

Happy Friday!

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful and happy holiday.

New base for Shine... From Monday of this week, we moved our Merrywood Shine provision into the hall and it has been great to see the children growing into the space. This move enables the team to offer a larger range of activities and also provides additional space for children in which to develop their own games and activities. It has been lovely seeing them enjoy this change this week.

Just a reminder that for Shine, the drop-off in the morning and **all** collections in the evening are from the rear school gate on Milford street. The phone number to call to gain the attention of a member of staff is 07495020935 and it can also be found on a sign on the gate.

Congratulations Mrs Jones... We came back to some wonderful news – over the holiday, Kirstie Jones and her husband Jordan welcomed baby Aubrie into the world. Everyone is well and thriving and I know you will join me in wishing the Jones family huge congratulations and lots of love for the future.

Finally... Eid Mubarak to our Muslim families head of the upcoming celebrations. Have a happy and peaceful Eid.

Please remember the Bank Holiday on Monday, and we will see you all on Tuesday. Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

Welcome to the Team... We have welcomed two new members to the staff team this week: Pippa Walliker who has joined our admin team, and Jennifer Dunkley who has joined our Merrywood lunchtime team. Here they are to introduce themselves to you...



My name is Jennifer Dunkley. I'm really pleased to have recently joined the team here at Southville Primary School. I will be working as part of the lunchtime team at Merrywood and I excited to get to know you all.

A bit about me; I love to do word searches and puzzles especially with my little girl. I love researching and trying out new recipes when cooking for my family. I enjoy reading and watching Soaps, my favourite is Coronation Street. I look forward to helping everyone in the hall and the playground during the lunchtime.

My name is Pippa and I am joining the Merrywood Office as an Admin Assistant having previously spent 30 years in IT. My son is in Reception and it's lovely being able to be so close. We live locally with my partner Martyn and dog Waffle. My first week has nearly come to an end and it's been great fun, long may it continue!



Curriculum information... At our school, we learn many subjects under one umbrella; we call this 'Immersive Learning' as the children are fully immersed in a particular topic or theme for a term and become experts in that area of the curriculum. Our immersive curriculum combines writing, history, geography, art, design & technology and science, plus other subjects such as mathematics and physical education where appropriate. This week, many of the children have been enjoying getting stuck into their new topics. If you would like to find out more about what your child is learning this term, scroll down to the bottom of their year group page to the 'Useful links' section and click on the tab entitled 'Term 5 MT Overview': https://www.southville.bristol.sch.uk/learning/curriculum-guide/year-groups/

Remember, our **Twitter page** is a great way to see some of the children's fantastic learning in action... <u>https://twitter.com/southville_prim</u>

Sale coming soon... Joe, Louis, Katy, Orla, Daisy and Martha from Hedgehogs have decided to do a bake sale to raise money for Ukraine. They will be selling tie-dye socks, bracelets and lots of baked goods. It will be on 6th May (Friday)after school at Dame Emily Park. Please join them if you can!

Enrichment Club Update... Our new enrichment clubs have all started this week. There are still spaces in Stop motion Animation and Robotics Club so please book via our website and join the fun!

<u>From next week</u>, for all Merrywood club-goers, the pick-up for all school-based clubs (not Shine) will be from the front playground. Even if the club takes place in the house, we will walk the children through to the front playground for collection.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities consultation...

The government published the SEND Review: Right support, right place, right time, on 29th March 2022. This sets out our proposals for a SEND and alternative provision system that offers children and young people the opportunity to thrive, with access to the right support, in the right place, and at the right time, so they can fulfil their potential and lead happy, healthy and productive adult lives.

This consultation is open to anyone with an interest in the SEND and AP systems and can be accessed here...

https://consult.education.gov.uk/send-review-division/send-review-2022/consultation/subpage.2022-02-7538639008/

Myrtle fox.. Some of your children may have caught sight of a fox on our Myrtle site this week. It doesn't look very well and appears to be injured so we have called the RSPCA who have left a humane trap for us to keep open during the hours that someone is available to regularly check it.



Special Eid Menu 7hursday, 5th May

Chicken Ziryani or Mushroom Ziryani Served with broccoli

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Jacket potato with cheese and beans or tuna mayonnaise Served with a mixed salad

Cheese wrap or Juna mayonnaise roll Served with mixed rice salad

Baklava or mango smoothie pot Fresh fruit also available \overrightarrow{A} \overrightarrow{A} \overrightarrow{A} \overrightarrow{A} \overrightarrow{A} \overrightarrow{A} \overrightarrow{A} \overrightarrow{A}

OPAL play

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



Storage Sheds

These are on site; the site team are now preparing the 'Big Build' during the school day

Pallet Vertical planters

In a bid to continue re-using and recycling things breathing new life in to discarded objects we would like to start to develop our vertical planters for the Myrtle site within the Orchard area. Has anyone tried this within their home projects. Any advice would be great on the positives and the pitfalls.

