

SBS Newsletter

June 2017

We Explore, Achieve and Learn Together



Dear Parents,

It certainly has been hot recently but SBS is such a nice place to be in the sunshine! We definitely benefited from the sunshine on the day of our fete. The Friends worked incredibly hard to continue to build on the successes of previous years and this year they created a fete with a fabulous community atmosphere. Particular thanks go to Jane Dale and Kirsten Waite who co-ordinated the fete this year.

Children's academic achievement

At this time of year the teachers are busy producing end of year reports for pupils and collating the end of year scores for all pupils. Each term the teachers meet with me to share the progress and attainment of each child. We call these meetings 'Learning Reviews.' We are able to discuss learning strengths of each pupil and we discuss what we think each child and groups of children need to do next. We look at the support we are giving each child and consider if we need to do anything differently. We consider each child's learning journey from the time they start with us to the end point we know we want them to reach. We will share end of year achievements with you on the pupil's reports. Reports will come home to families in the week beginning Monday 17th July.

In addition to these Learning Reviews, we write a school development plan each year. In order to do this we review the achievements of the school in five key areas:

Teaching, Learning and Assessment, Leadership (including the Governors), Pupil well-being and personal development, Pupil Outcomes and Early Years.

Having identified our strengths we then look at our next steps. This plan is reviewed at least termly and we adjust as required. As soon as our end of year review and data has been collated we will report our progress against the priorities in this plan to you.

We take the view that in order to achieve academically we must cater for the 'whole child;' we know that in order to achieve well children must develop skills of resilience, empathy and secure emotional well-being. Academic success is a product of caring for the whole child as an individual and recognising individual learning journeys within a culture of support and high expectation.



Thank you! Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help us look after the animals at the weekends. The animals will be going on holiday during the summer break and will return to school in September. Children in Miss Whettingsteel's class will continue to be responsible for looking after the animals but they are for all children to care for and love. If you would like to help look after the animals in September, please let me know.

We are also looking for help in our school garden. Ideally we will set up a community garden with members of our wider community working alongside the children to maintain and develop our garden. If you would like to help, regularly or on an ad-hoc basis, please do let me know. Equally if you know someone who has a little bit of spare time, likes working with children and enjoys gardening, please do let me know.

Our school as a community:

I am reminded of the Desmond Tutu quote 'I am, because we are,' from the African philosophy of Ubuntu. As a community, schools can have such a powerful impact on the development and learning of young people. With this in mind I am delighted to announce our first Community Picnic taking place in East Boldre on Friday 7th July. A great opportunity for our community to come together. A separate letter has come home about this event.



Getting out and about to enjoy our learning....Class 3 visit Ballard for a workshop and performance of Aladdin.

Dear Ballard School,

Thank you for inviting us to explore the amazing Aladdin music and drama workshops.

It was a great opportunity that has helped us find our voice and movement in drama.

As a bonus we all love Aladdin!

We really enjoyed miming the different market stalls and loved creating the opening scene by putting them altogether with the song 'Arabian Nights' that you taught us.

We are all looking forward to seeing the show Aladdin next week with year 6, 7 and 8!

Heidi and Grace think after all of your precise planning the show will be brilliant!

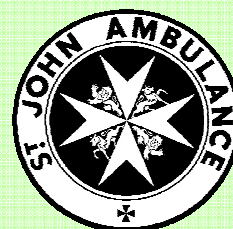
Break a leg!

From Grace and Heidi



St John's Ambulance Training for children

This week children in years 3,4 and 5 have embarked on their annual first aid training. Every year we provide children in these year groups the opportunity to undertake first aid training. We think it is a good idea to involve all children in annual training but it also means that we can offer children the opportunity to work as Young First Aiders in school. At break times we operate a system where our qualified young first aiders can manage the first aid of minor cuts and grazes. This is a great opportunity to help another and take a responsibility.



Down on the farm,

Oh what a to-do!

A higgledy piggledy hullabaloo!

Listen to this,

it's strange but true.

The horse goes meow!

The goose goes quack!

The duck goes neigh!

