

Welcome back.

You will be aware that our first week back has ended with the sad news yesterday evening that Queen Elizabeth II has passed away at the age of 96. In class today, teachers have shared Newsround's excellent report about her long and accomplished life with the children to provide an opportunity to discuss and reflect upon this historic occasion. There may be further national events arranged for schools in the coming weeks and I will keep you updated if and when we learn more about these.

I hope you had a lovely summer break. We have had a fantastic first week back in school. I have been so impressed with the way the children have settled into their new classes, but must give a special mention to the year 3 children who have settled in to Myrtle brilliantly, and also to our new Reception children who have been full of wide eyed smiles and questions this week. I hope your child has made as smooth a start as possible. If not, please do speak to their teacher so that we can work together to settle them in.

Our School Environment... Over the holiday and during the second Inset day last week, staff have been working extremely hard to prepare the classrooms for the children. We have really focused on de-cluttering and using calming colours to make the rooms as inclusive as possible and to help the children feel relaxed and able to learn. We have also installed sound dampening panels in the hall at Merrywood which look great and work brilliantly.

We would like to invite you in to see your child's classroom, meet their teacher and hear a little more detail about what to expect this year. Meet the Teacher meetings will be after school on **Monday 19**th **September at Merrywood and Wednesday 21**st **September at Myrtle**. If you are unable to make it, we will upload the presentations to the website immediately afterwards.

PPA Arrangements... As you may be aware, every class teacher is entitled to time away from class for Planning, Preparation and Assessment time. This year we are returning to the model that was used before the pandemic, in which a team of specialist teachers spends a morning in each year group, providing the children with a carousel of activities. In years 1-2 these activities are PE (with Mr Goddard), Computing (with Mr Suanes) and Music (with Ms Holden). In Years 3 to 6 the activities are PE (with Mr Goddard), Computing (with Mr Suanes) and French (with Madame Turvey). Please note that for the next few weeks, Mr Suanes will be recovering from a knee operation and will be covered by Miss Ahmed. They have enjoyed a two day handover this week.

This means that one day a week your child may come home with a long list of the teachers they have had but please be assured it is very well thought out and is all about providing the richest possible learning opportunities for the children.

Plea for Experts... We LOVE welcoming family members in to school to share an interest or area of expertise linked to our curriculum. If you feel you would be able and willing to support our curriculum by coming into class, please email either school office and they will pass your offer on to the teachers. We are particularly keen to welcome people who would like to share their experience of a particular faith as this is so valuable for the children.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

Parentmail... Thank you for responding to our communications before the summer and helping us to make the transition to parentmail for the start of this term. Whilst we have had positive feedback about the new arrangements for booking meals, I am very aware that for some this change has brought with it frustration and I apologise that there wasn't more clarity about this in the original communications.

The two key benefits for school in this system are:

- 1. Avoiding unrecovered parental debt (this has historically cost the school thousands of pounds every year)
- 2. Reducing food waste

In addition, it gives families the chance to choose meals that complement their planned evening meal and activities and avoids meal choices that their child may taste and then leave.

However, we recognise that the disconnect between the app and the menu makes the booking process complicated and so are taking steps to simplify this.

This term:

When you order, you no longer need to cross-reference the menu. Please just click the preferred option on the app (hot, cold etc) and teachers will ask your child to choose from the menu in class as they used to previously. Please note, your child will only be given this option if you have ordered (and therefore paid for) a meal on parentmail (Myrtle children only).

Term 2:

After half term, the food choices for each day will be embedded into the app so choosing a meal will take a matter of seconds – you will just click on the meal you wish to order. We will load the menu into the app a term at a time so you will still be able to get set up well in advance if you wish to.

From both a financial perspective and waste-reduction perspective, this system will be extremely valuable and I sincerely hope it is for you too. Thank you again for your patience as we work through the initial teething issues.

Roll up, roll up! It's the Southbank Bristol Arts Trail!

On Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September the Southbank Bristol Arts Trail returns! Local artists will be opening up their homes to showcase their work and Southville Primary is getting involved. We will be transforming our front Stackpool fence into a whole school 'Botanical Wall' art installation!

Last summer term, all the children from Nursery to year six, worked hard to produce flowers, bees, bugs etc which will be out on display this weekend, we hope you enjoy it!

