



# Southville Primary School Newsletter



21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

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## Happy Friday!

**Contacts for Absence...** We have a daily safeguarding procedure to make sure that every child who is absent is accounted for. To help us with this, please ensure that if you change phone number you let us know straight away so that our records are up to date. If your child is absent and we haven't heard from you to explain why, we will need to establish the reason for the absence as quickly as possible. To help with this, please could you also ensure we have three contacts for your child? Thank you for your help with this.

**Shine Wraparound Provision...** Although Shine operate separately to the school, if you need to raise a concern with them, I would be grateful if you would copy the school office in so that we can support them in addressing any issues that may arise. Please copy us into any positive feedback too of course!

**Well-being resources...** This excellent resource has been compiled by various partners in Bristol and produced by Off The Record. It is full of useful tips and chock full of links to a range of superb resources for children, young people and families. Just click here to access it: [Survive & Thrive This Winter](#).

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

**Covid clusters...** As you can see from the data below, this week has seen the number of cases increase across the school, with two particular clusters forming. However we have been encouraged to see the number of new cases across the school significantly reduce towards the end of the week. We will continue to monitor this closely and to take advice and we will keep you informed about any further adjustments to the measures we have in place. .

**Current Covid Cases...** As of today, here is the number of confirmed covid cases in each year group within the last 10 days:

**Nursery:** 1

**Reception:** 9

**Year 1:** 5

**Year 2:** 13

**Year 3:** 8

**Year 4:** 7

**Year 5:** 2

**Year 6:** 8

Please note: Some of these children are back in school as they are no longer infectious.

**We are currently at stage 3 of our outbreak response plan due to clusters of cases in a class in Year 2 and a class in Year 3**

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

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

**ONGOING:** 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.

**ONGOING:** 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

**ONGOING:** 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).

Full guidance here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

# Climate action at Southville Primary!

## Can you help?



Do you have skills, knowledge or energy to help make Southville Primary even greener? With the climate summit fresh in everyone's minds, we are looking to see how our fantastic parents and carers, along with members of our local community, can help to empower the children of Southville Primary to share their feelings around climate change, take positive action, and to influence the wider community.

At this stage, we are simply looking to collate the details of those who are interested and then we will take it from there. Some initial ideas about how we could help include:

- Parents and carers (or any friends or colleagues you may know!) as guest speakers / teachers to support and enrich curriculum learning
- Helping organise or support whole school initiatives linked to climate action at certain points in the year
- Looking at how to reduce the school's energy footprint
- Cycle training and bike donations to encourage families to cycle to school

If you would like to register your interest and potentially get involved in the future, please complete the following Google Forms, outlining any particular input or support you can offer:

<https://forms.gle/pBYfahefJZkEwxU6>

By working together to raise awareness we can make a bigger difference.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Henry Commander (Deputy Head) and Emma Luke (Parent)

# Year Group Updates

## Nursery... Seahorse Superheroes!

It has been super fun this week to think about what superpowers we have as we have and what sort of superhero we would like to be! Some of us have zoomed about in cloaks and a few fabulous superhero masks too. Yes, we are all rather amazing!

We continue to encourage the children in Seahorse class be as independent as possible. So, it is really helpful if they are able to practise this at home please. It's great to see lots of children getting their own coats on now and managing toileting/hand washing etc themselves. We do have some really helpful tidier uppers too!

## Reception...

Thank you for your donations of junk modelling for our 'rockets' week. The children had a super time creating, cutting and joining their materials together. The results were fantastic!

Next week our focus will be 'The Moon Landing'. We will be talking about Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins and their adventure to the moon.

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

Area of Learning	Week beginning 24.01.22
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	Obstacles and Support Zones of Regulation
Communication and Language	Philosophy - Is the moon made of cheese? How do you know? Asking questions about photographs from the moon.
Physical Development	Ball Skills - Throwing and Catching
Literacy	Focus Text: The Man on the Moon Phonics - Review sounds taught so far and assessment week Writing task - To write a descriptive sentence about the moon. Reading Practice Sessions - guided reading in small groups
Mathematics	Combining two groups
Understanding the World	Forest School - Friday 28th - Octopus Class Experimental cookery - Starfish and Jellyfish
Expressive Arts and Design	Moon Painting - printing Music - Rhythms and Songs about Space
Characteristic of Effective Learning focus	Creating and Thinking Critically - Making Links.

### **Rec continued...**

#### 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 1...**

We have had great fun looking at and experimenting with mechanisms this week, and making our moving pictures! Thank you very much for bringing in your pop up books to share too! They were brilliant!

#### **Next week - Science investigations**

We will be doing some science investigations where we learn more about materials. For one of our experiments we will be using magnets, if you have a magnet at home that we could borrow we would really appreciate a few more. Thank you!

#### **Reminders...**

##### **Shoeboxes**

Towards the end of our topic, we will be doing an activity requiring shoeboxes so if you have any at home, please keep hold of them for later in the term. Thank you.

