

South Baddesley CE Primary School
January 2019
Newsletter



Wishing you all a very happy new year! 2019 certainly has started with a blast at South Baddesley with children in Tulane, Shadow and Aslan class travelling to Portsmouth to participate in a celebration concert from the Bournemouth Symphony orchestra. We love making our curriculum hands-on for children and finding additional activities to enhance their learning in the classroom.

This concert created by composer James Redwood is aimed at primary school children and gets children involved in celebration of influential music and composers. Before attending the concert the children were asked to learn various pieces of body percussion in order to join in with some of the pieces.

New families to SBS

This term I would like to welcome the Watson family, Oliver (year 5) and Emmilyn (year 6), Emily Smith (Year 5) as well as Max, who has joined Gruffalo class. We love to see new faces at SBS and hope that our new families will quickly feel part of our school community.

Sport at SBS

This term we welcome Superstars sports coaches to our team. Children in KS2 are already enjoying sports sessions with the new coaches and the new after school gymnastics club is already very popular.

We continue this term to participate in the Priestlands Sports Partnership, with children across the school heading out to compete every Wednesday afternoon. Last term we attended 14 events with children from year R to 6. This term we have already competed in KS1 and KS2 athletics, before half term there will be a girls football match and table tennis tournament. In addition to this our year 6 Netball Squad continues to compete locally, with the next planned match against Milford-On-Sea Primary School.

Look out for our half termly report in the next newsletter where we will provide further feedback from all of these events.

In the meantime, the annual SBS Marathon is on Thursday 31st January, from 1pm. This is an annual event where children in all classes run a set number of laps around the school field. Last year we worked out that 5 laps equals a mile, so by sharing 26 miles between the classes we are able to collectively complete a marathon. Last year this was a really popular event with all of our children. This year, Sophie Bubb will be joining us to lead a warm up on the hard play for each class. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on Thursday.

Worship Spring Term

This half term we will be following the Christian calendar and starting by exploring the meaning of Epiphany. Hopefully this will help us to explore what

makes a good leader and how we can develop our own leadership skills. As the term moves on we will consider more deeply the value of 'perseverance' and through reading Bible stories and finding daily examples of perseverance improve our own perseverance. Perhaps you could play the perseverance challenge at home? This involves writing a challenge for another member of the family on a piece of paper, fold the paper four times and then place it in a bag. Shake the bag with all the challenges in it, then take turns to pull out a challenge. Each family member should have a week to complete the challenge so try to make it as worthwhile and useful as possible!

Community Worship goes from strength to strength on a Friday morning. So far Henry Nurton has enthralled us with his knowledge about the Battle of Jutland and explained the very special link this has to his family. Ava and Alicia have inspired us with the commitment to sustainability and fairness through their exploration of the Cotton Trade. Following on from this, they will be holding a Clothes Exchange on Friday 8th February. Information about this has come home to you and I do hope that you will support the girls. Please go to this date on our website calendar to view the parent letter attached to this event.

Later this term a group of girls in Tulane will be meeting with Sue Palma from the New Forest National Park to explore their concern for the welfare of the animals of the New Forest. They will be presenting their ideas in a Community Worship on Friday 1st March, followed by a fundraising cake sale in conjunction with the Friends termly film night. Again please do support the children - it is admirable when they feel so strongly about a moral issue that they wish to share it with our school community and even more - take action - small changes can make wonderful beginnings for big changes!

All Churches Grant

Before Christmas we were fortunate to be awarded a £500 grant from the All Churches Foundation. This is a foundation that supports the work of church schools around the country. The grant was used to pay for the new piece of collective artwork produced by the children during the Autumn term. The new tree in the hall is a symbol of God's Love for us all. It also recognises our

uniqueness and community spirit, our strong values rooted in everything we do and our strength together reaching out proudly like the branches of the tree.

Warborne Farm

Many of you attended the event at Warborne Farm before Christmas. There was an opportunity to purchase some lovely gifts, sample delicious food, sip mulled wine and listen to the beautiful SBS choir sing. Fanny Rogers generously donated all of the mulled wine so that SBS received 100% of the profits for this, in addition to 5% of the total profits for the event. This meant that overall SBS were fortunate to receive a donation of £780! Thank you so much to the Rogers and Warborne Farm!

Termly plans and home-learning

We have uploaded our class plans for the term, alongside our home-learning projects. You can find these on our class pages on the website. We continue to strive to provide an exciting and creative curriculum. As always, we have thought carefully about the literature we are sharing with the children. Elmer and Paddington are reading a special book called 'Moth,' this is a beautiful retelling of the peppered moth's story. In Tulane and Shadow, the children are investigating how to write factual books and are reading an assortment of non-fiction. Whilst Aslan are off to the Amazon and reading 'Journey to the River Sea.'

