



Southville Primary School Newsletter



26th November 2021



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Happy Friday!

Festive chicken opportunity... It's not a common headline I grant you, but over the Christmas holidays, although the school will be quiet, our lovely chickens at Merrywood will still need looking after. We would like to give a family (or it could be shared) the opportunity to come in and check on the chickens, topping up their food and collecting eggs between Saturday 19th and Tuesday 4th January. If you are interested, please contact Dave Thomas who will provide full instructions.

Extension to parent governor vote... Yesterday a parent contacted us to make us aware that due to a technical hitch the parent governor vote had closed early. To ensure everyone who wants to vote can do so, we have extended the deadline until Monday at 7pm. The electronic ballot paper can be found here: <https://forms.gle/Rxnfn1SJRUJJEsfD8>

Winter performance covid measures... The stage is up at Merrywood, and Little Donkey has been heard drifting down the corridors at Myrtle (the song, not the actual animal) which means it's nearly performance time. For those of you planning on attending one of the indoor performances (Nursery/ reception, Year 1 and Year 3/4), I wanted to make you aware of the following measures that we will be putting in place to ensure the performances can go ahead as safely as possible.

- We will be strictly limiting entry to two adults per child. Please only attend if you have a ticket
- Younger siblings can come along but they must stay on an adult's lap throughout
- All adults, unless exempt, are asked to wear a face covering
- We will keep the hall well ventilated throughout
- It will be seating only. Unlike previous years, we will not be able to let you stand around the edges to watch
- If you have a raised temperature, continuous cough or change to your smell or taste please do not attend
- Even without symptoms, if you are able to take a lateral flow test prior to coming to be certain you are negative, that would be greatly appreciated

We will continue to monitor the number of confirmed covid cases in school and, although it is not a decision we would take lightly, may have to make changes to, or even cancel, performances if we feel the risk of bringing everyone together is too great. However, we are really hoping we will be able to go ahead as planned with the above measures in place.

Children in Need... Thank you to everyone who threw cash into one of our collection buckets last Friday. Thanks to your generosity we raised a brilliant £249.84 for Children in Need!

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

Whole school values

Many thanks to all parents and carers who completed the whole school values questionnaire. The top results are below for each year group

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Acceptance Caring Community Happiness Kindness Learning Personal best Resilience Respect	Caring Community Confidence Creativity Diversity Empathy Resilience	Caring Confidence Creativity Diversity Kindness Personal best Resilience	Caring Community Confidence Creativity Kindness Personal Best Responsibility	Acceptance Caring Confidence Diversity Happiness Individuality Perseverance Personal best Resilience	Acceptance Confidence Resilience	Achievement Cooperation Resilience Respect

We will now include this information within our whole school review.

We are developing some great ideas building about how to communicate our values in the future!!

Online safety

It has become evident through conversations in the playground and a recent piece of written work in year 5, that some children are accessing and watching tv / online content that is inappropriate for their age range. Content mostly being discussed is Squid Game and the Battlefield series of games. This content should not be accessed by children under the age of 15 / 18 yrs of age. Please be vigilant.

Snack and drinks

Please can we remind all parents and carers that only healthy snacks should be eaten during morning playtime. We have recently seen a rise in children eating crisps and chocolate bars at playtime. Please can you ensure that a healthy snack is packed. We would also like to remind you that only water should go in water bottles within the classroom.

OPAL play

We continue to review our playground provision. We would love to hear from you if you, or your company have anything you would like to donate to our playground project. We are also looking in to potential sponsorship options for equipment. Please email the school office and I will contact you directly. Many thanks Mr Potter

Reading Diaries – Thursday DEAR time!

Please can you encourage your child to write in their reading diaries when they are reading at home. If your child is in KS2, it is very important they bring their reading book and diary in every Thursday as children in every class will have 'DEAR (Drop Everything and Read)' time between 8.55-9.30, when staff will be checking reading choices and listening to individual children read. This is **on top** of all of the reading teaching that currently takes place during the week! We will be sending out guidance about how to help your child with their reading at home in the coming weeks.

School Uniform

During assembly this week, we reminded children about wearing full school uniform to school every day, including appropriate PE kit. We have been very impressed with their response – the children were looking very smart in today's "Star" assembly.

