

11th March 2022

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Southville Primary School Newsletter



Happy Friday!

Current Covid guidance... The current covid guidance for us in school reflects the transition period we are currently in. After Easter, neither lateral flow tests or PCRs will be freely available to the public and so we are moving to a point where, if your child is displaying covid-like symptoms, we will be asking you to keep them off school until they are better, much like we would with other illness.

The tricky bit at the moment is that we still have lateral flow tests available and, whilst they can be a useful indicator of covid, they are not factored into the government guidance other than to end an isolation period. The issue with this guidance comes when children are having a positive lateral flow test without symptoms or are taking a lateral flow test instead of a PCR. Neither of these steps are within the official guidance/ process and this is where most uncertainty is arising.

At its simplest, the process is this:

Symptoms? Please request a PCR and keep your child off school until symptoms pass and/or they have two consecutive daily negative lateral flow results to end their isolation after 5 days.

No symptoms? Please continue as normal.

If your child takes a lateral flow test and it is positive, there isn't an official next step that we will be able to advise you on. Instead, please use the information you have, including the presence of any symptoms, to make an informed and responsible decision about whether to send them in to school.

Covid in school... One of our year 4 classes has been particularly affected by a high number of covid cases this week and last – the first time we have experienced this since the most recent guidance change. I have logged the information with the DfE who then informed the local public health board. We then wait to be contacted with advice should it be deemed necessary. If we are advised by public health to implement measures such as those we have previously used, I will make the parents and carers of the affected class or year group aware immediately.

Turn on the Subtitles... Miss Edwards came back from some training this week with this top tip: while your child is watching television, if you turn on the subtitles there is a lot of evidence to suggest this will dramatically improve reading. Eye tracking technology has shown that when subtitles are added, people/children will automatically read them and even from a very young age will be able to match the sounds to the words written on the screen. Here is the website and a brief introduction from Stephen Fry: [Home - Turn On The Subtitles](#)

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

Safeguarding... There are many questions being raised by the children at the moment both at home and in school regarding everything that is currently happening in Ukraine. If you would like help or advice then the following link is a useful starter <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zvpvbqt>

Safeguarding and Mental Health

Within school we work closely with 'Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership'. This week we are looking at **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)**

Please look at the following information taken from:

<https://bristolsafeguarding.org/children/support-for-families/adverse-childhood-experiences/>

SEND support

Free workshops aimed at parents and carers whose children are on the waiting list for an Autism assessment

Workshops as follows:

Monday 9th May – Sensory Workshop

Tuesday 24th May – Anxiety Workshop

Thursday 23rd June – Behaviour Workshop

Wednesday 6th July – Communication Workshop

All workshops will run from 9.45am to 1pm

Venue [St Paul's Learning Centre](#)

Pupil Asset – Parent information

From Monday 14th March, parents will only be able to pay when using the website. All App payments will stop until software changes have been made, but this may not be until after the Easter holiday.

<https://secure.pupilasset.com/login.php>



School Kitchen Corner

Fun fact

Jacket potatoes are extremely popular at Southville kitchen. We serve just under 500 each week!



They are healthy and filling, they also warm up our tummies. They are a perfect meal for children with the right amount of carbohydrates, proteins and fat they need to see them through the day.

We serve a selection of fillings, cheese and beans is most preferred choice.

They are also a popular choice amongst our staff!

Eat them to Defeat Them Campaign



We are proud to be a part of the national “eat them to defeat them” campaign and the kitchen team are ready for the big challenge starting next week.

We have successfully secured partnership with our local shops- Hugo Green Grocers and Tesco Extra, who are on-board with the school's campaign and will be supplying all our veggies.

Watch out for this space for regular updates from the school kitchen on this campaign!

OPAL play

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



Merrywood

The children have had a great week playing with the equipment at lunchtime. We have had a number of generous plastic box donations this week that the children continue to use to transport things around the playground, even each other!!

Myrtle

The children have had another brilliant week building and creating using all the equipment. A

Project

We are looking to develop vertical planting systems across the sites to develop our natural environment. If you have any ideas or have practical tips on how we can do this effectively then please get in touch. I think pallets might be an option but would love some advice.

Donations this week

We continue to need natural materials for both sites: planks, logs etc

The children also love to make dens using tarpaulins. If you have any spare ones, in good condition, around your property that you would like to donate then please deliver to Mr Potter.

Year Group Updates

Nursery...

We have been loving the sunshine this week in Seahorse class and making the most of being outdoors! We've been digging and scooping in our outdoor sandpit and doing lots of chalking on the playground; from pirate treasure trails, name writing and drawing around each other, we've been doing super mark making!

This week in our group times we have been looking at:

- The emotion of anger and practising different coping strategies to deal with this tricky feeling (going for a run to release the tension, using our words to express our dislike, using breathing techniques to calm ourselves etc).
- Really looking at our faces in the mirror, to see what makes us special and unique, and drawing our own self-portraits.
- Learning new playground games and taking in turns to be the 'leader' of a game.