There continues to be lots going on outdoors at Woodland School. Mrs Mitchell is about to relaunch a composting campaign across the school helping to reinforce messages about the importance of waste reduction with our children.

Children in Paddington are attending Oakhaven Hospice this term. This is an opportunity given to year 2 pupils every year. Children spend time working with patients and volunteers at Oakhaven. Over the years we have made a number of friends at Oakhaven and many children have lasting memories of these friends. This work brings joy to people when they need it the most in life, as well as helping our children to show compassion and develop skills of empathy and kindness.

We have teamed up with Southampton University and this term children in Tulane, Elmer and Paddington are involved in a STEM project. This involves the children making different kinds of electric vehicles. A selection of some of these models will be taken to Southampton University for a showcase event. In addition to this we are enriching our curriculum with a pets day for EYFS and KS1 and KS2 will investigate forces further through our fly a kite enrichment day this Friday 1st February - don't forget to send your child to school with a kite if they have one!

Hopefully your children will tell you all about their learning but if you want to see their work, we will be holding our termly Open Afternoon for parents on Thursday 14th February, straight after school. Then in March (20th and 21st) we will be holding our termly Parent Consultations.

Train to be a teacher!

Did you see our advert in the Lymington Times? We are looking to recruit a trainee teacher for September 2019. In order to do this, applicants must hold a degree and be willing to work four days a week at SBS, with one day (Friday) at Winchester University. The course is largely comprised of practical hands-on experience in the classroom, although there are assignments to complete along the way and a necessity to demonstrate through an evidence folder each of the expected teaching standards. It is a great course and we thoroughly enjoy having trainee teachers as part of team. If you or anyone you know would like to embark on this course, do come and see me.

Parking

We continue to encourage parents to use the church car park and to park considerately in the lanes. It is essential that driveways and junctions are not blocked around our school. Please also be considerate of blocking the gate belonging to the family living in the Old School House. If cars park in front of this gate it means the resident cannot leave the house with her young children in the buggy during school drop off and pick up times. I am sure we would all appreciate how frustrating it can be to be stuck inside when our children really need fresh air!

Outstanding dinner money and club fees

Please do ensure that you pay balances on bills for dinners and clubs. The school currently has a large amount of debt occurred from unpaid bills. I am sure you realise that if these bills remain unpaid, then the school budget has to cover the costs and subsequently the expenditure on children at SBS is reduced.

Keeping children safe online

I am delighted to report that in our recent well-being and safety questionnaires completed by all children in school, the overwhelming majority of pupils felt that SBS is good at teaching children how to stay safe online. This is great news but it is never a 'finished lesson.' As technology moves rapidly forward as parents we can feel it is a battle to keep up, however there is so much great guidance available to us.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the website ParentZone provides a wealth of information to keep children safe online by providing parents with invaluable guidance for navigating our digital world with our children. For example there is a section called Parent Guidance that lists and explains a whole range of apps and social media applications. This is really useful when children are asking to download apps that we may not have any experience of and consequently do not know the strengths and pitfalls of these apps.

Also there are useful articles for contemporary parenting, including links to the brilliant resource 'Uniquely Me' by Dove. This is a series of booklets aimed at helping to boost young people's self-esteem that can be dipped into if and when necessary. There is also a recent post following on from the publicity regarding screen time over the Christmas holidays. This post gives some sensible guidance and explanations for getting this difficult topic right with our children. I would encourage you to have a read of this resource when you get a spare 5 minutes!

Snack time at school

I have become aware recently that children are eating a range of snacks at breaktime that are not permitted at school. Break time snacks are bread rolls or fruit. I think the children sometimes take packets of biscuits or crisps from their lunchboxes to eat at break; they should not do this. I do not feel it is conducive to a positive learning experience to eat unhealthy snacks at break times. Please ensure your child has a good healthy breakfast, a healthy snack for lunch and then a school meal or healthy packed lunch at lunchtime.

Finally, we have been rigorously reminding the children about our Wonderful Manners Award system in school. We launched this award scheme last year and there are 5 Golden Rules.

5 Golden Rules

- 1. Always say PLEASE, THANK YOU, EXCUSE ME and PARDON.**
- 2. Look after your belongings and the things that belong to school – always PICK THINGS UP and PUT THINGS AWAY!**
- 3. Move around school sensibly – HOLD OPEN DOORS FOR OTHERS, WALK and use a SENSIBLE INDOOR VOICE.**
- 4. Stay calm and patient at all times.....avoid interrupting others.....listen!**
- 5. Remember good table manners – sit up straight, hold your cutlery correctly, eat with your mouth closed and always finish your mouthful before talking. At lunchtime use sensible indoor voice and take it in turns to talk and listen.**

Please celebrate these Golden Rules with your children at home too.

I look forward to seeing many of you in school and as always please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions, ideas or further thoughts about SBS!

With the warmest regards to you all, Anne Moir