



# Southville Primary School Newsletter



5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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## Happy Friday!

**Southville School Values...** I just wanted to draw your attention to the information at the bottom of this page regarding our school values. This is an exciting process for us in school as we really analyse what it is that makes Southville Primary the place it is, and begin to imagine what it can become. The outcome of this process will be a set of values that we will then use to drive change and underpin our decision making. Crucially though, they will be at the forefront of our work with the children, shaping our assemblies, curriculum and ethos.

Your input to this is invaluable and today we are beginning the process of capturing your thoughts, starting with our Reception families. You will see a link at the bottom of this page. If you are a Reception parent, I would be really grateful if you could follow the link and complete the (very short) survey by the end of the day on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

We will reshare the link next week for the next collection group!

Thank you in advance - we cannot wait to read your thoughts.

**Parent governor election...** Please look out for a letter early next week regarding the parent governor election. We are delighted to have received two nominations and details about these candidates, along with how to vote, will be included in the letter.

**Parents evening...** Hopefully you have been able to book an appointment slot ahead of the parents evenings next week. If you are yet to do so, or have had difficulties with any part of the process, please drop us a line so we can sort it.

**Diwali...** Finally, on behalf of all of us in school I would like to wish a very happy Diwali to all of our families who are celebrating.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

**Whole school values...** We continue to build our whole school values as part of our ongoing commitment to the children. As part of this we would like to consult with each family. We will do this in stages to ensure we capture the breadth of opinion across the school community.

We would like to start with our Reception families and will then move up through the school with our consultation.

Reception parents, please follow this link to our survey...

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/32S6VFV>

Many thanks, Mr Potter

### OPAL play...

We continue to look at our playgrounds across both sites and would like your help in resourcing.

We are after good quality wooden pallets  
Are you cutting down any sizeable trees in your garden? We would love any tree trunks / logs.  
Please deliver any donated items to either site.

Many thanks  
Mr Potter

### House Captains...

We are super proud of all our Year 6 children who put themselves forward to be a House captain this year. The children had to write a speech that was then filmed. This will be shown to the whole school and a secret ballot will take place. All the children handled the un-nerving experience brilliantly.  
We will let you know in due course who are our new House captains for Greville, Merrywood, Milford and Stackpool.

### Mental Health and Well-being...

Wellbeing webinars

The Bristol educational psychology team have created 3 videos with psychologist Ross McIntosh to support parents and carers with their wellbeing.

View the videos on Youtube:

Self-care webinar - [SEND parents and carers wellbeing webinar: self care - YouTube](#)

Anxiety webinar - [SEND parents and carers wellbeing webinar: anxiety - YouTube](#)

Noticing webinar - [SEND parents and carers wellbeing webinar: noticing - YouTube](#)

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 Southville Primary School @southville\_prim · 3h  
Seahorse Class have been getting into the mood for some fireworks!



 Southville Primary School @southville\_prim · Nov 3  
Year 3 have been experimenting with colour mixing to create different tones of blue for their beautiful iceberg art work.



 Southville Primary School @southville\_prim · Nov 3  
The reception children have enjoyed carving pumpkins and scraping out the seeds. What fabulous faces!



 Southville Primary School @southville\_prim · Nov 2  
Year 1 are having a brilliant day as Victorians! They've sang the national anthem, tried some tricky handwriting using chalk, learnt about some of the terrifying classroom rules, played Victorian games and made their own toy! Thank you parents for the fab effort dressing up!



# Year Group Updates

## Reception...

Dear Families,

Thank you for your wonderful donations of pumpkins. The children have enjoyed investigating what is inside the pumpkins, comparing the different varieties of pumpkins and toasting and tasting the pumpkin seeds. We have also enjoyed riding bikes and scooters for our PE sessions.

This week we will begin our new topic called 'People who help us!' We will be focusing on the role of the dentist. Please speak to your class teacher if you can come into school and talk to the children about what it is like to be a dentist.

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 08.11.21</u>   |
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| <b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Houses and Homes</li><li>● Zones of Regulation</li></ul>   |
| <b>Communication and Language</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 'Bucket Time' (Attention Circle Times)</li><li>● Philosophy Circle Time - What is friendship?</li></ul>  |
| <b>Physical Development</b>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Cosmic Kids Yoga</li><li>● Learning a dance for the winter performance</li></ul>   |
| <b>Literacy</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Focus text - All About Healthy Teeth</li><li>● Phonics - Phase 2 - We are learning: <u>g, o, c, k</u></li><li>● Writing task - Writing signs and labels in their play</li><li>● 1:1 reading</li></ul>                              |
| <b>Mathematics</b>                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Representing 1,2,3</li><li>● <u>Numberblocks</u></li></ul>   |
| <b>Understanding the World</b>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Gardening Club with <u>Mrs Kerr</u> - This week it will be the turn of Octopus Class</li><li>● Forest School - Friday Starfish Class</li><li>● What makes us joyful, peaceful, wonder, reflective, <u>happy</u> and sad?</li></ul> |
| <b>Expressive Arts and Design</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Music - learning songs for the winter performance</li><li>● Leaf <u>Jewellery</u> at Forest School</li></ul>   |
| <b><u>Characteristic of Effective</u></b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Showing curiosity about people.</li></ul>  |

