

*South Baddesley CE Primary School*

**November 2018**

**Newsletter**



**Christmas preparations!**

**The excitement in school is starting to build. We have made our annual Christmas baubles for our school tree and designed our wonderful Christmas cards. Please remember that by buying a set of these cards, you will be helping to raise funds for our school.**

**In Worship, we will begin our Advent series next week and we are looking forward to our annual Christingle service at St. Mary's Church on Monday 17th**

**December, 1.30pm. This year our Celebration Assembly will be at 1.30pm on Friday 21st December. This assembly will be followed by a 'Christmas mingle' in each classroom - a chance to eat a mince pie and celebrate the festive season with families in our school community. We do hope that many of you will join us for this.**

### **Dates for your diaries**

We have our third INSET day on Monday 7th January meaning that the children return to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

The fourth INSET day is Friday 24th May 2019.

Gruffalo Nativity – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm-2.30pm

Elmer and Paddington Nativity – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm-2.30pm

Christingle at St. Mary's Church - Monday 17th December 1.30pm

Christmas Party – KS2 – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Party – KS1 – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Celebration Assembly - School Hall - Friday 21st December - 1.30pm

### **Attendance at school**

SBS overall attendance is currently just above expected at 96% (95% is expected). Thank you for your support and well done to all of the children who regularly come to school.

Of course, illness cannot be avoided and children do need to stay at home when unwell. However, I have had a large number of requests for absences during December. Unless there are exceptional reasons, it is unlikely that I will be able to authorise these request and the absence will be unauthorised.

Please do consider both the impact that these absences have on the school as a whole and what your child is missing when they are not at school and the possible gaps in learning this may cause. Even in the last few weeks of term, we are busy making the most of our learning time. This is because the 39 weeks we have with your children each year are all valuable.

Children tell me all the time how much they like coming to school and I can see how happy they are when they are here....even when they are feeling a bit tired on the build up to festivities and end of term! I feel we are really lucky to have such a special school community that is so much fun to be part of - let's make the most of it!

**The SBS Friends:** As always, the Friends are working really hard to raise crucial funds for our school and to provide fun events for children and families. This term the Friends have organised our Fun Run, a film night, a disco, the Christmas cards, refreshments at a number of events, the Christmas tree, Christmas gifts for all of the children and the Aviva Grant.

Also, You can also register for 'Easy Fundraising,' this won't cost you anything but each time you shop online at a registered retailer, a donation will be made to school. So far, we have raised £384...let's get to £400 by Christmas. Just follow the link below to register.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/southbaddesleysch/>

I am sure you will agree that the Friends are amazing and that the work they do creates such good spirit and enjoyment for the children. Thanks to the Friends, we are well on the way to raising enough funds to improving our climbing and adventure equipment on the field which I know all of the children will benefit from.

THANK YOU so much to all of the Friends and parents who have supported the Friends this term. Please get involved - you don't have to attend or be part of the organisation for every event - parents get together in small groups and take it in turns to organise events or

manage administration. It is not all hard work, there is a great community spirit and a lot of good friendships are made by getting involved with the Friends events.

**Boots and coats:** Don't forget we love MUD at SBS! The children do play outside on the field all year round but they must have a change of footwear in school. Ideally, this is wellington boots but old trainers are acceptable too. Please send your child to school with some named footwear for break times. They also need to bring a waterproof coat because we do go outside in light rain to get much needed fresh air.

**Warborne Farm Christmas Fair:** Please join us at Warborne Farm Christmas Fair...we will be selling mulled wine between 4-8pm on Wednesday 5th December and our fabulous choir will be singing. This year 5% of the proceeds from the fair will be donated to SBS and 100% of the profit made from selling mulled wine will kindly be donated to us. Please join us and buy some unique Christmas gifts too.

### **Gruffalo class**

Well done Gruffalo class - you have been at SBS for three months now and we are so pleased you are with us. Look at all of your learning! In the pictures, you are working together, solving problems, counting and reading numbers, recognising letters and saying their sounds and learning to write for a purpose. What a busy term! Next your first SBS Nativity....we can't wait to see it.





**French:** This year we have launched our new French scheme in KS2. The children have been learning how to have a basic conversation. We have learnt how to greet one another, say our names, how we are feeling, how old we are and how to say goodbye. We are looking forward to learning vocabulary linked to our families over the next few weeks. Our children also enjoyed a visit from Mr. Morgan (Grace and Jake's dad) who taught us some more French words and showed us how similar these words are to English - thank you Mr. Morgan!

### **Basic grammar and the alphabet**

I have noticed recently in school that as the grammar taught (particularly in KS2) gets more and more complicated, children are forgetting the basics. You can help with this at home when you are reading, out and about or completing any written task.

It would really help your child from early in their school career to learn the alphabet - later in school it is difficult to use a dictionary without this skill. Alphabet songs are a great way to do this.

As your child gets older, help them to learn classes of words, verbs, nouns, adjectives and adverbs. Find examples of these words in your reading, ask children to write examples of

these words or maybe learn a song or a poem to help aid your child's memory. This would really help ALL children at SBS.

