

South Baddesley CE Primary School February 2019 Newsletter



Welcome back to school - it is lovely to see all the children. We hope that you all had a chance to enjoy the lovely Spring sunshine. The end of last term was incredibly busy at SBS. Coincidentally we had both our Church inspection and an Ofsted inspection. Both these reports will appear on our website when they are official and can be published. Throughout both inspections the SBS team was absolutely fantastic and I really could not feel prouder to be the Headteacher of such a special school. Inspection frameworks change all of the time, placing the emphasis on different aspects of school life. What has become very clear is that SBS is constant and we continue to grow for the best of all our children.

Have you seen our new Twitter feed? We will attach this feed to the website (a few technical issues at the moment) but in the meantime, sign up to Twitter and follow us! It is a great way to catch a glimpse of what goes on at school day to day.

Also, in support of an application to Waitrose for their current Plastics Grant - we have made a film about our school. It focuses on the grounds because this was the concept of the grant. We would love to win the grant but if we don't we do have a lovely new film! Find the film on YouTube South Baddesley School - Waitrose Plastics Grant 2019.

New children and families: This term we are delighted to invite Alexander and Tia to Elmer class. As well as Alex to year 4, Shadow class. We hope that they will be very happy with them and as always that they are made to feel very welcome.

Congratulations year 6 applications to secondary: I am delighted to report that our year 6 children are starting to receive offers from a range of secondary schools. Each year children apply to a variety of schools including Priestlands, King Edwards, Hampshire Collegiate, Bournemouth grammar and Talbot Health. We are so proud that are children leave well prepared for the social, personal and academic challenges that lie ahead of them and we continue to receive very positive feedback from both schools and families about this onward journey.

Topic teaching: Recently the staff have reviewed our curriculum policy. The updated policy is on our website. We are really excited to re-launch some of our existing topics this term. We know children love topic lessons and we don't blame them, there are so many interesting things to learn about! This term in Early Years children are reading fairy tales, years 1 and 2 will be discovering what happened to the Titanic, years 3, 4 and 5 are learning about the Vikings and year 6 are continuing their learning about the Amazon.

All of our topic plans are available on your child's class pages but hopefully the children will already be telling you all about their new learning!

Sports at SBS: This term we continue to participate in the Priestlands Sports Cluster. So far we have managed to attend all the events and children have really enjoyed participating in such a range of sports. Here is some feedback below; I have loved reading the weekly reports and hearing about how confident and courageous are children are!

Event	Children participating	Feedback
Year 2 athletics	Charlie, Harry, Raff, Lottie, Lillia and Faith	Fantastic standing jump - 1.4m and 2nd place in the running from Lottie! Well done Raff and Harry 1.2 m vertical jumps.
Years 3 and 4 athletics	Maisie, Theo, Finlay, Sam, Jake, Hettie	Fantastic running from all, with Theo and Finlay taking 1st place, Sam second and Maisie third. Finlay also produced an excellent speed bounce and Sam performed an amazing standing jump.
Years 5 and 6 athletics	Shannon, Olivia, Dirk, Milla, Cam and Zak	Particularly strong running at this event: Milla in 1st place, Olivia in 2nd, Dirk and Cam in 3rd place, Shannon and Zak in 4th place.
Girls football	Millie, Maisie, Ella, Polly, Jasmine, Charlotte Isabella, Ava, Taggie, Zara, Heidi, Annabelle	In these tough matches Millie and Maisie showed great perseverance and Charlotte was a fantastic goalie. Isabella performed as a strong striker.
Years 5 and 6 Table Tennis	Ainan, Monty, Ole, Alice, Tess, Rebecca, Megan and Dirk	All of the children came back from this event keen to play more table tennis...watch this space....

It goes without saying that all children are worth a mention in this newsletter for putting themselves forward to compete in these events. As I am sure you will agree, sporting events such as these are great fun and great for developing friendships and resilience. An enormous **thank you** to all of our parent helpers at these events - we couldn't do it without you!

At SBS we have completed our annual SBS marathon and now class teachers are looking at launching the termly running challenge. In this challenge we will see how many collaborative miles each class can run over a half term. The children know that 5 laps of the field is equal to a mile.

This afternoon when I popped outside it was great to see children outside participating in sports and making the most of this glorious weather. In these pictures we have year 6 with their sports coaching, Shadow class running their mile and some Paddington children enjoying a quick afternoon game of football.