Thank you for your support with this!

Christmas/Winter food parcel

I can't believe we only have three weeks left until the end of term. Three weeks to put together our winter parcels. With your help we can make the parcels a very special gift for families who need them.

What do we need?

As you can see last year, the parcels not only contained store cupboard items but some tasty holiday treats. Such as:

- Mince pies,
- Special biscuits,
- Cakes,
- Hot chocolate snowmen,
- Chocolates,
- Crackers
- Fresh veg (which will be purchased on parcel delivery day)

You can take your donations to either office.



School Christmas lunch

Please pre-order your child's school Christmas lunch using <https://forms.gle/7bEbrx18ZaCGXMEj9>

Ho ho ho!!!



Year Group Updates

Nursery...

Our Seahorse Class children have been excited about celebrating birthdays and parties; so, this week we have been investigating party food making and invitation writing and drawing. It's been lots of fun!

If anyone in your family has a birthday, and you'd like to find another way to recycle your greeting cards, we would love to use them for cutting, sticking and sorting (just the front of the card with picture, rather than message part inside). Thank you!

Our Early Years **Winter performance** is approaching (7th and 8th December), so please could you bring in your child's **snowflake outfit by Monday 6th**, at the latest. They need to have a white outfit, e.g. white tights/ leggings and a white T-shirt. Please could you bring it into school in a bag labelled with your child's name.

Finally, a reminder that as the weather has turned rather cold, please make sure your child has gloves and hat as well as warm coat, so we can enjoy our time playing outside.

Many Thanks!

Reception...

Dear Families,

This week our focus is jobs from the great outdoors! Our key person this week is Greta Thunberg and we will be reading her book from the 'Little People, Big Dreams' series.

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 22.11.21</u>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making Friends • Zones of Regulation
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophy Questions: Should we share everything with our friends?
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cosmic Kids Yoga: Popcorn the Dolphin • Learning a dance for the winter performance • Experimental Food Cookery (Starfish Class)
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus text - 'Little Big, People Dreams - Greta Thunberg' • Phonics - Phase 2 - We will be learning ff, ll, ss, j • Writing task - writing about jobs from the great outdoors. • 1:1 reading
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using numbers 6 - 10 • Numberblocks
Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers • Forest School - Friday 3rd December Starfish Class. Theme: Treasure Hunts.
Expressive Arts and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music - learning songs for the winter performance • Winter craft - Salt Dough Decorations
<u>Characteristic of Effective Learning focus</u>	Playing and Exploring: Do they give up at the first hurdle or do they keep trying?

Reception continued...

Additional Information

Jobs

If you are able to come in and talk to your child's class about your job we would love to hear from you! Please speak to your class teacher to arrange a time.

Year 1...

Winter performance costumes

As we will be ensuring the hall will be well ventilated for the performances of the Year 1 Winter performance, please ensure you wrap up warm to watch the show and add an extra layer or two to your child's costume. e.g. vest/leggings/thermals to go underneath. Many thanks!

P.E days

A reminder that on class P.E days the children must wear P.E kit please. The P.E school uniform is black leggings/joggers, a white t shirt (or house colour) and a red hoody/jumper/cardigan. The Year 1s this term are doing gymnastics in the hall so it is essential for the children to wear only socks to school and not tights to ensure they are able to take them off easily and put them back on please.

Our PE days for Term 2 are:-

Badger - Tuesday and Wednesday

Butterfly - Tuesday and Wednesday

Bear - Monday and Tuesday

Winter crafts

Please could all Year 1 children bring in small jar ready for Tuesday December 14th for one of our winter craft activities.

If your child is late to school:

Please accompany your child in through the main school gate and take them in to the main school office where they will be signed in.

Year 2...

We have had a fantastic week familiarising ourselves with coins in maths and designing 1666 houses in Immersive.

PE

Just a reminder that PE days this term are:

- Fox: Monday and Thursday
- Falcon: Tuesday and Thursday
- Flamingo: Thursday and Friday

Forest School

Falcon are looking forward to starting forest school on Wednesday the 1st !

Year 3...

Thank you to all those who have brought in some lights for the lantern parade. A reminder to bring in any lights (named) by Friday 3rd December if you can. These will be returned to you after the parade. If you require any more information about this, please see the letter sent out 12th November, or ask your class teacher for a copy.

