

SBS Newsletter

December
2015

We Explore, Achieve and Learn Together

Dear Parents,

As we enjoy our last week of term, with lots of merriment and festivity, I am pleased to say that we can look back to many happy moments since our last newsletter.

There has been the fabulous 'Cape Design' Competition for Children in Need. This competition raised £106 towards the charity and lots of fun was had demonstrating superhero 'flying' powers in the capes.

The children have also enjoyed various days out. Class 4 have visited Butser Ancient Farm in Horndean to look at the way the Celts lived in a round house and how they made wattle fences. They discussed the way archaeologists carefully unearthed the past and map a site of interest. The children also made jewellery out of copper and spun and weaved wool just like the Celts. Class 3 enjoyed an afternoon with an orchestra. The children clearly had a wonderful time, they have been writing me letters all about their trip. I liked Aaron Cole's comment, 'I loved singing the song because the music played in the background. It was exciting and it was amazing to sing with a live orchestra.'



Classes 2, 3 and 4 have also visited the Shorelines Project at St. Barbe Museum. This was a fantastic outing; the children enjoyed exploring the gallery and deciding what they liked and disliked about a range of artwork. They explored the layers of various paintings, really considering the artist's viewpoint and intentions. Of course, they met Smuggler Bob and this was a real hit! In school we have followed up the visit with some writing and



art work using our new sketch books. Next term we intend to build on the work we have started with the sketchbooks.

Imogen Walton wrote a creative and compelling diary account from the viewpoint of a person in the Wreckers painting.

Suddenly out of the mist, two plump men rode into view, carrying guns. The horses flew in the wind as they were whipped to a stop. The two men clambered down onto the ground swiping their swords in the wind. I quickly got up and ran to where the shipwreck was. I reached my hand to the sky, water was dripping off my fingers as I clenched them tight. The clouds grew over me, I thought they were watching me. I closed my eyes and dangled my skinny legs over the rocks. The plump men surrounded me. They handed me a lantern. It wasn't alight. A man struck a match and then lit a candle.....



Next term, classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be taking part in our first Spring Term Enrichment Day, 'Green Day.' Letters about this event have been sent home this week. Please make sure you receive this letter **before the Christmas break** as it has important information about the days on it.

Class One and Two Nativity Hit!

The pupils performed a fabulous Nativity again this year. There were just so many angels getting ready to meet baby Jesus and of course when so many are involved there can be a few hiccups along the way. Luckily it all turned out alright in the end and the audience were treated to some wonderful acting and singing throughout the afternoon.



Mrs Heron has kindly been able to secure the donation of our Christmas tree from Fairweathers again this year. It looks great decorated with all of the children's hand-crafted baubles.

Fairweathers are kindly offering a discount to South Baddesley parents on their Christmas trees. If you are going to purchase a tree from there, please show the voucher below.



KS2 Music Concert

Pupils in classes 3 and 4 produced a varied and interesting music concert. There were a range of performances from some very talented young musicians. It was another very enjoyable evening and very pleasing to watch so many children have the confidence to stand and perform in front of a large audience.

We know that at the heart of the work we do at SBS is a strong commitment to help the children, with your support, develop into happy and confident individuals. We want them to have a viewpoint and be able to articulate it. As well as being able to share their talents.

Well done to all of the children who participated.

The South Baddesley Friends have been working hard this month. The first film night was a great success and a popular event with the children.

We are also incredibly grateful to all of the parents who have helped serve refreshments at our Christmas events and also helped to prepare gifts for the children. The support and hard work of the Friends continues to be a great strength at South Baddesley. Thank you.

Old wellies...

If you have any reasonable condition spare wellies at home and would be prepared to donate them to school, we would be happy to receive them. Please send them to school via the office.



Dressing up clothes...

We are still collecting dressing up clothes and props. If you have any spare after the Christmas break, please do send them into school. The collection is still piling up in my office!



Feedback to parents

This term we gave out our new termly report cards at parent's evening. These cards reported your child's strengths and next steps for reading, writing and maths, plus one other area. We hope that you found these cards helpful. We plan to send out small reports each term, to keep you up-to-date with your child's learning. We would really like to hear your opinions about these cards. Please drop in and let me know, or send an email via the school office.

adminoffice@southbaddesley.hants.sch.uk

We will also discuss these report cards at our next Parent Forum on **Thursday 28th January at 2pm.**

Feedback for class one parents...

As many of you are now aware, class one now have an exciting new blog. It can be viewed by following the link from their class page.

<https://edclearners.wordpress.com/>

There are some great snippets of their learning on the blog and hopefully keeps parents informed. Below is an extract from this blog.



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Monday
14th Jan

Just Playing ?????? Or future
Designer, Engineer, Inventor
You Decide!

