



**Team work thrives at SBS!**

# **South Baddesley CE Primary School**

## **September 2019 Newsletter**

**Welcome everyone to SBS 2019-20!**

I think the month of September illustrates just what a busy and thriving school we are; below is a flavour of what has been happening....

We have welcomed many new families to our school. Our year 6 buddies have been doing a fantastic job of helping their Gruffalo friends. We hope that all our new families will soon feel settled into new routines and activities. Please ask if you need help with anything.

We have been able to share with many of you our plans and routines for each class at our annual 'Meet-the-Teacher' meetings. I hope that you find these meetings useful.

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## Plus...

We have launched the first of our new team events. So far all children in KS2 have visited Hengistbury Head for team building and resilience building sessions out on the water. Children had a fantastic time raft building, kayaking and some even tried a bit of paddle boarding. The feedback from these events has been great so we will look forward to adding them to our annual calendar of events.

Year 6 have been out to the solar farm in Lymington to learn more about renewable energy. This is such an important topic to teach our children about. This week children in Tulane and Shadow class have visited HMS Warrior in Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. This is an important hands-on activity as part of our Victorians project.

In the classroom we have been busy settling into new routines and delving into new learning...

Children in years 1-6 have completed the first sequence of online safety lessons and their feedback from these sessions has been almost consistently 10 out of 10. Keeping children safe online continues to be an incredibly important topic and an essential part of our curriculum. We are really pleased our children found the sessions useful.

Across the school, starting in Gruffalo, we have launched a program called Heartsmart. This is part of personal and social development. The first lessons are about 'getting Heartsmart' - learning to look after our emotions. We have learnt that in order to look after our emotions we need to first love and care for ourselves and then love and care for others around us. Again the children enjoyed these lessons and I hope they use the messages in them throughout their time with us and eventually in their experiences beyond SBS.

Outside in the playground we have been exploring new activities....

We have trained a team of Sports Leaders. Children who applied to be sports leaders have completed 6 hours of sports leader training, meaning that they are now qualified to teach other children a range of sports activities at lunch time. They have already started to do this and they are just fantastic! Thank you so much to the Friends of SBS who have paid for this training and also purchased new equipment for the children to use.

## **The SBS Family Fun Run**

On Saturday 28th September many SBS families joined us for our second-ever fun run. This is our family fun run around Pylewell Estate. The event is organised by the Friends of SBS. After a beautiful run, families joined us for a BBQ lunch. It's a great opportunity to enjoy a short run with your friends and family, catch up with others and allow the children to play with their friends. I love to see the children run through the finish line feeling so proud of themselves.

**If you have not already done so please can you get your sponsorship money into the office ASAP!!!**

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This year's event was sponsored by Grace and Jake Morgan's family through their company Wildwind, Mac McKenzie's family through their company Lymington Self Storage and Sonny Fox's family through their company New Forest Turf. An enormous thank you to these families for their support.

I am sure many of you know how fundamental the Friends are to the life of all the SBS children. Last year the extraordinary efforts of the Friends brought an additional £13, 000 into school. In honesty, this is above the amount of money often generated from fundraising in much, much larger schools. Please continue to support the Friends this year; there are a number of exciting events coming up to get involved in. More information will follow from the Friends shortly.

### **Sport at SBS**

I am very pleased to share with you that for the second year running, we have been awarded with a GOLD Sports Mark from the Sports Trust. This reflects both the curriculum and extra curricular sport we offer. I understand that sport is a popular topic at SBS and agree with the feelings of many of you that sport and physical activity are essential ingredients to healthy living both physically and mentally. We do want our children outside and playing sport as much as possible. We will be going for GOLD again this year and hope to offer even more.

Here is a glimpse of what is on offer this year....

Alongside our annual school events, such as the SBS Marathon and sports day, we will be playing in a range of competitions with other New Forest Schools; children in years 1-6 will have an opportunity to participate in these events. We have already played in a multi-skills event and in a years 3 and 4 football match at St. Luke's, Sway. [A calendar of Autumn term sports events is now available on our website under the Sports Tab.](#)

We are increasing the number of sports clubs both at lunch time and after school. To add to our ever expanding list of clubs is there is now dance on a Thursday after school, yoga\* on a Monday lunchtime, girls football (years 4-6) on a Friday lunchtime, running club on a Wednesday and Friday morning before school, multi-skills club for children in years 1 and 2 on Monday lunchtime, as well as our new Sports Leaders offering physical activities for all children to join in every lunchtime.

Again, during the summer term children in year 3 will swim and children in year 4 will sail. Pupils in year 5 will experience camping in teepees on our field and year 6 will head off for a week of activity at Avon Tyrell. This plus lots of class enrichment and PE should keep us busy and fit!

\*there is a small charge for yoga. Dance is provided by an external provider and is chargeable.

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## Music at SBS

This term all teachers are working with the Hampshire Music Service to develop our music teaching in class. The Friends of SBS have agreed to buy us some new musical instruments for children across the school to use and we have launched an after school recorder club.

We have external providers for Piano & Woodwind Lessons. Please enquire at the school office as places are still available.

We feel that alongside our class music provision it is important to offer children opportunities to see and hear live music and we are looking forward to offering children opportunities to attend various concerts in the Spring term.

Join us for our Harvest Festival and Year R welcome on Thursday 24th October to hear some of the first new songs we have learnt!

## Baddesley Basics

Every morning children across the school spend the first 30 minutes working on **Baddesley Basics**. This is a great way to wake up our minds and practise core curriculum skills that are essential to success.

**Baddesley Basics** includes spelling, handwriting and arithmetic. Keep helping us to achieve our Baddesley Basics goals by sending your child to school on time and working with them at home on their reading and homework.

## Communications

Parents are very welcome at SBS; we appreciate all you do to support your children and are continually grateful to you for this. We do operate an open door policy, however to make this manageable and efficient, we do have a clear Communications Policy. This is available on our website.

Next week we will be introducing 'Catch-Up' slips. If you have a question of concern, please grab one of these slips on the door in the morning and Michaela will make sure it is passed to the correct member of staff. All medical and safeguarding concerns are treated as priorities. Other concerns will be responded to within five working days.

If you are unable to collect a slip from the front door in the morning. Please email the admin office address with your question or concern and it will be passed to the correct member of staff. All 'Catch - Up' slips and emails are managed in a confidential manner. Like you, we want all the children at SBS to be safe, happy and loved when they are at school with us - we share the same goals as you and so will always respond to your questions and concerns.

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## **Breakfast club and After School Club**

Just a quiet reminder that we do have a marvellous Breakfast and After School Club. Spaces are limited and are filling up rapidly. However, if you would like to book either a regular or ad hoc place, please collect a booking form from the school office or download from our website.

### **Dates**

As always we will be offering a pupil led Open Afternoon this term on Monday 21st October 3.15-4pm. This is an opportunity to pop into school and let your child share their learning with you. Parent Consultations will follow this in November and will provide you with an opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher.

**Our Harvest Festival and Year R Welcome will take place at 1.30pm on Thursday 24th October.**

**The School is closed for INSET on Friday 25th October and Monday 4th November. Half term runs from Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November.**

**Finally.....**

**Please spread the word....**

**Our annual open days for new pupils are on:**

**Wednesday 13th November - 10.30am - 11.45am**

**Wednesday 20th November - 6.30pm-7.30pm**

We firmly believe that we have something different to offer and want to share this with families who want a special education for their children. Whilst we remain popular and frequently over-subscribed, we continue to offer places to children both within and outside of our catchment.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon.

Warmest regards

Anne Moir