Next week we are thinking about Babies! We'll talk about how to take care of them, as well as how we have changed since we were babies. Mrs Jones will be popping into class to show us her scan pictures and bump! (and if we're lucky, she might kindly pop back in the summer to introduce us to baby Jones).

Quick reminder: We know how busy and hectic days can be, but could we ask that parents keep their phones close by (or if not possible, check in with their phone throughout the day, for missed calls or voice messages) in case we've called regarding your child. If an emergency does ever occur, it's important that we can get hold of you asap.

Many thanks.

Reception...

Dear Families,

Next week we'll be learning about the flying reptiles that ruled the skies for millions of years!

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 21.03.22</u>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zones of Regulation• I know how to help myself go to sleep and understand why sleep is good for me
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Philosophy Circle Time - Did birds evolve from dinosaurs?• Star boxes
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PE - Dinosaur dance
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing - Sentence writing about prehistoric flying reptiles• Phonics focuses: Reviewing what has been taught so far and assessment week• Reading Practice Sessions
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3D shapes
Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RE - Spring• Forest School - Starfish Class 25th March• Experimental cooking - Groups of Octopus Class
Expressive Arts and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music - Match instruments to the sounds of dinosaurs• PE- Dinosaur Dance
<u>Characteristic of Effective Learning focus</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Active Learning: Keep Trying

Rec continued...

Additional Information

Phonics/ reading

The children have now been taught all of the letters and sounds for Reception. We will spend the rest of the Reception year consolidating this knowledge, as well as learning to read longer words and new tricky words. Here is an overview of what has been taught in lessons so far:

Graphemes:

s a t p i n m d g o c k ck e u r h b f l

ff ll ss j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng nk

ai ee igh oa oo (*zoo*) oo (*look*) ar or ur ow oi ear air er

Tricky words:

is I the

put pull full as and has his her go no to into she push he of we me be

was you they my by all are sure pure

We recommend visiting the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds website for guidance on supporting your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful videos so you can see how they are taught at school and feel confident about supporting their reading at home.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Year 2...

Animal Presentations

- On **Friday 1st April**, year 2 will be presenting their animal fact presentations to year 1 and after school to their parent/carers. Final arrangements are still being discussed but more information will follow. This presentation will be in a science fair format and children are welcome to dress up and come to school as a rainforest explorer or scientist. Think along the lines of David Attenborough.
- For our upcoming animal presentations, we will need to display our work on cardboard. Please can each child bring in a plain piece of cardboard approximately 80 x 80 cm or a little bigger. These will be painted and then we will attach our information to them ready for the presentations. Please can these be in by next Friday (**25th March**) by the latest so we can start assembling our information boards.

Zoo Trip

We are very much looking forward to our zoo trip and parent helpers have now been informed. If you haven't heard from the class teacher, thank you for volunteering and hopefully you can help join for another event. If you have been emailed but are unable to help, please let us know before the trip so we can make alternate arrangements. Please can chosen parent helpers, bring a packed lunch and arrive at the school by 9:15am. We will be returning at 3pm at the latest.

Many thanks,
Year 2 team

Year 4...

Peter Pan

A letter was sent out to parents this week containing all the details our production.

Props and Scenery

If you have signed up to make props and/or scenery for *Peter Pan*, please can you bring these into school by the end of week 3 - Friday 18th March. Thank you!

Personal props - such as swords, will be needed for rehearsal at the beginning of Week 4 - **Monday 21st March**

Memorising Lines / songs

If your child has lines to learn for the play, they need to make sure these are memorised as soon as possible. Children have paper scripts but scripts and song lyrics/backing tracks are also on google classroom.

Tips for learning lines

- Do it on your feet and try to remember the actions in the play
- Learn your cues (the line that comes before yours), so you know when to speak. Ask a parent or friend to read the cue line and then you respond with your line.
- Think about why you are saying the line - what does your character want?
- Record the cue lines on a device, then play it, pause and read in your own lines.

Year 6...

Curriculum

This week the children have been writing descriptive diary entries as Suffragettes. The children have also been writing protest songs in preparation for our music block at the end of the term.



Discos:

Y1, Y3 and Y5 discos are NEXT Thursday 24th March!

Please watch your emails next week for a reminder of drop off and collection times.

Y1 have sold 65 tickets, Y3 have sold 56 and Y5 have sold 47 tickets. I am really looking forward to welcoming so many children at these events.

Tickets can be purchased via the PTA Events App or the website:

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

Sales for the above discos will close on Wednesday 23rd March at 5:30pm.

The Y2, Y4 and Y6 disco's will be held the following Thursday 31st March.

Volunteering:

We still need a few helpers at the **Y4** and **Y5** Discos. Please use the volunteering section on the PTA website (link above) or via the App.

PTA App:

The PTA App can be downloaded on android and iPhone, search for 'PTA EVENTS'.

The organisation code is: **Southvilleprimarypta**

Lost Property:

Both lost property boxes have been emptied today, labeled items will be returned to the offices at the respective sites next week. All non-labelled items will be taken and washed for resale.