Donations

Thank you for your donations, a huge tractor tyre has arrived within our Myrtle donation station (thanks Jim Twine) The children are loving the ability to play freely and set their own path.

Mr Potter

Year Group Updates

Nursery...

It's been straight back into fun and play for the Seahorse class! The children have been very excited to see each other and bursting to share their Easter holiday news.

This week there has been lots of collaborative play, from our own campsite, complete with a 'campfire', to creating a huge muddy river for the dinosaurs (although at the end of the day, looking at the mucky pup Seahorses, there may have been concern that there was no mud left for the dinosaurs, but fear not, there was plenty to go around!).

We've been practising our handwashing and looking at 'glitter germs' to see just how important it is to use soap and properly rub our hands to see that all the glitter gets washed away and our hands are left nice and clean!

In group times we have been practising our name writing, using our gross motor and team work skills to play parachute games and using our clear speaking voices to share our holiday news with our friends.

September Reception Places

For those of you who have a child due to start Reception in September; as you already know you have received an e mail from the council on 19th April with your child's school offer. It is vitally important that you respond to the council, and officially accept your school placement. <u>The</u> <u>deadline for accepting offers is Tuesday 3rd May (next week!).</u>



Reception...

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to catch up with the children this week and have them settle back into their routines so calmly and confidently. Well done Reception! We can't believe how time has flown and we have only two terms left with you all!

During the next two weeks, our topic focus will be all about the wonderful country of Japan. The children will explore traditional Japanese artwork, music, cooking and stories. If you have any objects, photos or books about Japan, the children would be very welcome to bring them in to show us.

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

Reception continued...

Area of Learning	<u>Week beginning 03.05.22</u> (Please note the Bank Holiday Monday)
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	 Zones of Regulation Make friends, make friends, never ever break friends! Part 2 - I can think of ways to solve problems and stay friends
Communication and Language	 Star Boxes show and tell Philosophy question - Should trees be cut down to make paper?
Physical Development	 PE - Gymnastics/ using apparatus
Literacy	 Writing - Recipe for vegetarian 'rainbow sushi' Phonics - Reviewing Phase 3 Reading Practice Sessions Handwriting - letter formation
Mathematics	 Counting patterns beyond 10
Understanding the World	 RE - 'Celebrating our journey through life' Japan Forest School - Friday 6th May - Jellyfish Class
Expressive Arts and Design	 Music - singing (Charanga scheme) Creating artwork - Japanese blossom tree collage and still life drawings, origami, Katsushika Hokusai's wave painting Learning about traditional Japanese music - listening and responding

Additional Information

A request from Miss Holden

Miss Holden teaches RE to each class. Next week in this session, the children are invited to bring in a book which they feel is special to them. It could be a book that someone special has given to them, an old book belonging to a family member or it could just be a story they enjoy. They need to think of a reason why the book is special to them. If your child would like to, please could they bring one in on Tuesday 3rd May. Many thanks in advance!

eBook library

In school, your child has Reading Practice Sessions 3 x per week in small groups. They will read the same book 3 times and the sessions focus on decoding the words, prosody and comprehension. They will be allocated the same book in eBook format to practise at home too. Please do login and give the eBook library a go! When you log in, you'll be given access to the whole library. Please refer to your child's reading record book where we will have signposted you to your child's book for that week. You can then use the search tool to find it.

https://ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/

Please let us know if you require your child's login details again. The eBook library is a new feature of our reading programme and we are interested to hear any feedback you may have about it.

Year 1...

Well done to all of Year 1 for a great start to our new topic, 'Down on the Farm.' All of the children have enjoyed planting seeds this week.

Next week, we will be doing observational drawings of plants/flowers. If you have any spare flowers/plants at home or anything growing in your garden that you would be happy to donate, please could the children bring these into school to sketch on the following days:

Badgers Friday Butterflies Tuesday Bears Wednesday

For week beginning 2nd May only, there will be a change to P.E. days:

BadgersWednesday 4th and Thursday 5thButterfliesWednesday 4th and Thursday 5thBearsThursday 5th only

Trip to the Farm

We are really looking forward to visiting the farm in week 3. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered so far. We now have enough helpers for Butterfly and Badger classes. We require more parent volunteers for Bear class, if you are able to help please contact the class teacher or school office. The class teachers will confirm whether you are needed at the beginning of next week.