<b>Word Classes</b>			
<p><b>Verbs</b></p> <p>A word that describes what a person or thing does, such as: run, hit, rain, be, seem, become, grow</p>	<p><b>Nouns</b></p> <p>A word that identifies a person, place thing idea or quality, such as: woman, dog, building, London, truth, birth</p>	<p><b>Adjectives</b></p> <p>A word that describes a noun, such as: red, bad, giant, hairy, shy</p>	<p><b>Adverbs</b></p> <p>A word that gives more information about a verb adjective or another adverb, such as: lazily, easily, abroad, very</p>
<p><b>Prepositions</b></p> <p>A word that describes the position of something, the time it happened or the way it is done, such as: under, between, on, after, by</p>	<p><b>Conjunctions</b></p> <p>A word that connects, phrases or sentences, such as: and because but for, or</p>	<p><b>Determiners</b></p> <p>A word that introduces a noun, such as: an, a, every, this, those, the</p>	<p><b>Pronouns</b></p> <p>A word that is used in place of a noun that is a specific person or thing, such as: she, him, mine, we, I, us, me,</p>

www.links2learn.co.uk

**Halterworth Teaching Alliance:** As many of you know, SBS is part of the Halterworth Teaching Alliance. This means that in partnership with Winchester University we are able to train teachers. Each student spends four days with us and a day a week at university. I feel that it is really important to support our profession and keep enabling good teachers to come into schools. Our school benefits so much from having students, through both the contributions students make to our team and the learning our staff do through mentoring others.

This year Miss Fairlie has joined us. Miss Fairlie is mainly based in Paddington class, however due to her strong musical background (she is a trained opera singer) she also supports choir and is helping Elmer class with their nativity singing. It is a delight having Miss Fairlie in school with us.

If you know anyone who is interested in training to be a teacher, please do ask them to contact me, we are currently recruiting for September 2019. The details of this partnership are on the front page of our website.

**Goodbye:** We were very sad to say goodbye to our Finance Officer, Alison Stone, last Friday. Mrs Stone has been a valued member of the team at South Baddesley for 17 years and has taken the decision to move away from school hours now her children are all grown up. The staff and children gave Mrs Stone a heartfelt send off and we wish her lots of luck on her new adventure!

**Travel to school:** Thank you so much for supporting us to improve our parking arrangements. Since starting the drop zone at the back of the school, we have made a few changes. There is now a member of staff outside the church waiting in the drop zone. This means you can safely let your children out of the car and they are met by a member of staff. We also have a member of staff on the bottom gate waiting for your children. If you have been using the church car park more frequently - thank you - as this is a safe place to park.

When I take my morning walks around the site and lanes, I notice that it is generally very calm. There are only problems if people drive too quickly in the lanes, park irresponsibly on junctions or reverse into the lanes. Please help us to improve the traffic flow around school by following our guidelines and parking sensibly.

**Clubs at SBS:** There are now an enormous number of clubs available at SBS. There is a thriving Breakfast Club from 7.30am, Monday to Thursday and a running club from 8am on a Friday morning. After school, there are clubs available EVERY NIGHT for children, as well as our NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUB. Our After School Club is open until 5pm and provides a safe, nurturing and fun place for children in years R to 6. All bookings for these clubs is via the school office.

We encourage children to participate in these wider curriculum activities and know that there is now something for everyone available. Information about clubs, as well as music lessons is available on our website. Please enquire if you would like to receive more information.

### **Special Me Day and Anti-Bullying**

Following another successful Special Me Day, the children have been considering how we feel when:

- ★ we are new to a group,
- ★ we like to play different things to our friends,
- ★ we look different or have different interests.

The children have read stories and in KS2 watched a short animation called 'For the Birds' to generate discussion and learning around these concepts. In worship this week, I have introduced the revised version of our 'Anti-Bullying Policy.' This is now also available on our website. Please do take the time to read this policy and contact me if you would like to discuss further.

We have also drafted a 'Mental Health Policy' that celebrates all of the work we do at SBS to support healthy mental health and positive well-being. This combines some of the new resources and recommendations made by the DFE this month. As soon as this policy is complete, it will also appear on our website.

### **SBS Sport**

We are continuing our partnership with Priestlands and the other Lymington schools through our weekly sports fixtures. This week our youngest children were out on the sports field playing quicksticks. It is fantastic to see so many children out and playing sport.

Mrs. Rogers is leading this initiative each week and has the children organised superbly on the sports field. We are still in the top quarter of the points board, which is a great achievement. These fixtures will continue next term and we plan to provide further coaching in preparation for each match. Please do come and support SBS on a Wednesday afternoon at Priestlands when you can.

### Useful resources to bring to school

Sending your child to school with a few essentials can really help. Resources that make a difference are pencils, pens and pritt stick. The children enjoy having these things in their own pencil cases and it really helps with maintaining school resources.

### Christmas mathematics

Follow the link to this Christmas mathematics game. Each number on the train takes you to another mathematical problem for children aged between 5 and 11 years. The National Curriculum for mathematics expects that children are able to apply their mathematical knowledge and understanding to reason and solve problems. Playing lots of games and problem solving together as a family can really help with this.

<https://nrich.maths.org/7778>

## Advent Calendar 2011 - Primary

Age 5 to 11 ★

This Advent Calendar has a new activity to try with your friends for each day in December until Christmas Eve.



