



Southville Primary School Newsletter



14th January 2022

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Happy Friday!

It's been a great first full week in school with forest school, sunshine, crisp mornings and the children settling into a productive routine of learning and play.

Streamlining Covic Communication... As we settle in to the Spring term and with it the next chapter of covid management, I want to make sure our communication with you is as helpful but concise as possible.

So, on every newsletter there will be four standing items at the end of page 2 which will be updated every week. As you will see these are:

- the number of 'live' confirmed covid cases in each year group
- a summary of the current guidance around testing and isolation periods
- a link to the full guidance.
- confirmation of the stage of covid response that we are operating at in school*

*This links to the document that is on page 3 of the newsletter this week and from Monday will also be on the website. It outlines the preventative measures we have in place in school and how these will change should the number of cases increase or decrease.

I am hoping that this will provide you with the information you need without us having to routinely use this space or separate letters to keep you informed.

Stackpool Road... At drop-off and pick-up time, the Merrywood gate off Stackpool Road is unavoidably busy. To ensure it remains as safe as possible for everyone, please can I ask you to move away from the area immediately next to the gate as swiftly as possible once you have dropped off or collected your child because the congestion can on occasions force children and parents to have to step out into the road. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

Pre-school Open Evening... Just a reminder that we are holding open evenings for anyone looking for a Nursery place on Tuesday 8th February and Thursday 10th February, both 4.30-5.30pm.

If you, or anyone you know would like to come along to one of the meetings, please book your place by calling the school office on 0117 377 2671 or emailing the Merrywood email address.

Looking for a school place?

Southville Primary School is a happy, caring and ambitious primary school in the heart of the community where we learn, play and grow together.



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Call us on 01173 772671 to book a visit and begin your Southville story!

Key Stage 2 Sports kit... If your child or older sibling has represented the school in a sporting activity in recent years (!!) please can you look through drawer units at home to see if any of our school sports kit is lurking somewhere. If you have, please can you deliver it back to school. We seem to be missing a number of purple items.

Thank you

Medical appointments...

Please can we remind all parents and carers that the office team need proof of medical appointments before they will send for the children. Ideally this will be sent before the day. Thank you for your help with this.

Free Courses for Parents:

1. **Positive Parenting (Triple P):** online (zoom), evening or daytime courses, starts 19th and 21st January. 8 groups sessions, 2 1:1 sessions. Find out more here: <https://wider-world.org.uk/parent-support>. Sign up using the following link: <https://forms.gle/G9BXYT4LThnmaUz66>
2. **Boost** – confidence-building family learning: delivered in your school. Parents and children learn together, side-by-side. We are looking for a partner school to deliver this 6-week course which looks at building resilience, setting goals, overcoming barriers, solving problems and working well with others. We need a minimum of 7 parents* to go ahead. Sessions are 2hrs in duration. More info here: <https://wider-world.org.uk/boost>. Use the following link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/AnXXKoRrcuu1xZMT7>
3. **Growing Healthy Eating Habits:** an online course (zoom) for parents providing information and guidance to help them ensure their children develop healthy eating habits. Topics include meal-planning, nutrition, mealtimes, food labelling and more. It starts as soon as have enough parents signed up. Refer or sign up using the following link: <https://forms.gle/1A8w2y91XuXFJYch6>.

Current Covid Cases... As of today, here are the confirmed covid cases in each year group within the last 9 days (ie since the start of term):

Nursery: 1
Reception: 3
Year 1: 1
Year 2: 3
Year 3: 2
Year 4: 0
Year 5: 2
Year 6: 0

We are currently at stage 2 of our outbreak response plan due to the national monitoring of the impact of the omicron variant.

Current Covid Guidance... Here is a summary of the current Covid guidance:

ONGOING: Covid symptoms must be followed up with a PCR test.

NEW: if you/your child is symptom-free and gets a positive lateral flow result you do not have to get a follow-up PCR test but should begin the 10 day self-isolation period.

From 17th January: Children and double vaccinated adults can end the 10 day isolation period after 5 full days provided they have had two negative lateral flow results 24 hours apart on the 5th and 6th day and do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6

NEW: Identified close contacts who are children or double vaccinated do not have to isolate provided they have daily negative lateral flow tests and remain symptom-free (if symptoms develop, isolation begins immediately).

You can read the guidance in full here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>



Southville Primary Covid Outbreak Response Plan



January 2022

Stage 1

Covid levels in school are low and there are no significant clusters.
The rate of spread between non-family members is low.

- Ventilation is maximised in all shared areas
- Face coverings are available to staff and optional
- Staff carry out Lateral Flow Testing twice a week
- Regular and thorough handwashing is actively encouraged
- There is ready access to hand sanitiser in all classrooms and shared areas
- Entrance to the hall for lunches is staggered and children sit within class groups (Merrywood) or year groups (Myrtle)
- Additional cleaning of high contact surfaces is maintained

Stage 2

A small cluster develops in one or more year groups.
National guidance tightens due to high case numbers.

