

South Baddesley CE Primary School December 2018: Newsletter



It certainly has been a very merry Christmas at South Baddesley this year! It started with the annual 'design and make a bauble' for the Christmas tree and was swiftly followed by two wonderful Nativities, a fabulous KS2 Christmas Concert, a busy Christmas bazaar, a peaceful Christingle service and a very delicious Christmas lunch! Still to come... our parties and Celebration Assembly! On behalf of the Governors and school leadership team, I would like to say an enormous THANK YOU to all staff, parents and children who have contributed so much to all of our festivities. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

We return to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019 (Monday 7th January is an INSET day for staff). Staff will be returning to school for a day of mathematical challenge so that during the Spring term we can offer further mathematical investigations and problem-solving to all children at SBS. All other dates are on our website and further reminders are included at the end of this letter.

Some sadder news...

Mrs Neal has decided to leave South Baddesley after three fantastic years at the school. Mrs Neal is pursuing new interests and no doubt many of you will stay in contact through Mrs Neal's amazing sporting activities. We are extremely grateful to Mrs Neal for her enthusiastic approach to life at SBS and particularly her enormous contribution to the development of sport.

Under Mrs Neal's guidance SBS has achieved our first ever GOLD Sportsmark, in partnership with Miss Scott, she has set up our winning netball team and alongside Mrs Roger's tuition on Wednesday afternoons SBS are currently fourth (by one point!) in the local sporting league. These are extremely good achievements and we are delighted by our progress in sport. **THANK YOU MRS NEAL!**

We are determined to continue this development of sport. In January coaches from Superstars coaching will be joining our team. They will offer enrichment coaching to KS2 children. We will continue to build strong and lasting relationships with local clubs so that children can receive expert coaching. For example, during the Spring term, KS1 children will again receive expert cricket coaching. There will be more swimming in the Summer term. We will also see the return the **SBS Marathon....**look out for dates for this in the new year.

Clubs

Please don't forget that there are now an enormous range of clubs at SBS as well as opportunities to get involved in music through individual music lessons and Rock School. Plus, we now have both a Breakfast Club and After School Club. Both of these clubs are set up to be like 'home-from-home,' with children sharing breakfast or snacks together and choosing from a range of games, craft activities and

cooking. If your child attends another club after school but an extra hour could help you out, please book into After School Club, 4-5pm, there is a separate price for this.

For further information about all of our clubs, look at our website or contact our school office team.

Belongings

Please remind your children to bring home all of their belongings this Christmas. This includes sports kit, lunch boxes and water bottles, coats and spare clothing. The school is overflowing with lost property and cannot be stored during the Christmas period.

SBS Dates and website

Please do keep an eye on our website. There are a range of policies on our website as well as information about your child's learning on the class pages. Dates are always kept up-to-date and you can access all newsletters via our website.

Monday 7th January – INSET

Tuesday 8th January - all children to return to school

Thursday 24th January - Tulane, Shadow and Aslan to travel to Portsmouth for a festival music concert (more information to follow in January)

Thursday 14th February - Open Afternoon for parents led by children 3-4pm

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March - Parent Consultations

Wednesday 3rd April - Easter Service led by Years 3 and 4 & Pilgrimage to St Mary's Church

Friday 5th April - End of term Celebration Assembly, 1.30pm

Finally...More great news for ex-SBS students. Emily McStay who joined Hampshire Collegiate in September, has just been awarded a prize for coming within the top ten per cent in her year group for academic success. Well done Emily - you work so hard and have such a positive attitude. These two things get you a long way in life!

In addition to this, Arran Small, who also left us last year and joined Priestlands, has just been awarded for coming within the top 10% of his year group. Again, Arran works so hard, shows commitment and enormous respect for his friends and teachers.

We are so proud of all the SBS children, past and present. Our aim is always to support children to become well-rounded pupils, with a strong sense of right and wrong who can form positive relationships. We want them to achieve high levels of academic success, to have resilience and to show commitment to their learning. We really want our children to ENJOY learning, knowing that education is a gift that can bring so much fun and happiness.

We always love hearing from all our ex pupils....do keep us informed.

It has been a fantastic Autumn term at SBS. Our wonderful children have continued to delight and amaze us in all that they do. We know that it is so important to keep letting our children surprise us and never to put a cap on their achievements. The whole SBS team is already busy planning for Spring term and continued exciting topics and opportunities for all the children to share. We continue to be grateful for our talented and supportive community that helps to make SBS a great play to work, play and learn!

See you all in January! Warm regards,

Anne Moir