Year 4...

Year 4 Koala and Kangaroo Classes will be going to Bristol Museum for their Ancient Egypt workshops next Thursday! If you have yet to do so, please return your forms and payments as soon as you can so that we are able to go ahead with this fabulous opportunity for the children to explore the amazing Ancient Egyptian artefacts that they have there! The office staff at Myrtle Street are compiling a list of parents/carers who have offered to help out on the day, and we will let you know about timings etc early next week. Essentially though, we will be leaving not long after 9am and will be back at school before 3pm.

Kiwi class will be going on their trip on 14th Dec
Many thanks, the Year 4 team.

Year 5...

Year 5 have been working hard this week, writing newspaper reports about some new planets which have been discovered in other galaxies!

PE

Please ensure your child comes to school on PE days wearing correct PE kit (No football shirts) and appropriate trainers for use on the MUGA. We have found that boots and daps don't give any grip and they are too slippery outside, so they can easily fall over. They also don't give the children enough foot support when they are running and jumping. Where we feel health and safety is compromised for the children due to inappropriate footwear we will ask the children to remain out of the session.

Year 6...

Could we please give a gentle reminder that all children should have their school library book and reading record with them every Thursday. This is part of our whole school 'DEAR (Drop Everything and Read)' school initiative.

During the last week of term, Year 6 will be designing and creating bags. Further information to follow via email.

Many thanks,
Year 6 team



PTA News

One week to go until we host our Christmas Tree and Eco-crackers event. Thank you to everyone who has placed orders, we look forward to seeing you at Merrywood site on the 4th December between 11am and 3pm. Mulled wine will be available to purchase during the day.

Orders for the eco-crackers crackers can still be placed, remember these are made from recycled materials, are recyclable and come with a tree decoration, joke and a party hat. A proportion of their cost is donated to The Trussell Trust, a charity supporting a nationwide network of food banks. Orders can be placed via PTA Events:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/southvilleprimarypta>

There are a few Santa's grotto tickets still available, order quickly as **final sales close 30th November**.

Winter Balloon Race:

Huge thank you to our whole parent community for your donations for the class hampers. Drum roll please! The prizes are:

WINNER POSITION	HAMPER	PRIZE	CLASS
1st	Voucher	Everyman Cinema voucher	PUFFINS
2nd	Donation & Voucher	£60 Southville Deli Voucher & £25 to the SVP Foodbank Xmas food parcels	BADGERS
3rd	Hamper	Festive-tipple-themed hamper	PENGUINS
4th	Voucher	£100 <u>Toville</u> Voucher	FALCON
5th	Voucher	£70 <u>Freedon</u> voucher	HERONS
6th	Voucher	We the curious voucher	FLAMINGO
7th	Prize & Vouchers	£40 Bump roller disco voucher, £40 <u>Mon Pote</u> Voucher & The Spicery "How to be a Curry Legend Cookbook	BEAR
8th	Voucher	£100 total of Salt & Malt and <u>Olivers</u> vouchers	FOX
9th	Prize & Vouchers	£35 IDC voucher, £25 <u>Storysmith</u> voucher and Christmas Cheer goodies	LIONS
10th	Prize & Vouchers	£40 voucher for Frankly, £25 voucher for <u>Bookhaus</u> and £25 for Bush Bristol. <u>Plus</u> some treats from Oliver's.	KANGAROOS
11th	Prize & Vouchers	Bubbles, <u>incense</u> and vouchers for Zara, <u>Storysmith</u> , <u>Toville</u> and <u>Mon Pote</u>	JELLYFISH
12th	Voucher	£70 Good Sixty Voucher	KOALAS

13th	Voucher	£50 Hugoboss voucher and £40 Salt & Malt voucher	HONEY BEES
14th	Voucher	£156 Mendip Activity Centre voucher	LEOPARDS
15th	Hamper	Save our Starfish Hamper	STARFISH
16th	Donation & Voucher	£100 Bristol Lido voucher and £30 donation to Caring in Bristol Homeless Charity	OCTOPUS
17th	Voucher	Box-E Voucher & Tovville Voucher	KIWIS
18th	Prize & Vouchers	£25 Tovville voucher, £25 Bristol Loaf voucher, chocolate bauble & 2 chocolate lollies from Zara's	BUTTERFLIES
19th	Voucher	Unfest Voucher	PELICANS
yfish20th	Hamper	Green Fingers/Gardening worth £99.50 (see photo)	HEDGEHOGS
21st	Prize & Vouchers	£16 Corks bottle of wine, £10 Zara box of chocolates, £20 mon pote voucher & £20 Tovville voucher	SEAHORSES
22nd	Prize & Vouchers	Story Smith Voucher and prize TBC.	LEMURS

