

South Baddesley CE Primary School

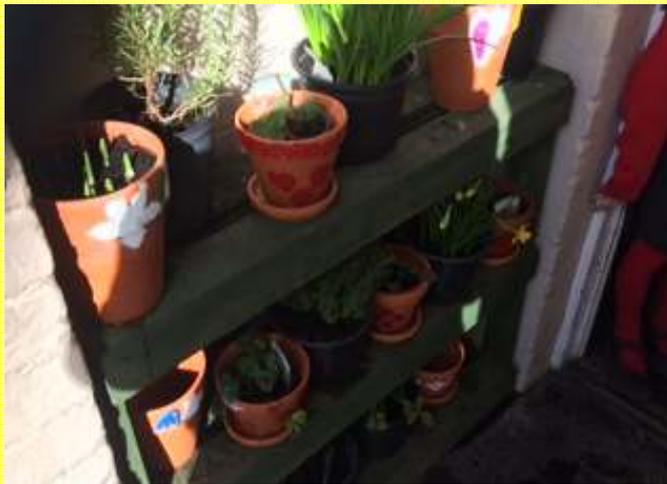
March Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your patience last week with our heating. It turns out that the temperatures dropped so low that the oil from the tank could not be drawn through the pipes. After several engineer visits, we now have our heating back and hopefully will be back to normal.

Hopefully your children had a chance to enjoy the snow, especially our younger children who will not have experienced snow in the UK before! There were certainly many excited children in school and many who returned with tales of snow adventures. This said, it would be very nice to begin to welcome warmer signs of Spring now and begin to look forward to some sunny adventures! Certainly some lovely signs of Spring are appearing in the Tulane class potting shed. The children have worked alongside Mrs Hill (with a bit of help from Mr Hill to build the shelves) to design and plant a potting shed. They have used some of the plants we received for Harvest to plant the shed. Some of the herbs are used to feed Sprout. It is beautiful and the children are so proud of their work.



Life in school is as busy as always, primarily with learning but also with events to enrich our curriculum and events within the wider community. I hope that you all received my letter explaining the recent Hampshire County Council Consultation about the enlargement of SBS; if you missed this there is now a statement on our website explaining this consultation. This can be found under the tab 'News, Events and Blogs.' Most importantly, it is not about any further growth of SBS, it is concerned with making the changes we have already implemented permanent, rather than HCC amending pupil numbers on an annual basis. We are delighted with the impact of the six classes and see a bright future as this structure embeds. As always, I will happily talk further to parents about this if necessary.

In order to keep up with school events, please do keep an eye on our website. Michaela works tirelessly to keep it as up-to-date as possible. If we do miss something, again, please let us know and also if there is something we can add to website to help keep you all informed, we would be pleased to listen.

Phonics success!

Our wonderful year one pupils in Elmer Class are working really hard to learn all of their sounds through their phonics lessons. Miss Martin has been sending home some phonics activities and has been really pleased with the response she has been receiving. Florence and Olly are such superstars; they are working really hard everyday to get better and better at learning their phonics...well done children!



Clubs at SBS

We continue to grow our before and after school clubs we offer to children. We have taken the decision from the start that all extra-curricular activities must be centred around enhancing the children's learning and experiences at SBS. We aim to offer a range of activities to develop children's individual interests. The introduction of Science Club on a Thursday has been extremely well received. Breakfast Club on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning continues to be popular. Some brave children are continuing to run before school on a Friday. This is a great way to start the week.

World Book Day at SBS

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in the SBS reading challenge. It was an enormous success and brilliant to know so much reading was taking place!

The children at SBS looked wonderful in their costumes and really enjoyed coming to school as their favourite character.

I am delighted to announce that we have raised a total of £500 for new books – an incredible achievement. Well done everyone and thank you again for your effort and support. Each class is very excited about the new books they will be buying for their classes.

Creative writing competition:

KS1 winner: Tilly Waddington (Year 2) wrote a story called 'The Alien who got into Trouble'. A fantastic story full of funny moments and brilliant illustrations, 'Kirsty comes outside to take the washing down, but she sees a big scary pair of trousers. The trousers are running towards her!'

KS2 winner: Erin Dovey (Year 4) wrote a fantastic story about Victorian time travel called 'The Pick-up Shop'. 'Lucy explored the house until she came to a kitchen with a girl inside. The girl was wearing ragged clothes and she had bare feet.'

Runner up: Finlay Munden (Year 3) wrote an action packed and detailed story called 'Ace the Amazing'. Finlay wrote this story with his family and created some amazing character names.

All stories that were entered into the competition will be made into a story book for each class. Congratulations for all your wonderful writing!



The Friends Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Friends Easter Egg Hunt will be taking place on Friday 23rd March, from 3pm, in the school hall and grounds.

A letter containing details from the Friends has been sent home already.

It is a really lovely event and we look forward to celebrating with many of you.



Year 6 writing



Year 6 are continuing to enjoy their text 'Journey to the Sea.' They are using this text to develop both their reading and writing skills. They recently enjoyed writing an instructional text...How to Be Free.

In year 6, we are looking for writers who have great control of their writing; being able to select and manipulate language, grammar and literary devices to engage the reader. They need to be able to write in a range of increasingly sophisticated styles so that their writing is unique, being able to capture and sustain the interest of the audience.



Times Tables Challenge

The children are so busy learning their times tables by heart. They are really enjoying our new times tables challenge and are progressing really well with the awards. Well done everyone—keep going!



SBS Family Run

Following the success of the SBS Marathon, we intend to hold another running event. This time it is a Family Fun Run on Wednesday 21st March, 9-11.30am. Again classes will be invited to run laps of the field but this time we will be seeing how many miles in total we can run and where in the UK this will get us to.

Families are welcome to join us at 9am to start the running off! A letter has come home separately about this. Those who are attending the Rock Steady Concert are welcome to join in afterwards.

We look forward to another fun event!



Easter Celebration at SBS

This year our Easter Service will take place on Wednesday 28th March at 1.30pm.

As with previous years, this service will be led by years 3 and 4. This year they are preparing a production, 'Three Trees.'

We hope that many of you will be able to join us.



RE and Collective Worship at SBS

This term we are delighted to be launching a new scheme, Understanding Christianity at SBS. Initially we have planned units of learning for years 1, 3,4 and 5. It is a fantastic resource that aims through creative techniques to deepen children's understanding of Christianity through Bible stories and core Christian concepts. As a Church of England School, we continue to teach predominantly about Christianity with children in KS1 learning about one other religion (Judaism) and with children in KS2 learning about two other religions during their time in this phase. This year KS2 will be exploring Buddhism.

Our Collective Worship aims to delve deeper into Christianity looking at different themes and exploring how these ideas are important to Christians and how we might learn from these ideas. This term we are discussing Forgiveness. The children have a range of opportunities to seek to understand this value. We come together in Learning Circles to consider how each theme helps us as people, friends and learners. The children are always so thoughtful in their responses and I hope take true value from the meaning of each idea.

This term we are primarily focusing on Forgiveness being at the root of love for one and other; that it is something that helps us to unite and move forward in happiness and peace. We have started to explore links between this understanding of Forgiveness and Lent. We have discussed the importance of prayer at Lent and we are aiming to create a collection of prayers from the wider community (please see separate letter). Below is a useful link about the importance of prayer in a Christian community.

<http://stjustandstmawes.org.uk/prayer/>



Please do join us on Friday mornings for Community Assemblies and share in the life of our school.

Art at SBS

We continue to love to draw and paint at SBS!