Year 2...

What a super first week back we've had. The children enjoyed their hook day (thank you for the amazing outfits) and have begun their new topic 'Food Heroes!'. So far this week, we have learnt about where different food comes from, food miles and the impact of food waste.

PE days this term

Foxes: Monday and Thursday Falcons: Tuesday and Thursday Flamingos: Thursday and Friday

However, just for the week beginning 2nd May these will be our PE days: Foxes: Tuesday 3rd May Falcons: Tuesday 3rd May Flamingos: Tuesday 3rd May and Friday 6th May

Falcon parents' evenings

Mrs Makings will be holding her parents' evenings on Tuesday 3rd May and Thursday 5th May. Please email if you have any questions.

Year 3...

Well done to Year 3 for a fantastic launch to our new topic 'Healthy Me'! We started the week, with some fun circuit training, a delicious tasting morning and created some beautiful art, inspired by the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo.

This week Honeybees enjoyed their first forest school session, with Ms Hayes. Due to forest school taking place for the next two weeks, Honeybees will not be doing outdoor PE on Monday afternoons and can come to school in their school uniform.

Heron Class will be starting forest school on Wednesday 18th May and Hedgehogs will be having their 3 sessions during term 6. You will receive a letter, containing further information, before your sessions begin.

Year 6... Please can we remind any parents / carers who wish their child to attend the breakfast club during SATS week (w/b 9th May) to return or email the signed permission slip.



Games Night:

NEXT FRIDAY 6th May!!

Come and enjoy a selection of nostalgic, and new games, a mini quiz, **table service** from your PTA bar serving quality beers and wine, along with bar snacks. There are a limited number of tables we can offer, so book quickly to avoid disappointment as these sell quickly. Tables can be made up of between 4-6 people, we can join you with others should you not be able to form a whole table. Tables are £20 each and can be booked via PTA Events: <u>https://www.pta-events.co.uk/southvilleprimarypta/</u>

<u>Volunteers:</u> We will need volunteers to run the bar for the Games Night. Please volunteer via PTA events- thank you!



May Fair - Sunday 22nd May 2-5pm

Thank you to each class who have agreed to run a stall at the fair, and all of you who have put yourselves forward for a volunteering slot. These events wouldn't be able to happen without you.

Private Stalls:

Thank you to everyone who has been in touch to run a private stall at the fair, we have 5 community stalls running on the day. Should you wish to have your own stall at the fair please email <u>southvilleprimarypta@gmail.com</u> with details of the stall before booking. Bookings for private stalls are live on PTA events.

Raffle Tickets:

Hopefully everyone has received their raffle tickets from their class teachers.

Please return any stubs with payment to the office, along with any unsold tickets so these can be redistributed.

Your class reps will let you know when additional tickets are available for collection from both Merrywood and Myrtle offices.

These will also be available for purchase on the day.

Hampers:

Lots of classes have started to collect items / donations for the hampers for the raffle. As with previous fairs and the virtual balloon races, every class contributes a hamper to the school. **The hampers are due in on Friday 20th May, or bought along to the fair on the 22nd**. Physical hampers are encouraged too as these will all be on display for the live raffle draw. Previous hampers have been amazing! These have ranged from food bank donations, save the bee hampers, movie nights, summer fun, voucher based hampers for local businesses ; £100 Pony and Trap vouchers, £100 Tyoville vouchers, Hugo, Storysmiths, Bristol Lido, Zero Green, Bookhaus, Box-E, Corks and many more!

Donations:

All new and quality used toys and books are welcome, we need lots of soft toys / teddies for the sponsor a teddy stall, tombola prizes can range from bottles of wine, to bath sets, boxes of chocolates, games etc.

Please take these to the offices at either site, where we will regularly collect them for storage.

MAY FAIR Donation requests!		
WHAT:	WHERE & WHEN:	
Toys & Kids' Books	Fri 13th May (Myrtle)	
Pre-Loved School Uniform	Fri 13th May (either reception)	
Cakes (No Nuts)	Fri 20th May or at Fair (Myrtle)	
Tombola Prizes	Anytime to either reception	
Teddies for the teddy sta	II Anytime before the 13th May (either reception)	
Completed Hampers	Fri 20th May or on the day (Myrtle)	

Next Meeting: Thursday 12th May – 7:30pm Myrtle Site



