



# Southville Primary School Newsletter



18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

 @Southville\_Prim

## Happy Friday!

Well, it wasn't the end of term we were expecting but as I write, the wind is definitely picking up outside, and it seems that Bristol City Council's decision to advise schools to close today was an important and sensible one. I hope you are staying safe and well.

**World Book Day and library Opening... Thursday 3rd March** is World Book Day, and there is more information about this below. This week also coincides with an incredibly exciting moment – the re-opening of our libraries – the refurbished space at Merrywood and the brand new space at Myrtle. To give this the time and emphasis it deserves, the official openings will be on **Friday 4th March**. So that all the children feel involved, we will be live streaming the opening 'ceremonies' to classrooms and we will have a representative group of children to help with the opening. Members of the PTA will also be present to represent our parent community and to recognise the time and hard work the PTA have put into funding the projects, sorting the books and restocking the shelves. The remainder of the day will give every class chance to visit the new spaces for themselves, class by class, and we will leave the libraries open at pick-up time so that you can pop in to see them for yourself too.

**Poetry Challenge...** A key part of the ceremonies will be poetry reading and we have thrown open a challenge to all of the children. This was posted as part of the Google Classroom work that teachers set for the closure today, but we had originally planned it as an optional half term activity. The challenge for the children is to write a poem using the title 'The Magic of Books'. It can be any length and any style and a selection of these poems will be chosen to feature in our library opening ceremonies on Friday. Completed poems need to be brought in to school on Monday 28th February.

**Football Thanks...** Please see below for an update on this term's Thursday football action. I just wanted to add my thanks and congratulations to all of the children involved for taking part and representing Southville with such skill and enthusiasm. I'd also like to thank Mr Goddard who has worked tirelessly co-ordinating the huge number of teams, children and staff involved brilliantly.

**Lantern Parade...** Our Year 3 children were stars last Saturday at the lantern parade. It was a fantastic event and our Polar Bear was magnificent, as were the hand-held lanterns the children had made to surround it. Thank you to the staff who came along and to Miss Edwards and the Year 3 team who co-ordinated our part in this fabulous community event. I am genuinely already looking forward to next year!



**Year 3 Radio Stars...** Some of our year 3 children were featured on the 'Kids Vs The News' feature on BBC Radio Bristol Breakfast Show this morning and were on great form. To listen again click here... <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0bk5h7z> ...at around the 1hour 20 minute mark.

Stay safe today, and have a great half term break. Andy Bowman

## Football...

Over the past couple of weeks we have had over 40 girls participating in the competition organised by the Ashton Park Primary Sports Partnership. Southville has managed to enter 5 teams which is an astonishing achievement. The girl's development has been nothing short of stratospheric and the smiles on their faces whilst playing is an absolute joy to behold. All those participating have been a credit to our school showing positivity, resilience, confidence, enjoyment, whilst encouraging their friends. Thank you to all the parents who have been coming along to support the teams. A massive thank you to the Mrs Mathias, Mrs Giles, Mr Suanes, Mr Commander and Mr Potter, who have giving up their time so that so many girls could experience this event.

Mr Goddard



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

**Nursery:** 0

**Reception:** 2

**Year 1:** 4

**Year 2:** 3

**Year 3:** 7

**Year 4:** 2

**Year 5:** 6

**Year 6:** 2

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

***We are currently at stage 2 of our outbreak response plan at Myrtle due to small clusters of cases in year 3 and 5.***

***We are currently at stage 1 at Merrywood (usual operation)***

**Covid update...** We end the term with the number of 'live cases' falling across the school, with a couple of small clusters remaining at Myrtle. These are mostly isolated to one class in each of year 3 and 5. After the holiday we are anticipating a return to a handful of cases across the school as at the start of term 3 and will keep you informed of any developments.

**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>

## OPAL play

Looking through the **OPAL window** into our playground. What can you see?



Each week we will publish images of the children at play using the variety of resources kindly donated to the school.

## Merrywood

Rain hit the playground during our lunchtime sessions this week. It didn't stop us having fun though!!! We made dens and shelters to keep ourselves dry!!

## Myrtle

We launched our OPAL play experience in the back playground on Thursday. We started the day with a live assembly from Mr Potter talking about the available equipment and the Health and Safety things to think about whilst playing.

Feedback to Mr Potter from the children on the gate was that it was amazing although it was really, really busy!!

