

South Baddesley CE Primary School

January 2020

Newsletter



Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to 2020 and another lively year at SBS! The children have already launched into some exciting topics at school; from the Smugglers of Lymington to the expanse of North America and luscious depth of the Amazon, the children are becoming expert historians and geographers this term. So far this term we have seen drama and play inspiring our curriculum with a visit from SPLATS theatre company. Year 6 produced an excellent version of Macbeth **in a day** and years 3,4 and 5 explored circus skills ready to inspire their reading of 'Leon and the Place Between.' It was all great!

Please look out for Miss Simkin's letter outlining the topics and class books for this term. I am especially looking forward to seeing some of the creative home-learning projects children complete during the Spring term. All of the home-learning projects and topic outlines are on our website under class pages. They are intended to be as creative as possible and activities that can easily fit into family life in a way that is enjoyable and interesting for all family members.

As a staff team, we are in the process of reviewing our curriculum; this is proving to be a very interesting and inspiring process. We have taken the time to talk to the children about life at SBS and **some** of their highlights are:

- School trips and visitors
- The outdoors and the freedom of the space we have
- PE and Sport

- Art and creativity (including the cushion making at KS2!)
- The cooks
- Their friendships and memories that they make together
- Having practical resources to help with their learning
- Going to Church
- Knowing it is ok to be yourself and different to others
- Using their imaginations and writing stories

With the children we have explored words that can be used best to describe us at SBS. These words are illustrated in the wordle below.



Do any of these words resonate with you?

Later this year we will share with you our new vision statement as SBS moves forward with strength, spirit and pride into the next new and exciting decade.

For now though, we would like to launch a SBS Young Designer Competition. We are looking to link our new vision to everything we do and to help inspire the children we would like to create a new SBS character to become Baddesley Badger's friend. This character will be an 'explorer' of learning – just like the children are.

We would like the children to have a go at designing an explorer that we can use as a logo on some of our awards and stickers. Children entering the competition should design their explorer on A5 paper and attach the entry slip overleaf. The design should reflect our school community. The

closing date for this competition is **Monday 24th February**.

The SBS Marathon 2020.....it definitely just gets better and better! Despite the cold and the mud, we like to warm up to our new year at SBS with our annual marathon run. This involves children from all classes running as many laps as they can around our field, working towards a combined effort of at least 133 laps, as this combines to make the distance of a marathon. Yet again the children could not be stopped and after an energising warm up on the top playground the children set off running just short of a 1000 laps between them!

Watching the children participate this year was a great delight; they worked really well as a team, especially with our year 6 leaders encouraging the younger runners on. I also witnessed many children who have found running harder in the past giving the marathon a really good go; this meant that by 3pm there were many muddy legs, rosy cheeks and children glowing with pride.

The children's efforts in the marathon really does mirror their enthusiasm to our new playtime activities. Every lunch time there continues to be an eager group of Sports Leaders setting up games for all children to join in on. There is also a new art club in the creation station. On Monday there is Yoga club, on Tuesday there is football for boys led by an external coach and on Friday Mr. Moores from New Forest Girls Football leads coaching for girls in years 3 – 6. There really is a lot to get involved in and many of our children are really enjoying their playtimes.

I am so proud of the SBS Community for getting outside enjoying themselves and setting themselves new challenges and goals. Well done SBS!

Year 2 return to Oakhaven...January is also a special time of the year because SBS returns to Oakhaven. Every year children in year 2 work with staff, volunteers and

patients at Oakhaven Hospice in Lymington on a collaborative project. Many schools across the town take part in this project, but SBS often sends the youngest children. We know it makes such a difference to the young people we are growing and to the community at Oakhaven. It is an opportunity to develop skills of compassion, empathy, patience, respect and bravery. I am sure that the year 2 children will share news from their project soon.

Parent Governor....thank you so much to all of the parents who took the time to vote. It was extremely close – one vote within it. As both candidates were clearly so popular with the school community, I am delighted to announce that:

Alex MacKenzie will become our new Parent Governor and Sue Thomas will join our Governing Body as a Co-opted Governor. Both roles have equal weighting on our Governing Body and so I am sure that we will really benefit from having Sue and Alex as part of our team.

