

# South Baddesley CE Primary School

## February Newsletter



Dear Parents,

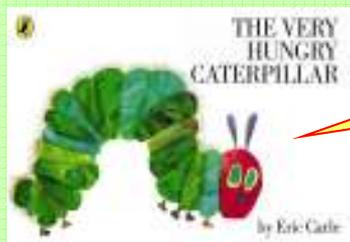
The first half of Spring term seems to have gone by in a flash! By now I am sure everyone is really getting stuck into their new year's resolutions and/or possibly beginning to look forward to some Spring weather and colours? The children have, as always, been working so hard to grow as learners, friends and people. In addition to our curriculum, we have completed another successful project with Oakhaven Hospice, had two interesting Enrichment Days, played in a few sports fixtures and enjoyed some pupil-led Community Assemblies. I hope that many of you enjoyed viewing their learning at our Open Afternoon this week.

This term Ms Whettingsteel has stepped up as Acting Deputy Head Teacher. This is great news for the staff and children as Ms Whettingsteel has been in post as our senior teacher for over a year now. She has also been successful in her application to become a Senior Leader of Education with the Halterworth Teaching Alliance. Please do book to see Ms Whettingsteel as well as me, or your child's class teacher should you have any queries.

Furthermore, in the absence of Mrs Blakeney, I will be taking the role of SENCo alongside my Headship tasks. I will continue to be supported in this role by our Inclusions Team (Mrs Toomer, Ms McGuckian and Mrs Hill). All class teachers have recently reviewed and written new IEPs (Individual Education Plans) for any pupils who require them. Class teachers will provide feedback at our next Parent Consultation.

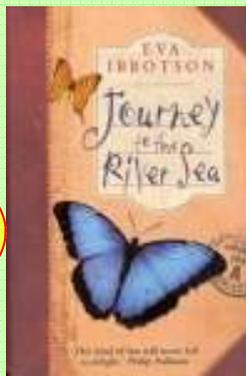
### Class Books this term...

We continue to engage the children in high-quality texts for their English work. We continue to see great results in their writing and reading from this approach. The books the children have read this term are:



**Gruffalo**

**Elmer and  
Paddington**



**Aslan**

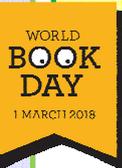


**Tulane and  
Shadow**





The children have brought home some exciting packs for World Book Day...we are really looking forward to celebrating BOOKS and all of the enjoyment they bring during the week beginning 29th February.



### Enrichment Day...Turtles and Plastic

Key Stage 2 enjoyed their recent Enrichment Day based around Turtles. We discussed the life cycle of turtles, their significance to our Planet and the dangers they face. The children then produced some wonderful art, design and technology work inspired by the information they had learnt about turtles.

This linked nicely with the classes work to reduce Plastic Pollution. The children have really been able to take on board some key issues and relate them to their own lives. It is great to see the children so keen to look after the world they live in. A CBBC newsround report highlights some of the problems; it is an interesting family-read.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/42810179>



### Our New Times Table

#### Challenge!

Miss Scott has kindly designed a key stage 2 times tables challenge. To participate in this challenge the children must work on practising a given times table each week (they will be told by their teacher which one they are working on). At the end of the week, they will be tested. Once they have passed their 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s, they will be able to achieve their bronze award. They will receive a certificate from their teacher and their name will go on the display to celebrate their achievement. Silver will be 4s, 8s and 11s and Gold 6s, 7s, 9s, and 12s. Good luck!

### School uniform and jewellery

Recently we have noticed that many children are not following our school uniform code. At South Baddesley, the children need to wear appropriate school uniform at all times, this includes the correct indoor and outdoor footwear. Also hoodies are not for wearing as a school jumper. They can be purchased for sports, events, PE lessons, school trips and outdoor play. We do have spare hoodies that we provide children with at sporting events.

Also, it is dangerous to wear jewellery to school. Children should not wear any type of wrist bands or necklaces. This is particularly dangerous on a PE day. If there is a specific reason (for example religious) for your child needing to wear a piece of jewellery, please do come and see me to discuss.

Finally, many children are missing PE and Sport lessons because they do not have their PE kits in school. These PE kits should be in school Monday to Friday so that they are always at hand.

We thank you in advance for your support with this.

### Sporting News

Sports at South Baddesley have had an incredible start to 2018!

Our netball team has had an amazing start to the season so far winning 3 out of the 4 games they have played for the New Forest Netball League. We are so proud of the team work and support they are showing each other.

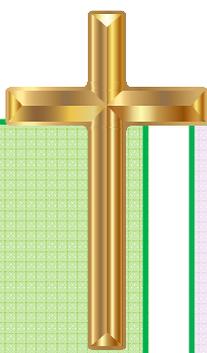
Our cross-country teams have come away with 2nd place for the Year 3/4 girls team, and 3rd place for the Year 5/6 girls and Year 5/6 boys team. There was some incredible running from all involved.

Let's see what else our 'Year of Sport' will bring!

### The SBS Year of Sport...

#### The SBS Marathon!

Friday 9th February marks the day of the first ever SBS Marathon. This will involve all children running a set number of laps of the field until we have completed a shared marathon. We need in total to run 131 laps! Children may dress in sports kit on Friday or if they wish in fancy dress as other marathon runners do. It costs £1 to enter the marathon; with 50% going to the School Council and 50% going to a charity of the children's choice. There will be a medal ceremony at 2.30pm—parents are welcome to join us for this celebration.



### The Oakhaven Project

Paddington class have just completed our annual trip to Oakhaven Hospice. This year the children worked with their partner patients and volunteers to find out about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and behaved superbly on every visit. We continue to be delighted to be part of the Oakhaven Project and are so very grateful for the hard work and support of all of the volunteers and staff at Oakhaven.