##### **P.E. days this term are:**

Bears: Monday and Tuesday

Badgers: Monday and Wednesday

Butterflies: Wednesday and Thursday

##### **Google Classroom**

Please ensure that you are signed up to Google Classroom, as this is the platform that we will use in the event of school closure/on-line learning. We also post the children's spellings here termly as well as occasional homework. Your child's login details are glued into their reading diary. If you need any help with this, please ask your child's teacher.

In the event of you needing to contact us, please catch us at the door or email the office as Google classroom is not routinely monitored.

### **Year 3...**

Please continue to practise times table at home, using the resources on Google classroom and Times Table Rockstar. If you are unsure of your child's login details, please contact your child's class teacher.

Starting next week, your child will be given a mini times table quiz on Monday which they will then take home to inform you of which questions need to be practised. Thank you for your help with this!

### Year 5...

In Year 5 we have been enjoying our work on ancient Greece and are now getting into Greek myths and plays.

To celebrate our learning, we will be having an ancient Greek day full of fun activities, including cookery and philosophy. This will be on Thursday 17th February. If your child would like to dress up for this, that would be great. They could choose to be an everyday citizen or perhaps a god/goddess or character from one of the Greek myths.

If you haven't contributed for the theatre performance and drama workshop (taking place on 2nd February), please do so as soon as possible via Pupil Asset.

Many thanks

### Year 6...

As you will be aware, Year 6 will sit their SATs in early May. We have been asked on several occasions if there are any books available for the children to use at home, to help prepare for the tests. We will be sending out information on this shortly. If you are able, please wait for this information before purchasing any books.

Many thanks

The Year 6 Team

**Mrs Creton's Yoga...** Mrs Creton is excited to be teaching a 6 week children's yoga course at Trika yoga studio, North Street.

Starting Monday 28th February, ages 4-7 (3.45-4.30pm) and ages 8-11 (4.45-5.30pm).

Please contact Trika yoga for pricing/booking :)

**Pre-school Open Evening...** Just a reminder that we are holding open evenings for anyone looking for a Nursery place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



[www.southville.bristol.sch.uk](http://www.southville.bristol.sch.uk)

[@southville\\_prim](https://twitter.com/southville_prim)

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

**Disco Time...** The DJ has been booked! We will be following the school's approach with the different stages of covid response, so whilst we will continue to organise and begin ticket sales for the Reception Beginners Ball and the Spring Discos, these will be reviewed very close to the proposed dates and may be cancelled and rescheduled last minute.

The proposed dates are:

Reception Beginners Ball- 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Spring Disco Y1, Y3, Y5 – 24<sup>th</sup> March

Spring Disco Y2, Y4, Y6- 31<sup>st</sup> March

### **Lost Property:**

Following last week's newsletter, the lost property boxes have been sorted at both sites, labelled items will be returned to the school office to be distributed back to the classes. Please check for lost water bottles and lunch boxes which have been left in the boxes. All unlabeled items will be washed and sold by the PTA. The boxes are in the bike sheds at each site.

I know lots of families are isolating at the moment, so hats, coats and gloves will be kept for you to claim. Please get in touch with your class rep if there is something pressing that you are missing, and we can pass to the teams for them to check.

**Going forward the boxes will be emptied on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month**, labeled items returned and non labelled items will be taken for washing and resale. Please ensure all your items are labelled so they can make their way back to you! A massive thank you to Jess Swingler for coordinating the Merrywood lost property and Elspeth Steel for Myrtle Site.

The next emptying dates are Friday **11<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Amazon Smile**

If you shop with Amazon, why don't you active AmazonSmile? The prices and deals are the same as found on amazon, with the added bonus of a small donation of the purchase price to the PTA. This happens automatically on eligible items. For detailed information please check:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/charity/smile/about>

We are Charity registered as: Southville Primary School PTA

**The next PTA meeting will be held at Myrtle Site on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**7.30pm**



Community Children's  
Health Partnership



## Sirona School Health Nurse Webinar Series - February 2022



**Healthy Eating**  
Thursday 17th Feb  
9.30am — 10.30am



**Keeping Your Child Happy  
and Healthy**  
Friday 18th Feb  
9.30am—10.30am



**Understanding Your  
Child's Wellbeing**  
Wednesday 16th Feb  
1.30pm—2.30pm



**Helping Your Child With  
Sleep**  
Monday 14th February  
9.30am—10.30am



**Your Child's Eating  
Habits**  
Tuesday 15th Feb  
9.30am—10.30am



**Continence in Children  
and Young People**  
Tuesday 15th February  
1.30pm—2.30pm



**Dental Health**  
Thursday 17th Feb  
1.30pm—2.30pm

**Click on the icon to  
register for the event!**  
(registration may close 1 day prior,  
so please book on as soon as you  
can)

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### Cathedral Choir Taster Day

<https://bristol-cathedral.co.uk/whats-on/chorister-for-the-day>

Please click on this link for a taster day to become a Cathedral Chorister.

Several children from Southville Primary attended last year 3 children from our school got into the choir as a result!