



Strive AND Believe TO Shine

Dear parents,

December already! As you can imagine, there is a building excitement in school at the moment with festive events starting to be prepared for.

This will be the last Friday Bulletin of the term. We will be publishing a reflection of the pupils' learning this term before the Christmas break, so this Bulletin is mainly concentrating on the things you need to know before the end of term!



Nativities

Please arrive at the cycle gate and make your way to the hall for the performance.

Key Stage 1 nativity: 5.12.23 at 1:45pm

Gruffalo nativity: 7.12.23 at 1:30pm

Rock Steady Concert

Wednesday 13th December at 1:30pm

Families with pupils in this concert should have received an invite directly from Rocksteady. Parents attending should enter via the front door in time for a 1:30pm start.

Christmas Events:

- Carols and Christingle

We are holding our annual Christingle event on 13.12.23

You are welcome to join us from 3pm for Christingle making, campfire songs and refreshments. We will then all walk to St, Mary's for 4.15pm for a short family service of Christingle.

Please join us for this special family event supported by the Friends of SBS, St. Mary's Church and the staff of SBS!

- KS2 Christmas Concert

Thursday 14th December, 6:00pm

Please enter via the cycle gate. Further details for families on Google Classroom.

- Celebration Assembly

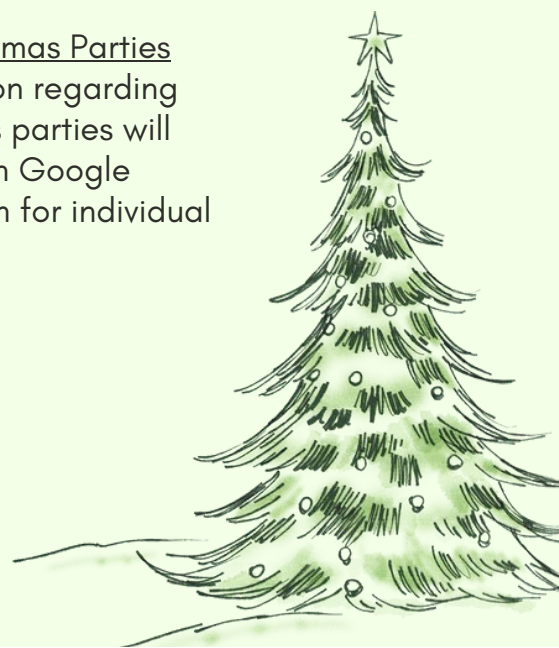
Friday 15th December, 1.30pm in the school hall. All families are welcome. Again, please use the cycle gate entrance.

- Christmas postbox

The Christmas postbox is now open! Children across the school can post their SBS Christmas cards to be delivered by our year 6 elves to classes.

- Christmas Parties

Information regarding Christmas parties will appear on Google Classroom for individual classes.



We return to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2024

We will be inviting all of the children to participate in a 'Life Lab' visit on either Thursday 4th January or Friday 5th January.

This will be an interactive workshop covering different, age-appropriate topics relating to Relationships and Health Education. There is an information sheet for parents attached.

We will be asking families to donate £2.00 per child for this workshop.

Friends of South Baddesley

South Baddesley School Dads -
YOU are cordially invited to attend the End of Term Get Together and Drinks.
Please come along to the next event at
The EAST END ARMS
Wednesday 6th December
19h30 onwards

Christians Against Poverty

Money Coaching Course (4 sessions)

Starts 4th December at Lymington Baptist Church, 10 New Street, SO41 9BJ (opposite St Barbe Museum)

A message from the Friends

Thank you to all Friends of South Baddesley school.... It has been a phenomenal year!

We have:

- Held more than 12 community events!
- Launched a multi-year fundraising target/strategy: "The Learning Laboratory".
- Enabled The Good Friends to co-ordinate events (Camp SBS)
- Held a community Coronation event with Boldre Parish and a Summer Fete with bouncy castle!
- Received two Grants:
 - Charles Burnett II and The Drapers Livery Company
- Raised over £28,000.

"All the Friends have really pulled together this year, putting the pandemic behind us, while building a gregarious community spirit demonstrating that if you have a spirit of kindness and we all align together then the fundraising will follow. These funds are a vital tool to augment the education for all our children." Piers Thomas (Chairman of Friends of SBS)

Learning Laboratory Update:

The Tulane classroom was the prototype room, elements of which have now been rolled out across the whole school to allow for more effective, enjoyable and thorough learning, with minilabs which provide:

- Variable seating workstations
- Secluded working areas
- Reading sections
- Calming zones



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Solent Maths Hub

This week we have invited a Consultant from the Solent Maths Hub into school. This year we are involved in a mathematics mastery course across the school. Mrs. Urwin is involved in a series of professional learning days with some follow up activities in school. This week Mrs. Urwin worked with the external consultant to review the current strengths and next steps in maths at SBS. They completed what we call a 'learning-walk' - popping into classes to see what is going on!

It was a great morning to see the school in action, many positives and a rich professional dialogue about what next for the SBS community. It continues to be very important at SBS to maintain opportunities for high-quality staff development so that we never stand still in our learning. Thank you Mrs. Urwin.



Friday Explorer Awards

Gruffalo



Ella Handyside

For showing brilliant determination in her learning!

Elmer



Joshua Arquier

For his excellent knowledge of 3D shapes in maths and super phonics this week.

Paddington



Beau Lear

For thoughtful contributions in our history lesson.

Tulane



Zara Hector

For working hard on her handwriting.

Shadow



Pippa Sellars

For creating a detailed and well presented science poster.

Aslan



Mac Mackenzie

For his creativity and hard work preparing his act for the Christmas Concert - we are all in for a treat!

CALENDAR DATES

Remaining INSET days 2023-24

2nd January 2024

28th March 2024

3rd June 2024

For sports competitions this year, please see our newsletter dated 15.09.23

(dates also available on [our website](#)).

05.12.23 - Elmer and Paddington Nativity

07.12.23 - Gruffalo Nativity

11.12.23 - Christmas Fayre in school - pupils only, 1-3pm

13.12.23 - Christingle, Christmas Carols and Cake at the Campfire

14.12.23 - KS2 Christmas Concert, 6pm - date change

15.12.23 - Celebration Assembly, 1:30pm

The Christmas Postbox is open! Children are able to post cards to their friends and adults in school via the school postbox during the festive season.

Thought/question for the month

What is the best Christmas food and why?