The chicken goes oink!

Well done Eden! This is a great piece of poetry writing.

We are really delighted with **ALL** of Year R—you have had such a great first year at school.



Music at SBS

We continue to offer a range of musical opportunities outside the curriculum. We have tuition available for:

Piano

Wind instruments

Guitar and piano.



Mr Walling has shared with me his intention to leave SBS this year. We are grateful for the long term commitment Mr Walling has shown this school and the many pupils he has taught to play both the violin and piano. I know he will be missed by many pupils and parents.

We are currently working with Hampshire Music Service to appoint a teacher to teach both the violin and piano. As this service will be provided by Hampshire County Council, it will operate in a slightly different way to the other music teachers. If you are interested in either violin or piano lessons, you will need to register your interest with school (a letter will follow shortly), as long as there is enough interest, we will then offer your child a time slot and issue you with an invoice. Lessons via Hampshire Music Service last approximately 20 minutes and cost around £65 per term. We may be able to provide some financial assistance for some families, please enquire if this applies to you.

Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club continues to grow in popularity and next term we intend to run Breakfast Club on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. In order to plan for this, it would be helpful to know in advance how many children will be requiring a place. Breakfast Club is led by Julia Avis, Fiona Hill and Alison Stone. It takes place between 7.45 and 8.30am. It costs £4 per child.

A separate registration booking form has been sent out and is also available on our website.

We currently have just under £500 in unpaid dinner fees. This is such a lot of money from our school budget. This could pay for more library books, pens and paper or sports equipment. If you have an unpaid bill, however small, please do settle this before the end of term. If you are unable to pay your bill, please do come and see me.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Dear Archie, Greta, Milla & Olivia,

I am so happy to be able to write a letter to thank you all for looking after me so brilliantly. As you know, I have not been feeling quite myself this year and thanks to your concern and care, I am now hopping around like a healthy rabbit should.

It was fantastic when Mrs Heap the vet came to visit and trimmed my toe nails. She also spoke to class 3 about how to keep rabbits and chickens happy and healthy. You must have learnt that carrots actually have a lot of sugar in them because I am only having carrots as a treat now! I don't mind though - I have my lovely herb weave to help keep me gnawing thanks to your amazing creation!

I love my new garden and the tunnels and boxes to dig and hide in. I feel much healthier because I am always hopping around. I'm also very lucky to have so many SBS friends who come and visit me.

From your friend,

Lettuce (the SBS rabbit)



Our current collective worship theme is truthfulness.

'Let us show the truth by our actions.' John 3.18

Using the picture you could discuss what truthfulness might mean to you.

What do you think makes someone want to cheat?

If you know someone who is not always truthful, how does it make you feel?



What do you think has just happened in the photograph?

Is telling the truth in games important?



This is Aung San Suu Kyi, she campaigned peacefully for the truth to be told in Burma and for free elections to be held. What else can you find out about this brave lady?

Our Core Values

Trust and respect

Courage and Perseverance

Thankfulness and Peace

A small report from Mr B after the year 6 trip to Avon Tyrell....

The rather wet conditions failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the intrepid year 6 group as they took their Avon Tyrell experience with gusto. This experience of a life with high branches, low waters and sock strewn dormitories presents its own unique challenges. To survive and come away smiling needs buckets full of courage and perseverance and these, core values of SBS, were in evidence all through the trip.

Watching our group taking advice from their expert instructors showed me how respectful they have all become and the trust that they have developed in adults who are instrumental to their learning.

A special note of thanks to Mrs M who provided her unique blend of steely determination and emotional sensitivity; to ensure that all survived.

Luckily for some, I have no room to expand on the 'shower cap' scandal—please apply to the Ducane Room for further details....

Mr B



East Boldre Picnic—Friday 7th July from 2.30pm

Big Breakfast—years 3,4,5 and 6—Friday 14th July

Class 3 Roman Villa trip—Tuesday 18th July

Rock School Assembly—Wednesday 19th July

Leavers Service—Thursday 20th July

Celebration Assembly—Tuesday 25th July