All of the above measures remain in place, plus:

- Face coverings are available to staff and strongly encouraged in shared (non-classroom) areas
- Online assemblies replace 'in-person' assemblies
- Whole staff briefings/ meetings are held online or outside
- Visitors to school are asked to wear a face covering unless exempt

Stage 3

The number of cases in a particular class is considered a concern by UK Health Security Agency.
National guidance tightens due to high case numbers.

All of the above measures remain in place, plus:

- Face coverings are mandatory in shared (non-classroom areas) unless exempt
- Separate toilets are demarcated for the year group(s) where the outbreak is

Stage 4

The number of cases in a particular year group is considered a concern by UK Health Security Agency.

National guidance implies the need for partial return to separate bubble groups.

All of the above measures remain in place, plus:

- Identified year group(s) have a slightly staggered start and end to the day and/or separate entrance points to the school grounds
- Children remain within their class group for all teaching
- Identified year group(s) operate as a bubble, with separate play times and lunch eaten in the classroom
- Parents are not permitted on site
- Only essential visitors/contractors are allowed on site

Stage 5

The number of cases in a particular class is considered a concern by UK Health Security Agency.
National guidance imposes the need for whole or partial return to separate bubble groups.

All of the above measures remain in place, plus:

- Some in-school teaching for the affected class(es) is live-streamed via Google Meets

Year Group Updates

Nursery...

Seahorse class children have continued to welcome our new starters to our class this week - Well done you friendly bunch!

This term we are lucky to have Mr Ben (LSA) working in Seahorse Class. He will be having the keyworker children that Miss Brown had in her group for Term 1 and 2 (originally intended to be Mrs Jones's group). Mr Ben will continue working with this group of children for this school year.

Reception...

Dear Families,

This week our focus is rockets. We will be making junk model rockets in class and then using these later in the week to inspire our writing.

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 17.01.22</u>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Setting a Goal● Zones of Regulation
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Philosophy - what would happen if everyone on Earth jumped at the same time?
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ball Skills - Throwing and Catching
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Focus Text: The Man on the Moon● Phonics - words ending in 's' and blending for reading● Writing task - labelling a junk model rocket● Reading Practice Sessions - guided reading in small groups
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 6, 7, 8● Making pairs
Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Family celebrations● Forest School - Friday 21st Jan - Jellyfish● Experimental cookery -
Expressive Arts and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Junk model rockets● Music - songs about planets● Forest School craft
<u>Characteristic of Effective Learning focus</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Creative and critical thinking - working with their ideas

Rec continued...

Additional Information

Reading records

Class teachers will still be changing reading books on their designated days and sending them home again. Our new reading system means that the children are now reading in small groups three times a week with different focuses for each session. This will not be recorded in reading records but of course, teachers will still be checking that reading has been completed at home every week.

Junk modelling

This week we are making junk model rockets. Any recycling from home would be greatly appreciated - especially plastic bottles, milk cartons etc that we can use for the body of the rocket!

Toys

Please can we ask that children do not bring in toys from home in school at this time. We do not want things from home to get lost or broken in school. Thank you for your understanding.

Year 2...

We have been enjoying getting into the swing of our 'Power of Pictures' topic. The children loved dressing up last week as different Roald Dahl characters. Thank you for all your hard work at home with their creative costumes!

PE

PE days this term are:

Falcon: Monday and Wednesday

Fox: Monday and Friday

Flamingo: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3...

It is not long until our exciting trip to the Roman Baths on Friday 28th January. Please log onto Pupil Asset to ensure you have given your consent and payment has been made.

Please continue to check Google Classrooms regularly, for homework, spelling and times table grids for the term.

Year 4...

Swimming

Please can we remind all parents and carers that swimming kits are needed for this term. Please can the children remember to bring them in every Wednesday.

Year 6...

year 6 'Drop Everything and Read' sessions are on Tuesday mornings.