Photos will become part of our window after half term.

## Donations this week

Many thanks to Jim Twine who arranged the delivery of a large tree trunk to the Myrtle playground yesterday. The children loved clambering all over it.

If you have any donations then please contact Mr Potter.

## Dogs

Please can we remind all dog owners that dogs are **not** permitted on the school premises. If you bring your dog to school pick up please can you ensure it is tethered on the outside of the school grounds. This includes small dogs who can be carried. Many thanks for your cooperation.



Dear Parents / ~~carers~~

World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 3rd March** and we hope you'll join us as we come together to encourage every child in school to be a reader and love books.

To celebrate World Book Day, we will have plenty of fun activities taking place throughout the day including:

- Inviting children to bring in their ~~favourite~~ books.
- Inviting children to **dress up as their favourite book character**. You can find lots of creative ideas at [worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas](https://worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas)
- World Book Day **digital events** and **Author & Illustrator Academy** where children can meet the creative minds behind this year's £1/£1.50 books.
- A World Book Day assembly.
- World Book Day lessons.
- A **World Book Day activity** to do at home.

Find World Book Day related events and activities at [worldbookday.com/partners](https://worldbookday.com/partners)

**Use your £1/£1.50 World Book Day book token to get a FREE book!**

We're looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in school and hope you will join in too with your child at home.

World Book Day could not happen without the support of parents and ~~carers~~ - thank you, you make it happen!

Best Wishes,  
The CLL team at Southville Primary School

# Year Group Updates

## Nursery...

It's been another busy week in Seahorse Class. There have been a few weary little Seahorse faces this week, but we are so proud of how they all continue to join in cheerfully!

This week in our group times we have been practising scissor skills; snipping away at coloured strips of paper to produce lovely collages. We have also continued to explore using numicon; to start noticing number and practise counting together.

Some of us had the chance to paint some beautiful daffodils -perhaps Spring is on its way after all!

We have been celebrating a few amazing 'tidier uppers' in Seahorse Class. If any Seahorse children get the opportunity to practise these skills at home over the next week -that would be brilliant!

When we return to school after the break, we will be reading and enjoying the story of 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas. It is a fabulous introduction to using the language of our emotions.

We hope you all enjoy the week off and are able to enjoy some lovely family time together.

Best wishes from all the Seahorse Team 😊

## Reception...

Dear Families,

We wish you all a lovely half term break. After the holiday, we will be launching into our new topic - Dinosaur Discovery! In our first week back, the children will be learning about fossils and our special focus person, Mary Anning. We would love to see any fossils you have at home, if your child wishes to bring them in. It is also **World Book Day** on **Thursday 3rd March** so the whole school is invited to come in dressed up as a book character!

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 28.02.2022</u>   |
|--|--|
| <b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zones of Regulation</li> <li>I understand I need to exercise to keep my body healthy.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Communication and Language</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bucket Time - listening and attention circle time</li> <li>Philosophy Circle Time - Are dinosaurs real?</li> <li>Show and Tell with our Star Boxes</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Physical Development</b>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE - Dance</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Literacy</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March - Come in dressed up as a book character!</b></li> <li>Focus book - Dinosaurs Love Underpants</li> <li>Writing - Draw a dinosaur wearing pants! Write a descriptive sentence about your drawing.</li> <li>Phonic lesson focuses:<br/>New GPCs - <u>ur</u>, <u>ow</u>, <u>oi</u>, <u>ear</u><br/>New tricky words - my, by, all</li> <li>Reading Practice Sessions</li> </ul> |
| <b>Mathematics</b>                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 and 10</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Understanding the World</b>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introducing this term's dinosaur topic. Weekly focus - fossils, evolution, Mary Anning</li> <li>RE - Spring</li> <li>Forest School - Starfish Class Friday 4th March</li> <li>Experimental cookery group - Jellyfish</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Expressive Arts and Design</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music - Charanga - rhythms and songs</li> <li>Making salt dough fossils</li> </ul>  |
| <b><u>Characteristic of Effective Learning focus</u></b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement: Finding out and exploring</li> </ul>  |

Rec continued...

### Additional Information

#### Starfish and Octopus Class treats

Well done to Starfish and Octopus Class for earning all of the marbles in their magic marble jars. They have earned this through their hard work, perseverance, kindness and teamwork! To celebrate we would like to invite them to a pyjama and disco party in class on the first day back after the half term! Please bring your pyjamas / onesies in a named bag on Monday 28th February! We are looking forward to music, dancing and sharing stories.