I wonder if the children spot their work?

South Bristol Art Trail

ARTS TRAIL

Allergies

A reminder that Southville Primary is a nut-free and sesame-free school. There are children with severe allergies to these foods and we would ask you to please ensure that any snacks that the children bring into school do not contain these products.



Many thanks.

New Term reminders

If your child will not be attending school during term time due to a planned absence, please complete and "Absence Request Form" and return it to the office

If your child needs to be taken out of school during the school day for a medical/dentist appointment or similar please email the office with details of the appointment and include a copy of the invite where available.

If you need to bring your dog with you at drop off or pick up, please ensure the dog is kept well away from the school gates so as not to scare children, staff or the dog.

Spare clothes

The school normally has a selection of spare clothes available to change children in to should they have an accident and not have their own change of clothes; at Merrywood, we have run out of clothes and are looking for donations. If you are able, please can you provide pants, tights, leggings/jogging bottoms and t-shirts, required for ages 3 – 7.

Christmas Pantomime

I know it's early, but just to confirm the dates and shows that have been booked for pupils to go on their Christmas Theatre trip.

Year Group	Venue	Date	Time	Show	Duration
Reception	Bristol Old Vic	Thursday, 15 th December	1.30 pm	Belle and Sebastian	50 mins
Y1	Bristol Old Vic	Thursday, 15 th December	10.30 am	Belle and Sebastian	50 mins
Y2	The Tobacco factory	Thursday, 15 th December	1.00 pm	The Snow Queen	2 hours and 15 mins
Y3+Y4	The Tobacco factory	Wednesday, 14 th December	1.00 pm	The Snow Queen	2 hours and 15 mins
Y5+Y6	Bristol Old Vic	Tuesday, 13 th December	10.00 am	The Nutcracker	approximately 2 hours

Safeguarding & Mentoring



Hello,

Giving hope to grieving children

We are saddened by the news of the death of HRH Queen Elizabeth II and offer our heartfelt condolences to all of the royal family.

These events will no doubt impact many young grieving people.

Winston's Wish will continue to provide advice, support and guidance through our Freephone Helpline, email and text services. Resources and information, including guides on how to support young people and their families through the death of the Queen, will be available on our website and social media accounts over the coming days.

As well as a proud leader we remember Her Royal Highness also as a devoted wife and proud and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. We will forever be grateful for the contribution Her Majesty made to her country.

How to talk to children about the death of the Queen

How to explain death to a child

How to look after yourself when a public figure dies

Everyone grieves in their own way

How to remember someone who has died



School Kitchen Corner

New look... Merrywood kitchen had a spruce up over the summer holidays.

We replaced the very old wooden shelves with fresh modern metal shelving in our dry goods and equipment rooms, giving us extra space and a fresh new look.

Thank you to our caretakers for their hard work!

Food waste... School caterers aim to have less than 5% food waste daily. At Southville we work hard to ensure we stick to this. Booking school lunches in advance will give the kitchen more control over ordering and preparing school lunches. This will certainly have a positive effect on our food waste.





Year Group Updates

Nursery

We have enjoyed two busy stay and play sessions this week in Seahorse Class, and lots of home visits to meet all our fabulous new Seahorse children.

We are all really looking forward to welcoming your children in next week, as they begin their first few days with us.

It's been super to catch up with our wonderful returning children this week too. It has been lovely to catch up on their news.

Reception

We hope the children have had a great first week in school! It has been wonderful getting to know them and we are looking forward to starting our learning journey over the next couple of weeks.

Staffing

Please find below a list of staff for each class, including the cover teacher for Monday afternoons when class teachers have planning time out of class. Miss Holden will be teaching Starfish class on Fridays and this will begin from the 23rd September.

Starfish	Jellyfish	Octopus	
Mrs Lyons	Mrs Parker	Mrs Masih	
Miss Morley	Mrs Nolan	Mrs French	
Miss Holden (Monday afternoon and Fridays)	Mr Suanes (Monday afternoon)	Mr Goddard (Monday afternoon)	

Parent meetings

Next week we will be holding parents' meetings in the afternoon. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for a slot. If you have yet to choose a slot, please see your class teacher for the sign-up sheets. When attending your meeting, please come to the front gate, Stackpool rd and then a member of the reception team will collect you and bring you to the classroom.