Oakhaven: During January our year 2 children made their annual visit to Oakhaven Hospice to work with the staff, patients and volunteers. It is such a valuable project that creates a lasting memory for our children. Again this year the SBS children were praised for their respectful, enthusiastic behaviour. They certainly brought lots of smiles to faces and smiled a lot themselves. Well done year 2.

Halterworth Teaching Alliance: Just a reminder...we are currently recruiting a trainee teacher for September 2019. This is a great opportunity to gain your teaching qualification. Our course is run in collaboration with Winchester University and via our partnership with the Halterworth schools. Applicants must hold a degree. If you or someone you know is interested in this course, please do come and see me.

Debt recovery: We will shortly be closing our budget for the year. It is really important that all debts are paid in time for this. Please do check your dinner money, breakfast club and after- school club accounts and settle any unpaid bills. If you are experiencing difficulties paying a bill, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Child-Friendly Behaviour Policy: Following the success of our child-friendly Anti-Bullying Policy, we have re-written our Behaviour Policy in child-friendly language. It is attached to this newsletter. Behaviour at SBS is exceptional. Children are polite and well-mannered, our systems for managing disputes do work well and we are proud that these systems focus on children being taught to repair and learn from conflict or difficulties. We hope you enjoy sharing our child-friendly version of the policy with your child.

Worship this term: This term our theme in worship is Justice. Today we started to explore what justice might be about. We started by looking at an image of Lady Justice and then considered more deeply if justice was simply something to associate with the law. The children came up with some fantastic ideas. One example was that when working in class on a group project, you should listen to the views of everyone and not just choose the ideas of your best friends. Another

idea was related to the idea that we should make choices based on who people are and the skills that they have rather than the colour of a person's skin. We could start to see that there are examples of justice and fairness all around us.

In the Bible we read some psalms and thought about God's dream for us all.

The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. (Psalm 33:5)

'Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.' Psalm 106:3)

This term at home you could explore the theme of justice further with your families by looking at justice being more than fairness. In order for people to live in a just community, it is important to have rules. Imagine if there were no rules for people driving cars on the road! Perhaps discuss why it is important to have rules, rules that you don't think are just/fair and family rules that you think are important.

Clubs: Please remember that all of the information you need to sign up to clubs is available on our website. This information includes links to online booking forms from our external providers and school-led clubs such as breakfast Club and After School Club. There are clubs available before and after school 5 days a week.

Relax Kids...would you like to know more about this popular club? If so, please let me know if you would be interested in attending a parent workshop held at school regarding this club. Please can you register your interest in this with myself, Michaela or Geraldine.

Consent forms: Please look out for updated consent forms coming home soon. Please return these to school as quickly as possible so that we can continue to ensure we are compliant with GDPR guidelines.

Dates for your diary: As always dates for the next term appear on our website but here are a few to look out for:

Parent's Consultations: These will take place on Wednesday 20th March and Thursday 21st March. As we indicated last term, the booking for these consultations will be via scopay. If you have not yet set up your account, please contact Michaela or Geraldine who can send you the online code you will need to set this up. Once you have this code the process of creating an account and booking in for events at school is very easy. However, if this does cause anyone any difficulties, we will of course help you to make your booking.

Open Afternoon (pupil led): Our termly Open Afternoon will now take place on Monday 1st April. This is an opportunity for your child to show you their learning.

Easter Service and Pilgrimage - this service will be led by pupils in years 3 and 4 and will start in the school hall and end up in St. Mary's Church. This year the service will take place on Wednesday 3rd April.

Celebration Assembly: Our termly Celebration Assembly will be held on Friday 5th April at 1pm. Like the Autumn term, there will be a smaller number of trophies linked directly to the learning and experiences of this term. After the assembly we would like to invite you to a cool Spring drink, served again by our year 6 pupils.

Year 6 SATs: The annual year 6 assessments will take place during the week beginning Monday 13th May and all year 6 children must be in school for the week. Miss Scott will be in contact soon with further information for year 6 parents.

WORLD BOOK DAY - Thursday 7th March...the children can come dressed as their favourite book character. The staff will be organising fun activities during the day. Children should also return their Reading Challenges and sponsorship money...last year we were able to buy over £400 worth of books with this money. Also, children are invited to enter the writing competition linked to the text 'Here We Are.' Information was sent out before half term.