



NEWSLETTER

Happy Friday!

With the end of term nearly upon us, this will be the final newsletter of the year. I started to write an 'end of year round-up' including all of the highlights, but to be honest it just became too long! If you do fancy a trip down memory lane can I suggest you take a moment to browse the Weduc newsfeed or one of our social media channels. There is so much to look back on and enjoy. You could enhance the experience by playing some background music - I'd recommend 'Lovely Day' by Bill Withers. Or anything by Keane.

Staff Farewells

Keep that background music playing because we're saying goodbye to some lovely people this term. I have already shared a few words about the impact each of these people has had on our school in the time they have been here, but on behalf of us all I would like to wish Ms Creton, Mrs Morley, Ms Abercrombie-Campbell, Ms Charnock, Miss Wogan and Mrs Poole lots of love and luck for the future.

I feel very lucky that my time at Southville has overlapped with theirs and I hope they each know how missed they will be. In their own unique ways they have each inspired, guided and supported hundreds of children, parents and colleagues over the years. I can confidently speak on behalf of everyone when I say they have each been absolutely brilliant to work with and deserve every happiness in their future adventures.

I'd also like to wish Miss Edwards 'bon voyage' as she leaves us for a year to travel the world. We're looking forward to seeing her back with us next September.

We have also been lucky to work with several members of staff from agencies this year who will be moving on to other roles and challenges in September. Mr Jones and Mr Pillar at Myrtle and Miss Matthews and Mr Furniss at Merrywood have each been fantastic additions to the team and we wish them well with their future endeavours. They have made a huge difference to the children they have been working with this year.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 treated us to a fantastic performance of 'Brisl Wars' - a uniquely Southville spin on Star Wars which in my opinion brought a much-needed dollop of humour to the franchise.

The children were amazing. The narration, acting, singing, sound and lights were all superb and both performances (on an incredibly warm day!) were just brilliant.

Our Year 6s have been a simply wonderful year group. Some have been with us since preschool, some since reception and many others have joined us along the way, and they have each brought so much to the school. I am very grateful that I have had the chance to get to know them over the last three years and know that we will miss them both as individuals and as a collective. They each have exciting futures ahead and we are very proud of every one of them.

Welcome Booklets

For the children who are staying, we have created 'Welcome' booklets for each year group. We recognise that over the summer some children may have questions, some may need some reassurance, and some may be getting excited. To help with this, the Welcome booklets contain pictures of the staff, some of the key times and information you might be interested in and some other photos to remind the children of where things are ahead of September.

You will receive your child's Welcome Book via Weduc and email as a PDF on Monday.

Food Bank

Thanks to your kind donations, and with support from Tesco, today we will be distributing 38 food parcels to members of our school community.

I am so grateful to the staff who have made this possible by helping to sort, carry and deliver boxes. It is an incredible team effort and just could not happen without everyone working together. Thank you to everyone who has made either physical or financial donations. Every contribution is greatly appreciated.

And of course, driving this well-oiled machine, collecting donations, processing requests and placing and chasing orders is the one and only Mrs Mathias who has once again been phenomenal. I am very proud of our school community - this really is our value of Care in action.



Book Amnesty

Please can I ask you to check at home for any school library or levelled books and bring them to school on Monday and Tuesday for our audit and stock check? Replenishing lost or unreturned books is very costly, so we greatly appreciate your efforts in locating and returning them.

Thank you for your help with this.

Circus Workshop

Thank you to the PTA who organised and funded the fantastic Lucas Jet and Co to be in school yesterday and today running circus skill workshops, and also treating us to two performances this morning.



The workshops have been a really fun and inspiring experience for the children and a lovely way to celebrate the end of the school year, and the shows were absolutely sensational! Juggling, acrobatics, unicycles and lots more - what a fantastic way to round off the year! Lucas and his partner Jony were brilliant with the children and are extremely talented performers.

You can find out more about them here: <https://www.lucasjet.party/>

We are now looking forward to two days of watching children trying to balance water bottles, hats and chairs on their head, chin and nose!

Southville Arts Trail - Coming Soon

The children have been working hard this term to create some amazing art for the Arts Trail. We have continued with our Southfest theme and have drawn inspiration from some of Bristol's amazing street artists to create a 'Southville Primary' sign. The sign will be on display on the Merrywood fence in September. The South Bristol Arts trail will take place on the 14th - 15th September, so please come down to see the children's amazing artwork.

A massive thank you to all the teachers and staff who have been helping to bring the children's visions to life and to 'Magic Number', a Bristol based events brand, that kindly cut our letters for the trail. We could not have done this without you all!

Ms Kmit

Support Over the Summer

If for any reason you need support over the summer holiday, please remember that we have a page on our website called 'Accessing Support'. If you scroll down you will see a number of web links and phone numbers where you can access help and advice for a range of situations.

<https://www.southville.bristol.sch.uk/safety-and-well-being/accessing-support/>

Finally...

Thank you for your contribution to our amazing school community this year and for the generosity you show with your time, donations, feedback, and ideas.

I am really proud of what we have achieved together this year and am looking forward to next year and all that it will bring.

Have a great summer, Andy Bowman