Baseline assessments

We will be carrying on our baseline assessments for the next couple of weeks and we have sent you further information about this by email. Please do let us know if you have any questions.

Pick-ups

Please let your class teacher know if anyone else will be picking your child up at the end of school, as we keep a note of these in our classrooms. Thank you.

Reception cont.

Snacks

The school provides various different fruits for the children to have at snack time but they may bring in their own healthy snack from home if they would prefer.

Special photos

This term's topic is 'Superhero Me' and we will be celebrating our unique, wonderful selves! We will each be sharing a special photo from home in circle time with the rest of the class - these can be anything that the children would like. Please could these photos be handed to class teachers by Monday 19th September. We can't wait to see what the children choose!

Year 1

Welcome back! And what a brilliant first week back. Next Monday, is our 'Hook Day' when we launch our pirate topic. Please remember to send your child in dressed as a pirate. (Please don't feel the need to buy a costume - a home-made costume from old clothes is great.) If you have a clean cardboard tube, like a kitchen roll, please could your child bring it in on Monday next week. We are also collecting small cardboard egg boxes which we will be using in the next few weeks.

By far the most important things you can do with your child at home, whatever their level, is to hear them read and read to them. Your child will bring home a reading book this week once your class teacher has heard your child read. The book might be familiar but this is to give the children confidence to get back into reading after a big break over the summer.

Little Wandle reading groups (guided reading groups) will start in school next week. Your child will read in school 3 times a week with an adult and the book they read in this group will be written in their reading record when they do their first guided reading session. Please log in at home and read this book at home using the same log in details from last year. Ideally the children can read these books with 90-95% fluency. Your child will also bring a library book home that they have chosen themselvesthis is intended as a book that they can share with an adult. (The adult reading.)

On your P.E. day please remember to send your child in your P.E. kits.

P.E. days:

Badger: Wednesday and Thursday Butterflies: Wednesday and Friday Bears: Monday and Wednesday

On a Wednesday afternoon, the Year 1 team meet as a team. The children will enjoy an afternoon of different activities - music, I.C.T and P.E. With other members of staff.

The LSAs who are supporting the children in Year 1 are, Miss Mullen, Mrs Khalif and Mr Ben.

Please can the children bring in a waterproof coat as the children go outside in all weathers and a named water bottle so they can have a drink a playtime. So your child's property can be returned to them, please ensure **everything** is named. A reminder that no toys should be brought in from home.

Year 1 cont.

Dates for the diary:

Trip to The Matthew:

Badger: Thursday 13th October

Butterflies: Wednesday 12th October

Bears: Tuesday 11th October

Trip to Windmill Hill City Farm:

Badger: Monday 17th October Butterflies: Thursday 20th October Bears: Tuesday 18th October

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year One Team

Year 2

Year 2 have had a great start to the year and are getting used to their new classrooms, teachers and expectations. This week we have started our Island Home topic by learning about Katie Morag and making maps. You should have received a letter yesterday with information about the staff team and some of our routines - please let the office know if you did not receive this.

Year 3.

A huge well done to the year 3 children this week! They've made a great start to the year and settled in to Myrtle really well. We started our Stone Age topic this week and the children particularly enjoyed the archaeological dig activity!

A few things to note:

- Please can children come in to school with raincoats every day (or leave one in school) as we go outside for play even if it's raining.
- We need 2 litre plastic milk bottles for our topic lesson next Monday (12th Sept). Please send in any you have on the Monday morning.
- Google Classrooms is in the process of being updated and we will let you know when it is ready to use.

Thanks

Sam and the year 3 team.

Year 4

We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer. The children have come back full of enthusiasm and energy, and they've been settling into year 4 with their new teachers so well. We look forward to meeting you all -- there will be an opportunity to ask questions in a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting in the next few weeks (more details to follow).

In the meantime, a few messages from us. Please send children to school with a water bottle and a healthy snack every day, as well as their reading record and the reading book(s) they will be bringing home. We are asking that children do not bring in toys or pencil cases, so please ask them to leave these at home.

Each class will have two PE lessons a week. Please make sure they come to school **dressed in their PE kits**, appropriately dressed for the weather for outdoor lessons.