Upcoming PTA events:

24th March- Y1, Y3, Y5 Spring Disco's

31st March- Y2, Y4, Y6 Spring Disco's

Dates for the summer fayre, games night, film nights and second hand uniform sale will be discussed and agreed at the next PTA meeting.

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

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next meeting. We will have a zoom link for you to log on at home if you do not wish to attend in person. Agenda will follow next week.

Community News

CALLING ALL STAFF + PARENTS!

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Bristol Old Vic Theatre School...

On Sunday during term time, Bristol Old Vic Theatre School opens its doors to young people from across the South West who want to learn theatrical skills in a fun, creative and welcoming environment. We offer weekly classes in both performance and production, taught by our students at the height of their professional training.

The workshops are split across four age groups:

- Upstage for ages 4 to 6;
- Downstage for ages 7 to 10;
- Stage Left for ages 11 to 14;
- Stage Right for ages 15 to 18.

The [BOVTS Young Artists](#) term will start on Sunday 1 May and runs until Sunday 10 July 2022. Partial bursaries are available, and will be assessed via application on a case-by-case basis.

Redcliffe Holiday Club

11th - 22nd April (exc Bank Holidays)



For 3-8
year olds



Activities will include:
Arts & Crafts
Experimental cookery
Themed days (bugs, science, film)
Outdoor water play
Talent shows and more.....

Sessions & Prices

(per child, per day. £10 reduction per day for 2nd child):

9.00am-3.00pm £40.00

9.00am-5.00pm £50.00

Please provide your child with a packed lunch/tea



To make a booking, please visit our website:

www.redcliffenurseryschool.co.uk

Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment

Redcliffe Nursery School, Spencer House, Ship Lane, BS1 6RR

TEL: 0117 9030334

KATE MILLER PRINTMAKER Workshops for kids



March - July 2022

"Relaxed, engaging, fun and creative. Great instruction and plentiful resources. Fabulous!"



Kate is an artist & primary teacher, keen to provide kids with the chance to explore, experiment & create!

Print & Paint Kids' Club

If your little ones enjoy playing with paint, experimenting with crafts, or love getting a bit messy - these sessions will be right up their street.

Each weekly workshop will focus on a different artistic process under Kate's gentle and nurturing guidance. These will include: block printing with inks and rollers; watercolour painting; marbling; acrylic painting; fabric painting and printing.

This is perfect for your child to build on their artistic skills, learn something new, and experiment in an encouraging group.

Term-time After School Club:
Tuesdays from 26th April 4-5.30pm
£10 per 1.5 hr session (6yrs +)
23 Beaconsfield Road, Knowle, BS4 2JE

Holiday Club:
19th April / 31st May / 25th July
£15 per 2 hr session (6 yrs +)
'Creative Space', 56 North St, BS3 1HJ

Family Printing

Have a fun time together with your youngster/s in this family relief printing experience. Design and print artwork to be proud of, as well as a tote bag or pencil case that will hold memories of your special one to one time together.

This workshop provides the space, materials, and expertise from Kate that allow you to connect with your little ones in a playful, creative way.

All resources will be provided... plus plenty of tea, coffee, juice and biscuits to fuel your creativity.

Various dates - inc. a Father's Day gift special!
£35 for adult & child / £65 for family of 4
£10 for additional child
'Creative Space' 56 North St, BS3 1HJ

To Book

Scan QR code for direct booking
Visit katemiller-printmaker.co.uk





School Health Nurses Free webinars for parents and carers

Schedule for March 2022

These sessions are suitable for carers of children and young people of all ages.
Click the links for full details.

21st

Continence in children and
young people bit.ly/3J22f09

22nd

Healthy eating and physical
activity bit.ly/3MFoSJN

23rd

Keeping your child happy
and healthy bit.ly/35Np9Kg

24th

Helping your child with sleep
bit.ly/34uVIBg

28th

Eating disorder awareness
bit.ly/3hU8Qha

28th

Dental health
bit.ly/3MEDOb8

29th

Understanding your child's
wellbeing bit.ly/3MEDPMe

Service provided by

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care & health

Find out more about School Health Nurses at cchp.nhs.uk



FREE Workshops Is your child on the Autism Assessment Waiting List?

This exciting project is aimed at parents and carers who are on the
waiting list for an Autism assessment for their child. We know that in
some areas this can be a long process.

For the first time Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire
(BNSSG) Parent Carer forums have teamed together and are delivering
specific workshops to provide information, support and practical
guidance.

A combination of professional expertise, knowledge and the lived
experience of parenting a SEND child is at the basis of each workshop.
Attending our workshops will give you the benefit of years of
professional training and expertise. We will be running both on-line and
face-to-face workshops. Our face-to-face workshops will focus on four
themes, turn over for a summary, and our on-line sessions will cover a
variety of themes based on feedback we receive from families.

Please sign up to your local Parent Carer Forum to be the first to get
dates and locations for our workshops and on-line sessions.



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