#### Special news about Miss Armstrong

We are excited to say that Miss Armstrong is expecting a baby at the start of the Summer Holidays in July! The children don't know about this yet; you are welcome to talk to them about it at home.

### Year 1...

#### Forest School

Badger class will start their Forest School sessions on Wednesday 2nd March. Please ensure that you have given consent for your child to attend.

#### Immersive learning

Well done to all the Year 1 children for their fantastic learning this term. We have really enjoyed our topic, 'Let's Play' Next term we will be starting our new topic, 'Life Under Water.' We hope you all have a great half term break.

#### Bristol Aquarium

A reminder about our trip to Bristol Aquarium after half term.

We will be visiting the aquarium on:

- Butterflies - Monday 7th March
- Bears - Tuesday 8th March
- Badgers - Thursday 10th March

A voluntary contribution towards the cost of the trip can be made via Pupil Asset. We will be walking to the Aquarium and back again so please bring a **waterproof coat** in case of rain, and wear **sensible shoes**. Please can children make sure they bring a **water bottle and a bag big enough to carry their bottle and their lunch**. Thank you.

### Year 2...

Next term we will be starting our new topic 'Amazon Adventure'. To celebrate this, on the first day back, we will be having an exciting hook day!

#### PE

Same days as last term:

**Falcon:** Monday and Wednesday

**Fox:** Monday and Friday

**Flamingo:** Tuesday and Thursday

Thank you for your on-going support. We hope you have a wonderful half-term break.

Year 2 team

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

#### **Brilliant Light!**

Interested in knowing what we will be covering in Term 4? Our topic is Brilliant Light! We are starting with an art and poetry wow day on Monday 28th February.

The overview for the term will be posted on Google Classroom for you to have a look at.

#### **PE Days**

Bristol Sport will be leading our outdoor PE sessions next term. The focus will be football skills and teamwork.

Hedghogs: Tuesday and Wednesday

Hérons: Tuesday and Wednesday

Honeybees: Monday and Tuesday

### **Year 4...**

#### **Peter Pan The Musical**

As you know, Year 4 will be performing 'Peter Pan' at the end of next term. Your children now know which parts they will be playing. Please encourage them to sing the songs and learn any lines over the half term break. Scripts, lyrics and backing tracks are all on Google Classroom.

#### **Can you help?**

We have quite a few props and bits of scenery to make. If you feel you might have some time to get creative during the half term break, please take a look at this form and sign up for a creative scenery project!

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15pf38--AL3wf3ERqFbPA3Nj\\_1O9WdTNMdMeTwGDlfiQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15pf38--AL3wf3ERqFbPA3Nj_1O9WdTNMdMeTwGDlfiQ/edit?usp=sharing)

If you need any further information about any of the items on the list, please contact Mrs Thwaites or Ms Kmit for guidance.

Many thanks The Year 4 Team

### **Year 5...**

Year 5 have had a busy week and enjoyed our ancient Greek day yesterday, which included a philosophical discussion and hummus making. Thank you for all your efforts in helping the children with their wonderful costumes; they looked amazing and it really helped bring the topic to life.

A reminder that next term we will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you to those parents and carers who have signed up to volunteer for walking their child's class to and from the pool. In Lions and Lemurs class (not Leopards) we still need more volunteers to make sure these trips can go ahead, so please sign up if you are able. Please see the message sent last week for more information and and Doodle link for signing up.

Have a lovely half term break and we'll see you next term for our art-led topic 'Now that's what I call the 1960s'. A reminder to, please look at the homework about 1960s famous people, which needs to be brought into school on the first day back.

**Year 6...**

A great term for the children. They have worked hard and are making progress, in what has been a difficult couple of years. They have really stepped up and are being the positive role models for the younger children - well done to them.

SAT revision books were unable to be given out, on the last day of the term. We will distribute them on the first day back. If your child has purchased any, please could you make sure they have a bag with them.

**French...**

Play French Games at Home

You can play French games at home by going on the website [www.lcclubsbabelzone.com](http://www.lcclubsbabelzone.com)  
username:southvillep password: learn4life21

There are plenty of songs and stories too to enjoy.



### **Tickets:**

Tickets for the Reception Beginners Ball and all other year group discos are still available to purchase via PTA events or on the PTA App.