This term all year 4 classes have PE on Thursday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor).

Year 4 cont.

Mr Goddard (PE), Mr Suanes (Computing) and Mme Turvey (French), our specialist subject teachers, will be taking all Year 4 classes on Friday mornings, covering the teachers' PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time. For additional staff development, PPA and leadership time Koala class will be covered on Wednesday afternoons by Mrs Asensi, Kiwis on Wednesday mornings by Mrs Asensi and Kangaroos by Mr Goddard on Thursday afternoons.

This term our topic is 'Water: All Around Us'. We will be uploading key information, including a copy of our term 1 learning map, spellings and homework onto Google Classroom in the next week or two. Please do not worry about this straight away, as we will be letting you know more about this.

We look forward to working in partnership with you, and on ensuring the children have an amazing Year 4!

All the best from the year four team,

Mr Smith (Lower Key Stage 2 Phase Leader / Kangaroo class teacher),

Miss O'Connor (Koala class teacher) and Miss Watts / Miss Kmit (Kiwi class teachers).

Year 5

We are looking forward to meeting you at the Meet The Teacher events shortly, but in the meantime here is some information you need.

Children can continue to come into school wearing PE kit on PE days. This should be in house colours or a white T shirt and proper trainers.

Leopards - Wednesdays and Thursdays

Lemurs -

Lions - Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)

Year 5 currently have the last lunch slot at 1:00 due to the swimming rota. The children are quite hungry by then! If you can, please send them with a healthy snack to eat at playtime to keep them going. A reminder too that everyone needs a refillable water bottle every day and only water is allowed in school, not juice.

Please get the children to bring a coat into school every day. Some of them have been quite wet at playtimes this week, without coats. We usually go outside every day, even when it's raining.

This week we have sent children home with a topic spelling list. This is for them to learn by next Friday (13th) for a spelling test. We will then send a full term's list out, with 10 words for each week. If your child finds this too much, please focus on the first 6 of them, rather than struggle with the full set. Your class teacher may recommend this to some children where they feel this is more appropriate. It's really important that they know what the words mean, as well as how to spell them, so that they can use them in their own writing. Please check meanings if they are unsure.

Homework will continue to be on Google Classroom. We will send a reminder of log-ons in the next week. It will be posted online on Wednesdays and to be returned by the following Wednesday please. You can do this online, with a photo of handwritten work online, or on a piece of paper brought into school.

Year 5 cont.

We are very keen to include real experience in our RE lessons. If you feel that you could share your faith experience, or know someone in your community who would come in and speak to Year 5, we would love to hear from you please.

We have given out new reading records and levelled reading books this week. Please encourage your children to read at least 4 times a week, including one or two sessions with an adult. This can be home books as well as library books. Get them to make a note in their record and teachers will review these on Fridays, when they can change their books.

Also a plea - to return any left over levelled or new library books that are lurking at home.

Thanks.

Year 6

A big welcome to our new year 6 parents / carers and children. We have completed our first week and we are very pleased with how the children have adapted to their new, year 6 routines. So a big well done to them.

Just a reminder that year 6 are swimming on Monday mornings from the 12th September. Please make sure that your child has appropriate swim wear (no long shorts and a hairband if needed) and a towel.

Ashton Park and Bedminster Down School have also asked us to include there open event information for you.





Other school information will be released when it is sent to us.

As always, thank you for your support and here's to an amazing year.

Best wishes, Year 6 team





Welcome to all the new families joining Southville Primary's Preschool and Reception Classes. We hope to meet lots of you over your child's time at the school. We are a very friendly team of parents and teachers who make up the current Parents and Teachers Association - aka the PTA!

We aim to provide you all with a sense of school community, advocate a parent voice, arrange fun events for the children to enjoy, and raise money so we are able to provide extra enrichment opportunities for *all* children. For more information please see our page on the school's website:

https://www.southville.bristol.sch.uk/parent-information/pta/

Here you can find details of previous minutes from meetings, class representative lists and contact information. We also welcome you all to join our Friends of Southville Primary PTA Facebook group, which will detail upcoming events, what you can expect over the year and other helpful links:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/734023813350596

To welcome all our new families in both the Pre-school and Reception, we are holding a 'Welcome Picnic' at our Merrywood Site on Saturday 17th September 2-4pm. The 'cafe' is run on donations only, so please bring a cake, cookies, fruit with you which we can share. No nuts- we are a nut free school. There will also be a second hand school uniform stall, so please bring your loose change!

