



Our wonderful learning!

South Baddesley CE Primary School

October/November 2019 Newsletter

Welcome back to school. We hope that you managed to have an enjoyable half term, despite some ferocious weather! It certainly has started to feel very cold now, please remember to send your child to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves as we do continue to spend as much time as possible outside.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Harvest Festival and Year R welcome service at the end of last term. I was so impressed with the children of SBS who sang, spoke and conducted the service so well. We all hope that you enjoyed listening to our pledges and

that you have been able to make your own pledge. At SBS we continue to work hard to educate our children about sustainable lifestyles, helping them to become responsible stewards of our world.

Before we look forward to the events of Autumn term two, I just wanted to share a few highlights from last half term. As we continue to work hard to develop our curriculum, I hope that the children are coming home and sharing some of their highlights with you.

Gruffalo class

It's been a great first term in Gruffalo class, learning about each other and the class routines. We have started our phonics teaching and the children are doing well with early reading skills. We enjoyed lots of Harvest and pumpkin activities before half term! The children have all settled in wonderfully and are fully part of the school community. They have loved spending time with their brilliant Y6 buddies, and we were particularly proud to see them participating in the school Harvest Service.

Elmer and Paddington Class Geography outing

Despite the wind and rain, Elmer and Paddington classes had a lovely time on their local geography trip to East Boldre and Lymington! Visiting both places on the same day really helped the children compare and contrast the village and town locations. They had great fun using compasses and maps for their fieldwork! Back in school, the children used what they had discovered on their trip and in class to advise Elmer and Paddington whether they should live in the town or the country. The children wrote fantastic letters showing how a trip can really help bring learning to life!

Tulane and Shadow Class visit HMS Warrior

This was a really fabulous day out. The children explored what it was like aboard the HMS Warrior, both for the shipmates and the Captains. They searched for historical evidence aboard the ship and worked out why some describe the ship as the 'pride of Queen Victoria's Navy.' They considered whether joining the Navy was a good choice for Victorians, comparing life on the ship to life at home in workhouses. Finally, visiting the ship helped us to explore further why the growth of the Empire during Victorian times was so important and how this impacted on life beyond the period.

Aslan class and Transition Lymington Project

As part of Aslan's topic about Easter Island and the depletion of natural resources, pupils in year 6 worked with volunteers from Transition Lymington to upcycle old clothes and materials into stylish bags. This involved some design work and an opportunity to sew using a sewing machine; enabling children to develop their skills in design and technology, whilst applying their geographic knowledge. They are continuing to develop these skills during their Monday afternoon rotation sessions, where they are designing and making a class quilt - again using preloved materials. We are really looking forward to seeing the end product!

Of course the children will continue to explore some new interesting topics this term. We will continue to share this with you as much as possible!

Special Me Day

This term has started well with our annual Special Me day. Below is a short report about the day, written by Stephanie Hoyle in year 5 - I couldn't have put it better myself! Thank you Stephanie for reporting about the day.

I enjoyed Special Me Day because we got to do fun activities and show our personalities. We were in mixed year groups, meaning that we got to know each other better. The activities were DT, PE, computing, art, music and cooking. We chose to do three of them. The day was based on a book called 'Amazing.' The message was that no matter what you look like, it's the inside that matters. The story was about a dragon called Zibbo and a boy who loves him and cares about him. A dragon isn't usually your pet, he's unique and special!

Thank you so much to Mrs Vincent (Louis' mum) for dramatising our story 'Amazing' during worship and to all of the parents who gave time to help children during their workshops.

Heartsmart and Worship

This term we will be continuing with our use of Heartsmart to help children develop their personal, social and emotional skills. This term the key messages are 'don't forget to let love in.' This encourages the children to explore kindness and respect towards others. Our Heartsmart programme links to our teaching about Christianity and the children will be encouraged to explore the verse in the Bible 'Love your neighbour, as you love yourself' Mark 12 28:34

In worship we will finish thinking about the meaning of 'generosity' before moving on to think about 'compassion' and what this might mean to us and also how it is explored in the Bible. We will discuss what 'compassion' might look like at Christmas and how God hoped the birth of Jesus, the Messiah may bring more compassion and love to the world.

Baddesley Basics

The children have made such a strong start to our new Baddesley Basics initiative. This happens every day for the first 30 minutes and focuses on spelling, arithmetic and handwriting. Laying the foundations for the whole curriculum is essential and it is really helping our children to become fluent in core curriculum skills. This fluency means that basic concepts are committed to children's long term memories and so freeing up space in children's working memories for learning new and challenging concepts. This fluency also means that children can retrieve the facts that they need from their long term memory as and when required.

