts online and in store, and using our local resources means that all money spent goes back into our community.

So go on, share a little Christmas sparkle with others this winter.

From 1 November you'll be able to donate and find the Gift List on www.actiongreaterbedminster.org.uk



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DATE: 25th - 28th of October
LOCATION: Cotham School
TIME: 9.00am until 4.00pm
PRICE: £22.50 or £58.50 for 3 days
SCHOOL YEARS: Years 3-11

PTA News

Please join Southville Primary PTA Facebook page to keep up-to-date.

PTA AGM Wednesday 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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86336010593?pwd=cjRZdEplUIV5NzgvYzUvMTVCU3JJQT09> Meeting ID: 863 3601 0593 Passcode: AGMz00m

PTA Christmas Trees and Crackers Sale... Christmas Trees and Eco-friendly charity crackers now on sale:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/southvilleprimarypta> Collection will be on 4th December, 11am-3pm.

Santa's Grotto (pre-book via above link) and mulled wine will also be available on the day, subject to covid restrictions.



The poster features a festive design with a blue sky background, snowflakes, and various Christmas ornaments (red, green, and white). On the left, there is a circular logo for the 'Friends of Southville Primary School PTA' showing a group of children holding hands. Below the logo is a holly leaf. In the center, the text 'Christmas Tree and Cracker Sale' is written in a large, red, cursive font. To the right of the text is a green Christmas tree decorated with red ornaments and a star, with several wrapped gifts at its base. Below the tree, the text 'Merrywood Playground' is written in a large, green, bold font. A red box at the bottom right contains the date and time: 'Sat 4th December 11am-3pm'. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. The bottom of the poster includes contact information and a note about limited numbers.

- 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

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!**

Made with PosterMyWall.com

*Mulled wine/Grotto subject to COVID restrictions.

PTA Winter Virtual Balloon Race... After the success of our first Virtual Balloon Race last year, we have organised another one! Each balloon costs £2.50 and you can buy as many as you want. Please add the name you would like to appear on the balloon when ordering. You can then use this name to track the kites/balloon's progress. It can be a real or made up name. Please use a different name for each balloon (e.g. Tim, Tim1, Tim2, etc.). More details and kites/balloons are now available on PTA events. There are 14 different balloon designs to choose from.

On Sunday 5th December, at midday, all the balloons will be 'released' and left to fly around. Every hour each balloon will randomly travel between 1km and 20km. At the end of the race on Sunday 12th December, at midday, the kites/balloons which have travelled the farthest each win a prize! Once the race has started you can track your kites/balloons on our own race page - <https://www.balloonrace.com/southvillewinter21>

We will try to notify all winners as soon as possible after the race ends.

"Free entry by post" option: See above webpage for details



PTA Christmas Cards Project... It's (already) Christmas card time again! All the children's artwork will be couriered to Chameleon Create and will be scanned in over the half term holidays. Chameleon Create's online order shop will then be open from the 8th to the 15th of November.

You should receive a flyer with instructions and your child's order code this week. Please look out for them as they are easy to mistake as junk mail, and loose! We will remind the class teachers to get them out before the end of term. You will need the code on the flyer in order to order your cards and products.

If your child is not in when the flyer/letter are sent home, no worries - please ask your class teacher after half term as the shop doesn't open till the second week of next term.

Estimated despatch date for your products is 29th November – and will be sent directly to school.

Thank you, Mithila Shafiq (mum of Zennor, Y4 Kiwis), on behalf of the PTA

Father Christmas required for Santa's Grotto... Saturday 4th December, 11am-3pm. Can consider a job-share. Applicants must be of a jovial disposition and good with children. Uniform supplied, although can supply your own. If no Father Christmas can be found, Santa's Grotto will be cancelled. Applicants must be in by 5th November.

Contact: Southville.primary.pta@gmail.com