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

Please ensure you select the correct year group for your child's year, check venue location, start and finish times, as there are 7 different discos.

The PTA Events App; the app will look like this:



It will ask you for an organisation code, which is: **southvilleprimarypta**

### **Volunteering:**

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered so far, all volunteering slots are full for the Beginners Ball, Y1, and Y3. There are still a few spots left for Y2, Y4, Y5 and Y6. Please sign up via the App or on PTA events (even if you have already purchased your disco ticket).

### **Library Helpers:**

The new library at Myrtle Site is set to open on the 4<sup>th</sup> March. The final fittings are due to be completed during half term. Excitingly the Merrywood library is also being given a makeover! We need your help to stock all the shelves at both sites before the children come back to school. If you are free on the morning of Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> of February to help, please email [southvilleprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:southvilleprimarypta@gmail.com) to sign up!

### **Lost Property:**

The lost property boxes. A few photos of identifiable items are on the Friends of Southville Primary PTA Facebook page. The boxes will be emptied next on both sites on the following dates:

25<sup>th</sup> February

11<sup>th</sup> March

Please check the lost property before these dates if you know you are missing unlabelled items.

### **Upcoming PTA events:**

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

24<sup>th</sup> March- Y1, Y3, Y5 Spring Disco's

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

6<sup>th</sup> May Games night – *provisional date*

**The next PTA meeting will be held at Myrtle Site on the 22nd March 7.30pm**

## Community News



### **RISE Youth Dance.**

We are a Bristol based youth dance company offering dance opportunities to young people 6-25years.

On the 25th/26th March our annual production REACH: New Beginnings will be shared at Trinity Academy School.

It would be fantastic if you were able to help us spread the word and get as many young people there to see other young people their age performing and engaging with Dance. If you were able to put this in our schools newsletter or share the poster that would be great!

### **About REACH:**

This year all RISE groups will be performing alongside each other and sharing the same stage, together, for the first time in three years. REACH: New Beginnings will be celebrating us connecting again. We spent a long time dancing from a distance, and now we are on the road to strengthening our connections, our bonds within RISE and moving as one.

Performances are taking place Friday 25th March and Saturday 26th March at Trinity Academy School, BS7 9BY.

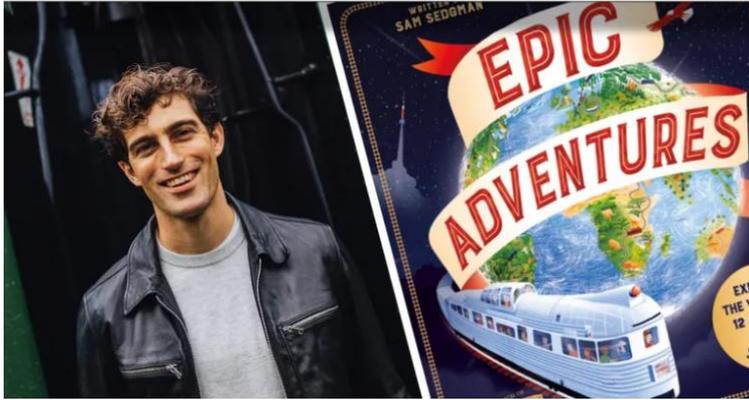
### **Ticket Link:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reach-new-beginnings-tickets-262474697887>

Saturday 19th February



## Sam Sedgman: Epic Adventures



STORY  
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## Sam Sedgman: Epic Adventures (free event)

### NEW PILATES CLASSES



*Come and join us for Pilates on Sunday mornings at Southville Primary School, Myrtle Street. Mixed ability classes for parents at Southville primary.*

Starting on 6<sup>th</sup> March for 5 weeks. Running during term time.

These classes are based on the five core principles of Pilates and are designed to develop core control, strength, flexibility, alignment, coordination and balance.