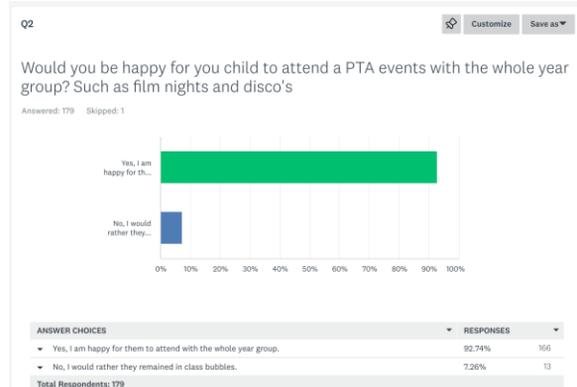
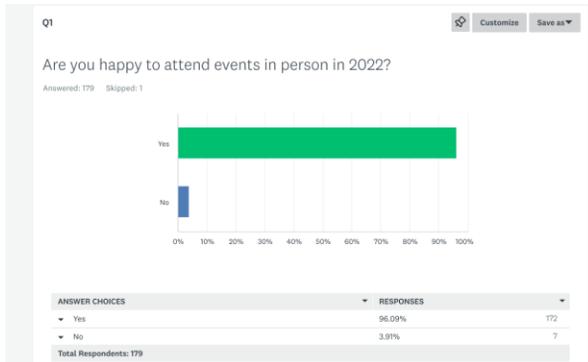
Please can you make sure that your child brings their school reading book and reading record into school on this day.

Thanks

The Year 6 Team

Firstly, thank you to everyone who attended Wednesday's PTA meeting, it was lovely to meet in person again, and for so many to join us via zoom too. The minutes for the meeting will be shared shortly, along with the minutes from November's AGM.

Secondly thank you to all of you who completed the survey, nearly 200 responses were received. The results speak for themselves; you all want events back on!



You are all also happy to have events run for the whole year group, with most parents wanting disco's, quiz nights, games nights and a summer fayre. With that in mind, please add these dates to your dairies:

- « Reception Beginners Ball- 3rd March
- « Spring Disco Y1, Y3, Y5- 24th March
- « Spring Disco Y2, Y4, Y6- 31st March

Further details will follow, and events will be dependent on covid numbers to ensure our whole school community remains protected.

Lost Property:

The lost property boxes at Merrywood and Myrtle site will be emptied next **Friday 21st January**. Myrtle site lost property was sorted this morning and all labelled items have been passed to the office to distribute to the correct classes. Merrywood site will be collected next Friday 21st, with labelled items returned Monday and all salvageable items will be washed and sold at a future PTA second hand uniform sale. Please check the boxes at both sites over the next week for any items your child may have lost before they are emptied. Going forward the boxes will be checked as regularly as possible and items will be returned or if unlabeled, they will be taken for second hand uniform sales.

Lantern Parade:

Year 3 children are scheduled to take part in this year's Lantern Parade to represent Southville Primary. The lantern parade has been re-arranged for the 12th February. Thank you for those Y3 parents who have already donated to the PTA for the lantern parade fee, should you wish to make a voluntary contribution, please donate via PTA events: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/southvilleprimarypta>

Donation:

We had a very generous match funded donation from the John Laing Charitable Trust of £1500 - thank you to our year 4 parent, Mithi Shafiq as this is from the trust who her father-in-law works for. It is with special thanks from the PTA for this donation. We will look to use this money towards the new library at Myrtle Site.

Do you work for a company who does match funding? A list of match funding companies can be found on the PTA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/734023813350596>

You will need to be a volunteer at one of our future events and your company may agree to match the monies raised.

Camping Trips:

The PTA do not organise camping trips. These trips are coordinated by some very willing parents in each year group, they are a great way for everyone to get together for a weekend and the children absolutely love camping with their friends! There is a sharable calendar on the PTA Facebook page (link as above) to avoid trips being organised on the same weekend as another year group.

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the AGM in November, and the minutes from the meeting this week will be added to the PTA section on the school website. Going forward this is where they will be stored: <https://www.southville.bristol.sch.uk/parent-information/pta/>

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100% RECOMMENDABLE!

THE TEACHER IS GREAT WITH CHILDREN, VERY EMPHATIC, CREATIVE AND LUDIC.
BERTA L.



DEN H.

ENGAGING AND ENTERTAINING, AS WELL AS CHALLENGING AND SUPPORTIVE. THOROUGHLY RECOMMENDED!

SIMON H.



SARAH S.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MAKING IT SO FUN AND ENJOYABLE!

HOLLIE R.



MATT G.

SIFU DELIVERS DYNAMIC AND ENGAGING SESSIONS GUARANTEED TO BRING OUT MY CHILD'S INNER BRUCE LEE. SHE LOVES IT!

SARSA S.



JONATHAN H.

MY CHILDREN ABSOLUTELY LOVE THIS CLASS. THE TEACHER, SIFU KEE, HAS THE RIGHT BALANCE OF DISCIPLINE AND FUN.

LIZZY C.



ANDY W.

YOU KNOW YOUR CHILDREN ARE IN A FUN AND SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT! 5/5

CHARLIE S.



JANIE A.

THE KIDS ALWAYS SEEM COMPLETELY ABSORBED AND EAGER TO LISTEN AND LEARN. I WISH I COULD WIELD THE SAME INFLUENCE AT HOME!

FRAN S.

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