We are also delighted to have the support of Mrs Jane Sumner and Mrs Janet Brown as both regular volunteers in Paddington class and as part of the Oakhaven Project.



**Collective Worship** This term our Collective Worship value has been **COURAGE**. We have looked at examples of courage in various Bible stories and tried to relate these stories to our own lives. Through our **Learning Circles** we have looked at how courage might help us to become better learners. Some children have been able to independently link their understanding of courage to global events. We have returned many times this term to the poster below and hope that it has

provided our pupils with a valuable message.



We also use some Collective Worship sessions as a way to introduce simple **mindfulness activities**. Recently I spoke to the children about describing your feelings using a weather report. We looked at symbols

from a weather report and allocated feelings to each symbol. Once we had identified these feelings using a visual approach, we could start to talk about how they make us feel. We find visual strategies like this a great way of enabling children to talk about their emotions and learning to manage them.

### Teaching of spelling and phonics at SBS

Spelling has been a continued focus at SBS this half term. Across the school, children are using a variety of spelling strategies to learn unknown words such as rainbow writing, pyramid writing, spelling snakes and UPPERCASE/lowercase. These strategies have been successful in helping children to learn and practice their spelling words in a fun way. We have also been looking at ways in which to edit our spelling in a piece of writing without stopping the flow of creativity. Children in KS2 will underline an unknown word in their writing and go back and check the spelling independently. Each half term, children in KS2 will have a spelling assessment and weekly spelling words will continue to be sent home. If you would like to know more about the strategies used to learn spellings, look out for new ways of learning spelling words on your child's home learning sheet. In KS1, children have been continuing to learn and recognise their sounds and use these in their writing. KS1 children have the chance to use their sounds to edit spellings in writing. All children at SBS have allocated spelling sessions throughout the week to learn new sounds or spelling rules, play spelling games and continue to consolidate and practise age appropriate spellings. There is more information on our website (look under the Parents tab and then in Curriculum and Assessment) regarding the teaching of reading and phonics at SBS.

Great spelling work SBS! Let's keep building on this next half term and become champion spellers!

### Amazon Wish List

Thank you so much to everyone who has continued to purchase resources from our Amazon Wish List. The Friends host this list and it is updated by teachers when we need additional resources. We continue to be extremely grateful for all parental support and the fantastic work the Friends do for SBS.

### Charles Burnett

I am sure that many of you will now know that Charles Burnett sadly passed away. Mr Burnett has been a great supporter of SBS. He enabled the Friends to hold their fundraising ball at Newtown Park as well as kindly donating freshly cut flowers to the flower stall at the summer fayre. We are saddened by the loss of such a generous neighbour and send our kind thoughts to his family.

### **Mrs Sanger's Baby**

I am delighted to announce the safe arrival of baby Evie into the world. Mum and baby are both doing really well and will hopefully pop into school to see us all soon.

**New clubs and Breakfast Club:** Thanks to Miss Fordham's hard work we continue to have a growing range of after school clubs. We are always looking for new, quality providers of clubs; this term we introduced Science Club which is proving to be a great success and will run again in the Summer term. We are currently investigating various dance clubs, a fantastic non-combat boxing club, a cricket club and even a Spanish Club! Our Breakfast Club continues to be a popular option Monday to Wednesday 7.45-8.30am. We have also started to lease our hall to external providers for clubs and community activities—if you know anyone who would be interested please let us know. All clubs need to be paid for directly to the provider offering the club.

### *Parent Questionnaire*

It is nearly time to send home our bi-annual parent questionnaire. This will come home in book bags after the half term holiday. This year we are particularly focusing on the feedback we provide parents regarding pupil progress as well as the Christian ethos of our school. We look forward to receiving your valuable feedback so that we can continue to grow and improve for all of the SBS pupils.

### **Diary dates:**

**Mon 12th— Fri 16th Feb:** Half term

**Monday 19th February:** Return to school

**Wednesday 21st February:** Friends of SBS Committee Meeting

**Friday 23rd February—**Parenting Workshop—Foundations for Screen Time & Being Online

**Thursday 1st March:** World Book Day!

**Friday 2nd March:** Friends of SBS Film Club

**Thursday 8th March:** Yr2 Trip to Meet the Author

**Thursday 8th March:** Parent Consultations (letter to follow after half term)

**Friday 9th March:** Yr3,4&5 Trip to Osborne House

**Monday 12th March:** Class & Yr 6 Leavers Photos

**Tuesday 13th March:** Parent Consultations (letter to follow after half term)

**Wednesday 21st March:** Rock Steady Concert 9am

**Friday 23rd March:** Easter Egg Hunt

**Wednesday 28th March:** Easter Service—St Mary's 1.30pm

**Thursday 29th March:** Celebration Assembly 9am

**Thursday 29th March:** Last Day of Term

**Monday 16th April:** First Day of Summer Term

**KS2 SATS week: Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May (more information to follow).**

**KS1 SATS—throughout May.**

**Year 1 and 2 Phonics screening assessment - June**

**Monday 4th June—INSET DAY**

Please do check our website calendar as this is updated regularly.

### **Pupils use of Social Media and the internet**

We continue to be acutely aware of how the internet and social media can impact on the lives of young people. On-going research around the risks of social media indicate how unregulated use of social media can become particularly risky for children. Working in partnership with school to talk to our children about the benefits and risks of the internet and social media is a priority and critical in protecting our children. There are many interesting and helpful sites to explore with children and to use as starting points for open discussion with children. We often use resources found on websites such as CEOP when planning our internet safety lessons—do have a look at such sites with your children.

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/)

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5\\_7/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/)

There is also a Parenting Workshop—Foundations For Screen Time & Being Online on February 23rd at William Gilpin Primary School 9.30-11.30am.