## **Reception continued...** Additional Information

### Forest School

We will be starting our forest school sessions next week. It will be the turn of Starfish class. Please can you let the Starfish teaching staff know if you can help with forest school on Friday 12th November.

### PE Kit

From Term 2, we request the Reception children come in wearing their PE kit on their allocated PE day. 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. Please see below for your child's PE day.

Jellyfish - Tuesday

Starfish - Thursday

Octopus - Friday

## **Year 2...** What a super start we've had to term 2 in year 2 this week!

The children have been busy considering bonfire night safety rules, writing firework poetry, creating firework paintings, and learning about The Great Fire of London. We enjoyed having our first Bristol Sport session this week, where we started practising balances in gymnastics.



We have parents' evenings' next Monday 8th and Wednesday 10th November via video meetings, if you haven't already, please sign up via Pupil Asset. Year 2 will also be heading off to forest school soon, starting with Flamingo class next Wednesday 10th November. If you would like to volunteer to help with any of the Flamingo visits, please email Ms. Charnock.

It is getting cold, so please ensure your child has a named coat in school.

### PE times:

Flamingo class - Thursday and Friday

Fox class - Monday and Thursday

Falcon class - Tuesday and Thursday

Thank you for your on-going support,

The year 2 team

## **Year 3...**

**Spellings and homework:** New spellings and homework will be sent home on Friday and are live on Google Classroom. Please make sure the homework is submitted through Google Classroom only. 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.

**Times table test:** Starting next week, every Friday we will be testing the children weekly on their times tables. Just like spellings and homework, there will be a weekly grid sent out with a specific times table to practise.

*Thank you, the Year 3 team*

## Year 4...

### Year 4: Swimming

Thank you so much to all the parents/carers who have offered to be a helper walking to and from the pool. Teachers have spoken to individual parents/carers and are organised for this term, but we are swimming next term too so we may be in touch if we haven't already.

The teachers at the pool made a quick assessment of the children's swimming ability/confidence this week, however we will ensure children are definitely in the right group next week when they start the full taught sessions.

Regarding kit: swimming trunks/shorts must not be below the knee and girls must wear a one-piece outfit rather than two-piece. Rash vests are permitted by the pool too. Long hair needs to be tied back using a hairband, and no jewellery is permitted.

Please give your child a healthy snack to eat on the way back if they/you want to -- swimming can make you very hungry!

### Term 2 -- Y4 -- PE days

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| <u>Kangaroo</u><br>Tues--outdoor PE<br>Weds--Swimming | <u>Kiwi</u><br>Weds-Swimming<br>Thurs--outdoor PE | <u>Koala</u><br>Weds--Swimming<br>Fri--outdoor PE |
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Many thanks,  
The Year 4 team

## Year 5...

Year five have enjoyed settling back into school and starting our new space topic. We can't wait for our visit from the Explorer Dome on Monday.

Homework and spellings for the term have been given out today and are also available on Google Classroom.

## Year 6...

### 'Mysterious Maya' curriculum

The children have been introduced to the 'Mysterious Maya' and this week we have been looking at the physical and human geography of this civilisation.

### Information letter

Please remember to read this term's information letter that contains information on PE days for each group and other information on what the children will be learning this term.



## Could you make a difference to families in Bristol and South Gloucestershire?

Our volunteers support families with at least one child under 5 who are going through tough times. We are now recruiting for our next training course starting on Thurs 20th Jan 2022 for 4 weeks, 9.30 - 3.30 at Windmill City Farm.

Contact us today to find out more

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**01179501170**

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## PTA News

### **PTA Christmas Cards Project**

The sale will open on Monday 8th for one week.

### **PTA committee...**

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM yesterday evening. The following roles were nominated, seconded and approved unanimously!

Chair – Helen Beach

Vice-Chair – Elspeth Steel

Treasurer – Liz Newton

Secretaries – Alex Leigh & Emma McCormack

### **Next PTA meeting...**

Wednesday 12th January, 7:30pm

Details will be circulated closer to the date.

Contact: [Southville.primary.pta@gmail.com](mailto:Southville.primary.pta@gmail.com)

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