Much of our homework is linked to Baddesley Basics as often the skills and knowledge that children need to keep practising. Please continue to help us by reading regularly with your child, completing homework tasks and ensuring that children arrive at school on time ready to start the day with their Baddesley Basics!

There is always so much to share with you about your children's learning and we hope that many of you will be able to join us for Parents Consultations this week. Booking for these meetings can be made through scopay and a separate letter has already been sent home about this.

New school uniform - hoodies and PE shirts

When you buy uniform from PMG Schoolwear, the school uniform shop in New Milton, you will now be able to request your child's uniform has their initials added. This would really help us reduce the large pile of lost property that has formed a large pile outside the hall.

You will also now be able to order South Baddesley hoodies from the school uniform shop. Please do remember hoodies are not to be worn as school uniform; they are for sports events, school trips or as an outdoor layer. Hoodies do not replace school sweatshirts or cardigans.

It is really important to send your child to school dressed smartly, wearing school shoes not boots or trainers. Long hair should be tied up with smart school hair bands, avoiding large hair accessories. Children must not wear jewellery to school unless specific permission has been granted.

Glitter and plastic bags SBS

As part of our on-going work to take action to protect the world we live in, we will no longer be buying glitter at SBS. We will work through some of our remaining stocks of glitter but will not purchase glitter again. In addition, we have noticed that some children bring PE kits to school in plastic bags. We would encourage children to use the reusable cotton PE bags and boot bags for trainers. Please do not feel you need to rush out and purchase a boot bag but over time, we hoped that we could work together to make this change. We will explain our reasoning to the children and continue to encourage children to make responsible choices about caring for our world.

Sport at SBS

So far we have enjoyed a busy term of sport and our Sports Leaders are continuing to engage more and more children in physical activity at break times. To help us allocate children to sports teams, we sent home a 'sports preference' letter last term. Please do return this so that we can collate lists of events children would like to participate in so that our team selections continues to be fair across the school.

In addition to the clubs we offer at the end of the school day, we now have a number of clubs taking place at lunch times too.

Day	Sport	Who?	Fee?
Monday	Yoga	All children	Small parent donation; club is subsidised by school
Monday	Multi skills	Gruffalo, Elmer and Paddington	Free
Tuesday	**NEW boys football coaching	Years 1-6	Free

Friday	Girls football coaching	Years 4 - 6	Free
Every day	Sports Leaders Games	Years R- 6	Free for all to join in

Just so that we can collate registers for these clubs, I have included a permission slip for each club at the bottom of this letter. Please complete and return to school this week.

Autumn term two is always busy and a little bit magical at times for our children. Please see the dates below so that you can make the most of all of the events.

Friday 15th November - Children in Need Mufti Day and SBS Disco

Monday 18th November - Gruffalo, Elmer and Paddington Class Phonics and Reading Workshop 3.30-4pm

Wednesday 11th December - Gruffalo Nativity 1.30pm

Thursday 12th December - Elmer and Paddington Nativity 1.30pm

Friday 13th December - Pupil led Christmas Fayre

Thursday 5th December - KS2 Music Concert 6-7.30pm

Monday 16th December - Whole School Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 18th December - Christingle Service at St.Mary's Church 1.30pm

Thursday 19th December - Celebration Assembly & Christmas Social 1.30pm

Friday 20th December - INSET DAY

Class parties - dates to be confirmed.

Hold the date.....7th January

'Self-compassion for Children and Families' - this will be a special workshop led by Maureen Bowes. This workshop will be held in the early evening, exact time to be confirmed. I can highly recommend this and I would like as many parents as possible to attend this extremely important workshop.

Finally, may I finish with a small plea for the term....please help your child to come to school as often as possible. Although our attendance at the end of last year was broadly in-line with national levels,although it does show a small decline. We do not wish children to come to school when they are too unwell to be here, but would encourage children to come to school on days when they are a bit tired so that they can make the most of the 39 weeks they are expected to be in school each year. In addition, only holidays deemed to be exceptional will be authorised in term time, please try to make the most of the

school holiday and INSET days particularly when we have attached them to long weekends of school holidays for the benefit of all of our families.

Thank you so much with your help.

As always, I look forward to seeing many of you soon at one of our many whole school events.

Warm regards
Anne Moir

SBS Sports

Name of child:

Please tick the activities your child would like to participate in.

- Monday Yoga
- Monday multi skills
- Tuesday boy's football
- Friday girl's football