

# South Baddesley CE Primary School

## April Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Summer Term at SBS! We hope that you all had fun and relaxing Easter breaks; some time off for play was very well deserved by everyone but especially the children who work so hard every day. This term is busy, fun and hopefully very rewarding. All dates are on our website but here are some immediate dates to be aware of:

**Monday 21st May—Open Afternoon—3.15-4pm.** This is a pupil-led event and an opportunity to see their learning.

**Friday 25th May—last day of half term.**

**Monday 4th June—school closed for INSET**

**Thursday 7th June—Sports Day A**

**Thursday 14th June—Sports Day B**

**SATURDAY 16th JUNE—SBS Summer Fete**

**Thursday 19th July—Leaver's Service**

**St.Mary's Church -1.30pm and Friday 20th July—last day of term and Celebration Assembly.**

### Our Beautiful Garden!

During the week beginning Monday 14th May we will be getting our school garden ready for the Summer. We would LOVE some help with this! If you or another member of your family are free any afternoon that week, please do come and help us. There will be some digging, planting and general maintenance to do. Please let Michaela or Geraldine in the Office know if you are able to help.

Many thanks in advance!



### Year 5 do Bikeability!

The fantastic opportunity that is BIKEABILITY – learning how to use your bike safely and successfully on the road – presented itself to Year 5 (and 2 from Y6) from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

The children were most excited and the playground session on Monday saw them off to a great start, with the instructors ensuring the children had control of their bikes and would be safe to take out onto 'real' roads!

On Tuesday the children experienced riding on the road, using our local lanes to practice and build confidence.

Wednesday's torrential rain meant the children had a class based session, learning the rules of the road and the Highway Code.

Unfortunately further rain on Thursday meant the course had to be 'rain checked' until next year. All our children achieved their RED LEVEL and will have to opportunity to aim for GREEN LEVEL next year. Well done Year 5!



## Well done years 3 and 4

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018, years 3 and 4 performed their Easter production of 'The Three Trees'. The three trees have big dreams of what they want to become but those hopes are dashed as they are chopped down and turned into seemingly insignificant things. However, God has an amazing plan for each tree – a plan that goes beyond any of their wildest dreams as they find themselves at the heart of Jesus' story.

The children worked extremely hard during rehearsals at learning their lines, projecting their voices and speaking with expression. The show is full of great songs and we all had a lot of fun learning these.

'I really enjoyed having a speaking part and I liked the strong character I played.' Charlotte Naylor (year 3)

'At first I didn't want a speaking part because I can be a bit shy but then, my friends encouraged me to take the part of a tree. I now feel happy because I've become less shy than I was and I really enjoyed acting. I feel proud of myself.' Sam Small (year 3)

'I used to have stage fright and didn't like saying my lines very loudly. One day, I decided to say my lines loudly and clearly which felt great because I could use really good expression in my acting.' Oscar Connor (year 3)

'At first, I wasn't too sure about playing a fisherman and then at the first rehearsal I realised that I enjoyed the part because it was very dramatic acting out the story of Jesus calming the storm.' Zahra Turner (year 3)

Year 3 and 4 were even more excited to perform after hearing the news that Tyler has a new baby sister! Congratulations Tyler!

We would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Hill for helping us to make our amazing and realistic props, to Dirk Rogers for bringing in a selection of wooden shields and swords and to Monty Cooke for being an excellent and reliable stage manager. Congratulations to Years 3 and 4 for their incredible Easter performance!



## Communication Policy

In response to our recent parent questionnaires we have reviewed our communication systems with parents. We have always operated an open door policy at SBS and would like to continue to do so. However, the high level of demand on staff's time has led us to reflect upon how we can improve the provision we offer so that we can efficiently meet the needs of all of our families. So, we have drafted a new Communications Policy that is available as an attachment to this letter and on our website. Some of the changes in systems DO NOT reflect a desire to reduce communication with you, simply to IMPROVE it. We continue to strive to work in partnership with you, listening, adjusting and supporting families when we are able to. Our aim is always to achieve the very best for your children....we hope that our new Communication Policy provides further help with this. We will also be running a workshop to view our school website and how to navigate the documents that we have on it. This workshop will take place on: Monday 25th June at 11.30am—it will last 45 minutes. We will repeat this workshop again in September.

## Maths Calculation Policy

This policy is available on our website. It provides the progression of skills we work through for each operation. You can find it under the Parents Tab—Supporting your child at school. It has been on our website for a couple of years now but any current feedback would be warmly received.

## Boldre Parish Produce Show

Children at South Baddesley have been invited to contribute entries to the Boldre Produce Show. This year they are asking for an interpretation of WW1 in a tray. They say, 'it probably sounds a bit daunting but it doesn't have to be a battle scene....the Homefront might be more appropriate for younger children.' The produce show is on Saturday 14th July and entries should be brought to school or the Memorial Hall on Friday 13th July.