**Please contact Sarah at [flowpilatesbristol@gmail.com](mailto:flowpilatesbristol@gmail.com) for more details and how to book!**



## Upcoming Half Term Timetable

19th - 27th February

| Monday                            | Tuesday                             | Wednesday                           | Thursday                            | Friday                            | Saturday                            | Sunday                           |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Family Cycling<br>9:45 – 10:30    | Learn to Ride<br>9:45 – 10:30       | Rock Up and Ride<br>9:45 – 10:30    | Learn to Ride<br>9:45 – 10:30       | Family Cycling<br>9:45 – 10:30    | Rock Up and Ride<br>9:45 – 10:30    | Rock Up and Ride<br>9:45 – 10:30 |
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| Rock Up and Ride<br>2:15 – 3:00   | Family Cycling<br>2:15 – 3:00       | Cycle Skills<br>2:15 – 3:00         | Family Cycling<br>2:15 – 3:00       | Learn to Ride<br>2:15 – 3:00      | Family Cycling<br>2:15 – 3:00       | Family Cycling<br>2:15 – 3:00    |
| Rusty Bikers<br>3:15 – 4:00       | Learn to Ride<br>3:15 – 4:00        | Rusty Bikers<br>3:15 – 4:00         | Learn to Ride<br>3:15 – 4:00        | Rusty Bikers<br>3:15 – 4:00       | Learn to Ride<br>3:15 – 4:00        | Learn to Ride<br>3:15 – 4:00     |



## **Bikeability Level 1 Courses this Half Term**

Book onto our Bikeability Level 1 courses, available for a limited number of riders. Register your interest in advance and choose one of the following dates and times.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February

- 1.30 - 3.30pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

- 10am – 12pm or
- 1.30pm – 3.30pm

The courses are 2 hours and cost £10. They will be booked on a first come first serve basis and payment will be taken in advance.

Riders must be aged 7+ and able to ride a two wheeler with some confidence.

This is not for early beginners but for riders to start to practise their skills; stopping, starting, bicycle basics and road safety.



## Playing Out

Want to set up a  
Play Street in Bristol?

**FREE Online Info Session**  
**Wed 9th March 7.30pm**

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

**Local Contact:**

**kate**  
**@playingout.net**

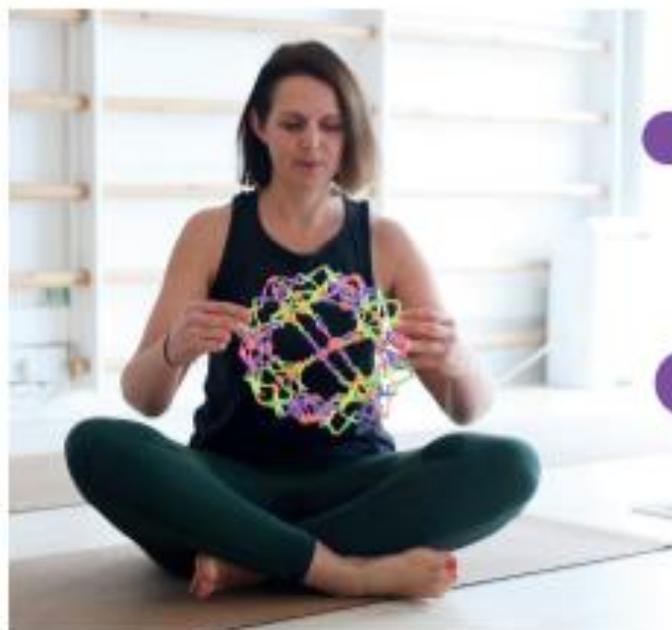
Playing Out sessions are temporary road closures to let children play safely and freely in their street. Through traffic is diverted and neighbours supervise resident car access at walking speed. Parents are fully responsible for their own children as normal.

To find out more visit [www.playingout.net](http://www.playingout.net)  
or call 0117 953 7167

# KIDS YOGA COURSE!

MONDAYS WITH RUTH

£36 | 6 WEEKS | STARTING 28 FEB



● Ages 4-7  
3.45-4.30pm

● Ages 8-11  
4.45-5.30pm

**Our Yoga for Kids Course consists of weekly 45 minute classes that are fun, playful and relaxing!**

Kids are introduced to yoga poses through fast and active play and learn to control their breath and consciously focus their mind during age appropriate relaxation exercises. We will also be doing some storytelling and going on journeys far and wide. Please do book on in advance for the term to book your spot.

**BOOK HERE: [TRIKAYOGA.CO.UK](https://www.trikayoga.co.uk)  
[/PAGES/WORKSHOPS](https://www.trikayoga.co.uk/pages/workshops)**

*or email: [contact@trikayoga.co.uk](mailto:contact@trikayoga.co.uk)*



**TRIKA YOGA**  
NORTH ST. STUDIO

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