PTA App:

We have an App for purchases for events. The PTA App can be downloaded on android and iPhone, search for 'PTA EVENTS'.

The organisation code is: **Southvilleprimarypta**

Dates for your diaries!

17th September - Welcome Picnic for preschool and reception families only

13th October - Halloween Discos Y1-Y6

11th November - Comedy Night

3rd December - Christmas Fayre

TBC January - Beginners Ball for Reception

How can you get involved?

We have our first meeting next **Thursday 15th September at 7:30pm** held at our Myrtle Site. Do you want to find out more about what we do? Be part of the wonderful parent community? Find out how to be a class representative? Make decisions on how we spend money? Help to organise events? Please come along as we would love to meet as many of you as possible!

KIDS! CLUB

Southville Infant School

Dear parents and carers,

We are delighted to offer our clubs this term, led by our kind DBS certified expert instructors at your school.

No materials are required, your child simply needs to turn up!

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. https://www.kidsclub.org.uk/book/southville-infant/

After School Club - Autumn Term

1h After School - 3:30-4:30pm

Week Commencing - 12th September - 21st October 202

Please visit the link to book your child's place.

If you have difficulties with payment or have further questions you can contact us on live chat kidsclub.org.uk

Monday

Lead

Tuesday

Magic

Wednesday

Thursday

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Southville Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

We are delighted to offer our clubs this term, led by our kind DBS certified expert instructors at your school.

No materials are required, your child simply needs to turn upi

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. https://www.kidsclub.org.uk/book/southville-junior/

After School Club - Autumn Term

1h After School - 3:15-4:15pm

Week Commencing - 12th September - 21st October 2022

Please visit the link to book your child's place.

If you have difficulties with payment or have further questions you can contact us on live chat kidsclub.org.uk

Monday

Codin

Tuesday

Graphic Design

Wednesday

Robotics

Thursday

Bakina







Acting Out classes help develop communication, self esteem, self confidence and mostly we have lots and lots of fun!

Our drama club helps children to find their own voices and develop creativity, make friends grow in confidence in a safe and fun environment. Our Sessions include games, vocal work, imagination, storytelling, improvisation, and most important lots and lots of fun. For more details on us and what we do please check out our website www.actingoutdrama.com

Acting Out Reception Drama Club on Thursdays 15:30 - 16:30 3rd Nov - 8th Dec

Acting Out KS1 Drama Club on Tuesdays 15:30 - 16:30 6th Sep - 18th Oct

Acting Out KS2 Drama Club on Wednesdays 15:15 – 16:15 7th Sep – 19th Oct in Music Room

If you would like your child to join, please complete the registration form and photographs permission forms below:

https://goo.gl/forms/ZGnxev6FuBtZlf453

https://goo.gl/forms/OnVcHrCRH089X8XA3

We will confirm by email you to let you know if your child has a place in drama club. Once your child's place has been confirmed please make payment of £36 (£6 a week) for term 2 by BACS (using your child's full name as reference) to Acting Out Ltd

Account Number: 92398568. Sort Code: 608371 Account Name: Acting Out Ltd

Please encourage the children to bring a water bottle and a snack as drama can be hungry work.

Looking forward to meeting them



Jacqui Ham - Acting Out Drama

www.actingoutdrama.com Tel: 07956962422 email: enquiries@actingoutdrama.com



Timetable 2022-2023



Monday

Ballet Pre-school (Age 3-4) 15:30- 16:10
Ballet Pre-primary (Age 4-5) 16:15- 17:00
Ballet Primary (Age 6-7) 17:00- 17:45

Tuesday

Ballet Grade 1 (Age 7+) 16:15- 17:15
Contemporary (Age 8+) 17:15- 18:00
Conditioning 18:00- 18:15
Modern Jazz (Age 7+) 18:15- 19:00

Friday

Ballet Pre-Primary || (Age 4-6) 16:15-17:00 Tap Dancing (Age 6+) 17:00-17:45

Saturday

Dance minis (Age 4-7) 10:00- 10:45

Junior Dance Company 8+ 10:45- 11:45