**SBS Goes Running!** Last term saw us run to whole school running events; firstly the spectacular SBS Marathon and then the SS running Challenge. Now that we know 5 laps of our field is a mile, we decided to see collectively how many miles we could run and where this would take us in the UK! The day started brilliantly with some enthusiastic families, coached lovingly by Mrs Neal, running over 300 laps for us. The children then took over and simply kept running! Everyone was brilliant—we ran over a 1000 laps so we reached our furthest target—Manchester and just beyond. We all had great fun and hopefully it is helping to inspire everyone to keep fit and do more. A longer review of SBS Sport will be released this term and we have several events planned for the summer term.....

### Woodland School

At SBS we continue to use our outdoors to enhance children's learning. We use Woodland School to deliver our part of our Science curriculum and to enhance pupil's personal and social skills. Hopefully these pictures illustrate how much the children gain from this experience. Children at key stage one should have outdoor learning clothes available at school all year round.



### Collective Worship this term

This term we will be thinking about the theme of Friendship. We will explore what Friendship means in the Christian faith and how we can be good friends at SBS.

On Fridays we will be looking at the 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development. This will help us to decide what a Global Vision for Love and Friendship.

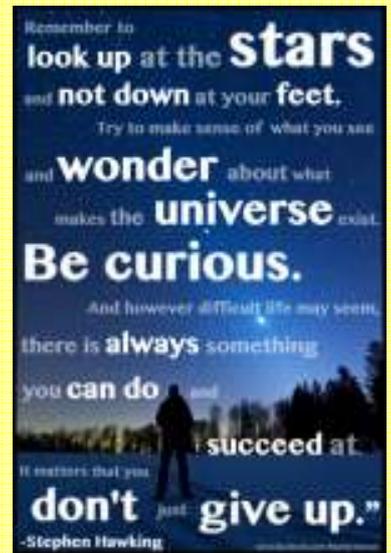


### Staffing and class organisation

The move from four classes to six has been a great success for the pupils of SBS. We intend to continue with this structure. I am aware that there are a few staffing changes for September and of course will inform you as soon as new appointments are made. Whilst we recognise that change can be unsettling, we have robust processes for staff recruitment. I am delighted that all of the new staff recruited permanently to SBS have been an asset to our team. I am confident that this will continue to be the case and that we will maintain high standards of teaching and learning for all.

## Plastics and bags...is inspirational!

A few weeks ago, the children and I were discussing in Worship 'People Who Inspire Us.' I shared with the children this Stephen Hawking quote and hoped it would remind the children how wonderful our world is and how many opportunities we are lucky to have. I was reminded of inspirational people this week when I saw the recycled bags the year 5 children have been making during the Easter holidays. They are amazing! This work followed on from the learning pupils in years 3,4 and 5 have been doing on Plastic Pollution. This has included sharing some of their leaflets about the topic at a Lymington Transition Group Event. The children have really enjoyed their learning, have tried hard and inspired us all. Well done!



## Wonderful SBS Manners

As part of our work to maintain outstanding standards of personal and social well-being for our pupils, we are launching a new system of 'Wonderful Manners.' Children will be recognised for demonstrating respect for others through their excellent manners. In a letter sent home to the children this week, we explained the 5 Golden Rules as well as launching our poster designing competition (closing date Monday 30th April).

### 5 Golden Rules

Always say PLEASE, THANK YOU, EXCUSE ME and PARDON.

Look after your belongings and the things that belong to school – always PICK THINGS UP and PUT THINGS AWAY!

Move around school sensibly – HOLD OPEN DOORS FOR OTHERS, WALK and use a SENSIBLE INDOOR VOICE.

Avoid the DRAMA – stay calm and patient at all times.....avoid interrupting others.....listen!

Remember good table manners – sit up straight, hold your cutlery correctly, eat with your mouth closed and always finish your mouthful before talking. At lunchtime use sensible indoor voice and take it in turns to talk and listen.

## Varvara's Yoga

Varvara's Yoga for adults continues this term. Please see her flyer on our website at the bottom of the clubs page.

Books for this term As always we continue to select high-quality literature for the children to share. This term the children are reading the following in class:

Gruffalo: Everywhere Bear

Elmer: How to Find Gold.

Paddington: The Diary of a Killer Cat

Shadow and Tulane: Arthur and the Golden Rope before launching into a selection of non-fiction books about landscapes and rivers.

Aslan: Goodnight Mister Tom

**Partnership with Winchester University:** We continue to work alongside staff at Winchester University to develop the quality of teaching and learning at SBS. Our work with Winchester is based around teachers completing action-research projects. I am delighted to report the Lyndsey Whettingsteel's first action-research project around writing and the work she has completed at SBS is being published in a book about developing English Provision at Primary School. This is such wonderful news to receive recognition for the work we have developed here. Most significantly we are proud of the 'voice' children have in their writing and their on-going creativity. We have certainly seen a continued improvement in the quality of children's writing. Our current action-research project is around the teaching of mathematics. Again we are working with Winchester University on this—particularly great news as they have just been awarded 'outstanding' for their teacher-training provision!