SBS Young Designer Competition

Name:

Age:

Brief explanation of design:

Closing date: Monday 24th February

Heartsmart at SBS...for those of you who attended our 'Self-Compassion for Confidence and Success in Life' workshop, you will have heard me talk about Heartsmart. You may already know about Heartsmart because your children have talked to you about it. It is one of the programmes that we use as part of the PSHE (personal, social, health and education) curriculum. Heartsmart is a programme used to develop children's emotional resilience and character. It is based on 5 principles:

- Don't Forget to Let Love In
- Too Much Selfie Isn't Healthy
- Don't Rub it in Rub it Out
- Fake is a Mistake
- No Way Forward Isn't True

You may be interested in watching this short clip from the creators of Heartsmart:

<https://vimeo.com/326876128>

At SBS children in all classes are taught a series of developmentally appropriate lessons relating to these themes. It can also be used as a tool for reminding children how to be kind and thoughtful to others in playtime and other learning contexts. In line with many of the DfE (Department for Education) projects to improve health and relationships education across the country, we will be doing more as the year goes on to further develop our PSHE curriculum, improve children's self-compassion, confidence and on-going well-being.

Equalise.....there are many ways that we can encourage children to learn to have healthy relationships both at home and school. I find the following resource a useful reminder of the feelings we want children to have in positive, respectful relationships and the feelings that are less helpful for children when developing relationships. Little 'i' are the feelings on the left and big 'I' are the feelings on the right. We aim to be equal in the middle.



EqualIse

When we see **I to I** in our differences, it means:

- I value myself and I value you.**
- I feel equal to you.**
- I respect our differences even when we disagree.**
- We both count.**

EqualIse Questions

In that situation - which **i I** were you?

How did feel as a result?

What could you have said or done instead to be more in EqualIse?

What could s/he have said or done instead to be more in EqualIse?

What could you do differently another time?

In addition, this is the link to 'When the Tension Goes' website that we used and discussed at Maureen's 'self-compassion' workshop.

<https://whenthetensiongoes.com/>

Spirituality at SBS...this term we are exploring the theme of 'courage.' We have started to look at stories in the Bible, from inspirational people and fiction to help us explore this concept further. We ask children questions such as: what is courage? Is it easy to have courage? Do we need courage? How can we help ourselves have more courage? Through our worship we can look at how we can develop our own courage in everyday life. Having a healthy understanding of courage is another way become more

resilient and able to manage life's ups and downs.

Parking at SBS.....I have just spent the morning, wrapped up in a highly visible orange scarf, standing in the road to monitor traffic. I purposely stood on the corner of the school opposite Kid's Love nature Nursery so that I could monitor the speed of arriving cars, observe the parking in the nursery car park and prevent cars parking on the corner of the junction as this is so dangerous due to the fact it blocks visibility for other cars. It is also not safe to reverse around the corner.

It is critical that the speed limit of 20 is observed and that wherever possible the church car park is used. Dropping children at the back of the school is a much more healthy and relaxed way to start the day. Families can either make use of the drop zone in front of the church staffed by SBS or families can walk together through the meadow. Please consider using this entrance to school.

I intend to raise the issues around parking at the next SBS Governors meeting in February because I would like to set up a small working party to address the on-going difficulties with parking. I will need volunteers to give a very small amount of time to this working group. Please do come and see me if this is something you feel you can spare a couple of hours to over the next term.

SBS Breakfast Club and After School Club....this provision is now led by Miss Lowe. It is growing all of the time and provides an excellent before and after school service for all SBS families. This term we have teamed up with Superstars Coaching in order to expand this provision. This means that at these clubs there is now a range of craft, toys and games available as well as sports activities led by the coaches. The children who regularly attend the club are really benefiting from such a range of activities and have loved

the additional opportunities to use our school grounds and keep active. Like all of our clubs, please find the booking information on our website or ask the admin team.

Sponsor a Book...on Wednesday 12th February our popular 'Sponsor A Book' event returns. This time we are delighted to be welcoming the company called the Bookwagon to SBS. They are experts in quality literature for children and will be bringing lots of great books to share with families. The idea of the event is that children invite parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles....to come and share books with them at school. Once the children have found some favourite books there is an opportunity for the adult to 'sponsor' a book for school. All books sponsored then make their way to the school and class reading areas with special plaques in the front reminding us who sponsored the book. This year we are working in partnership with the Friends of SBS to hold this event and communication from the Friends has been shared with all SBS families.

Big Band....on Thursday 13th February (the evening before our INSET on Friday 14th February), we are welcoming New Forest Big Band to SBS. There are two concerts, the first for pupils in years 3,4 and 5 (the music links to these children's music curriculum) and the second concert is open to all SBS families. Tickets for the family concert are available from the Friends. We are so excited to host this event and really hope that many of you will join us for it

Other dates....all dates are as always on the school calendar but please remember...

INSET – 14.02.19

Half term – 17.02.20- 21.02.20

Return to school – 24.02.20