This was designed by one of the children in our class. It is a fantastic example of learning that has evolved through their own child initiated play. While constructing he has thought about shape symmetry and pattern, he has designed with a purpose in mind, has demonstrated challenge, perseverance, motivation, and problem solved.

Internet Safety Talk

We had an interesting talk about Internet Safety and suggestions for how to approach this topic with your children.

I hope that the talk gave the parents who attended some useful ideas and information. Of course, we regularly talk to the children about internet safety in school but it really helps if you do at home too.

The following websites are just a sample of useful reference points:



CBBC Stay Safe

NSPCA Online safety

Staffing update

I am delighted to inform you that Ms Whettingsteel will become a permanent member of SBS staff from April 2016. We have really enjoyed working with Lyndsey and I know the children have. She will continue to teach class 3.

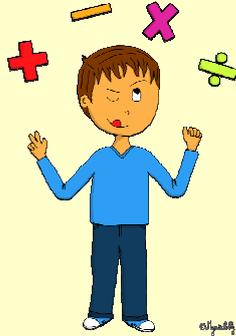
Mrs Sanger will be returning to SBS after the Easter holidays. She will be teaching class 1 on Fridays, as Ms Davis will be leaving us to have a baby. So 'congratulations' to Ms Davis and 'welcome back' Mrs Sanger.

Parent Workshops

A reminder that we will be running a parent workshop for maths on Tuesday 19th January, 3.15 –4.30pm.

All the staff will work alongside parents to explore some of the expectations of the new curriculum as well as to explain the number and calculation strategies we are now using.

I hope that many of you will be able to join us. Your children can participate in the workshop with you and we will be sending a letter home next term if you would like to book a place on this workshop.



As part of our work with the Priestlands Pyramid, we would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a FREE workshop on a topic relevant to primary aged children

Helping Children Manage Their Primary School Friendships

Wednesday 20th January 7:00-9:00pm

<http://newforestfriendship.eventbrite.co.uk>

The session will take place at St Luke's CE Primary School

For further information and booking, please see the flyer on our website on the parents page.

This course comes highly recommended by many parents. It will be led by Lorraine Lee of Recap.

Forest School

We are continuing to run Forest School for classes one and two. The children are really enjoying the sessions and we are able to cover our Science curriculum through exciting, practical tasks. It is really helpful to have parent helpers at these sessions. If you are interested in supporting at Forest School on either a Tuesday morning or afternoon, please do let me know.

Green Days: Two further Enrichment Days will take place after the holidays. A letter about these days has come home by paper this week. The children may wear green for the day. Children in classes 3 and 4, should bring cleaned, empty cans and also a picture of an object made from re-used materials.

Class 3 and 4 green Day— Tuesday 5th January

Class 1 and 2 Green Day—Wednesday 6th January

Punctuality

Please remember that persistent late marks in the register now contribute towards unauthorised absences. If a pupil has 10 late marks, that are considered to be unauthorised absence and Hampshire County Council will be issuing penalty notices. Thank you for your support with this matter.

SBS Sport—Congratulations to all of the children who have participated in our Autumn Term Sports Events. We have played in:

a tag rugby tournament,

four football tournaments—including our first ever girls football tournament,

two cross county events and a

gymnastics tournament—another first!

We are only able to take part in these events due to the hard work of Mrs Neal who is doing a fabulous job as our Sports Event leader. We will continue to take part in a range of events next term and give more children an opportunity to compete.

**South Baddesley Church of England
Primary School**



Tim Peake



We are all very excited about Tim Peake's amazing space adventure. After watching the launch, class 3 performed and wrote news reports. A taster of these reports is below:

*Today Tim Peake is the first UK man to be in the international space station. Tim is going to spend Christmas in space.
Ryan Warner*

Today is a special day because Tim Peake is blasting off to space. He is the first British man to get to the International Space Station. It is taking place in Kazakhstan where the rocket will lift off into space. He is lifting off at 11am. They will stay in the International Space Station for six months. The crew have been through lots of medical checks before they set off. He is going to make 165 experiments on board the International Space Station. Kit Ward

Diary Dates

New diary dates are on our school calendar on the website. Please remember we have an INSET day on Monday 4th January 2016 and are looking forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

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School Council and Eco Committee



Wow! We made a whopping £173.40 at the Christmas bazaar. Thank you to the parent helpers. Merry Christmas, SBS Council.

Going for Green ECO Message

Help us to be Green by recycling at home. In Hampshire we put out the 'Famous Five' to be collected for recycling; paper, plastic bottles (bottles with a neck), food cans, drinks cans & cardboard (flatten boxes). Sadly no Christmas wrapping paper or anything with sellotape on it.



As you take down your Christmas cards pop them into a bag and send them into school. The ECO committee will take them to Marks & Spencer's who recycle them to raise money for the Woodlands Trust. Don't forget to save your stamps for Oakhaven! The last ECO collecting raised £24.40.

We hope you have a merry **green** Christmas from the ECO committee.