Starfish



Lions



Hedgehogs



Jellyfish



Order your balloons now to be in with a chance of winning:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/southvilleprimarypta>

Ticket sales close on the 30th November!

Volunteers:

New Library- in preparation for its opening next year, the school has asked the PTA for help to carry out a stock take of the current books at Myrtle site. The first stock take has taken place today, however we will need help on the 3rd December. If have some spare time and would like to help, it would be very gratefully received! Please email me at southvilleprimarypta@gmail.com.

Christmas Theatre Trips – Volunteers are needed for every class to help walk the children from school to the theatre and back again, after the performances. If you would like to volunteer to help walk with your child's class, please email southvilleprimarypta@gmail.com with your name, number, and child class.

**Next PTA meeting –
Wednesday 12th January 2022
Location: Myrtle Site
Time: 7:30pm**

Community News



Community

BS3 Toddlers

Weekly bookable playgroup with sessions suitable for all ages.

* term time only



Weekly playgroup with sessions suitable for all ages.

Guarantee your space by pre-booking.
Walk-ins welcome subject to space.

A range of fun activities including
crafts, singing and sensory play.

Wednesday mornings 9-10.30am*
Southville Centre, Beaulay Road, BS3 1QG.

Taster session £2.50. Further sessions £3.50 for one adult and child.
50p for each additional child. Refreshments included.

To book your session please email info@bs3community.org.uk

All welcome.

BS3 Community Development. The Southville Centre,
Beaulay Road, Bristol BS3 1QG. 0117 9231039 info@bs3community.org.uk



Community

Toddlers and Grandparents

TAG is a weekly drop-in playgroup with sessions suitable for children aged 1+ accompanied by a grandparent.

* term time only



A range of fun activities including
crafts, singing, sensory play and story time.

FREE to attend. Refreshments included
Suggested refreshment donation of £3.

Wednesday mornings 10.45 am – 12 noon.*
Southville Centre, Beaulay Road, BS3 1QG.

No need to book, just drop in.

All welcome.

BS3 Community Development. The Southville Centre,
Beaulay Road, Bristol BS3 1QG. 0117 9231039 info@bs3community.org.uk

Local charity **Bristol After Stroke** is looking to recruit some volunteers for a weekly stroke support group which is returning Face to Face from January. The group takes place in Bs3 at St Monica Wills house (West street) on a Thursday morning. Volunteers will help with the activities that are run as well as provide encouragement and empathy to group members which will support them with their rehabilitation. For more information please can you contact Lucy.Stockall@Bristolafterstroke.org.uk / 07485302868 (Lucy is a parent to 2 children at Southville Primary) or visit <https://www.bristolafterstroke.org.uk/pages/32-volunteer-at-bristol-after-stroke>

FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE YEAR
9 - YEAR 13

RISE YOUTH DANCE AUDITIONS

Saturday 11th December 2021

email echivers.riseyd@gmail.com to book your place

Holiday Activities December 2021

Activity	Time & Price	Age
Monday 20th December		
Escape Zone	Full Day (£17)	4-14
Tuesday 21st December		
Escape Zone	Full Day (£17)	4-14
Wednesday 22nd December		
Escape Zone	Full Day (£17)	4-14
Thursday 23rd December		
Christmas Party 🎉	Full Day (£20)	4-14
Friday 24th December		
Escape Zone	8.30am—12.30pm (£8.50)	4-14



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Childcare Voucher Payments are accepted.

All Childcare Voucher Bookings need to be made and enquired via email.

We cannot accept Voucher Bookings through our School Hire website.

All bookings MUST be made online via:

<https://ashtonparksports.schoolactivity.co.uk/>



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Times:

Full Day = 8:30am-4:00pm

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