

South Baddesley CE Primary School

March 2019 Newsletter



As we come to the end of another busy term at SBS, we are enjoying the events in this last week of term. Importantly we have just celebrated Easter with our friends at St. Mary's Church. This term we have been exploring the theme of 'justice' in worship and through our exploration of global charities and the Christian story of Easter, we are reminded that justice is not always easy to achieve. However, we do know that our behaviour can be guided by our own moral compasses and this is arguably the most powerful guide in our fight for justice. We continue to prioritise helping our children to reflect on their choices and behaviour so that when they leave SBS they are not only excellent learners but that they are confident to take their next steps as happy, social and reflective individuals. Our worship themes are integral to this journey.

For some, this verse from the Bible might help?



Events this week

Key Stage 1 – Titanic Day – Thursday 4th April 9am – 11am

Celebration Assembly and Easter Social – Friday 5th April - 1.30pm in the school hall.

Refreshments will be served afterwards by year 6 pupils.

We return to school on **Tuesday 23rd March**. Our final two INSET days of the year are on Friday 24th May and Monday 1st July.

Please note that there will be no Breakfast or After School Club provision on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July.

Next year we will return to school on Wednesday 4th September. The Autumn term INSETS will be: Friday 25th October, Monday 4th November and Friday 20th December.

Summer term

Dates for the summer term are already on our website - please check each month carefully.

Dates to include in your diaries:

Sports Day - Thursday 6th June

End of Year Church Service - Monday 22nd July

Celebration Assembly - Tuesday 23rd July

In addition to these events we are already planning a number of events....

Gruffalo class will visit the Wildlife Park.

Elmer and Paddington will be organising a summer picnic.

Year 3 will be swimming at Walhampton.

Year 4 will be sailing in at the Royal Lyminster Yacht Club.

Year 5 will be going on their BIG DAY OUT and SLEEPOVER.

Year 6 are going to Avon Tyrell and a special service at Winchester Cathedral.

Plus...

Years 2 and 6 will be doing the Oakhaven £100 challenge...more information to follow.

Children in years 3-6 will be completing their annual First Aid training, Year 5 will complete their Bikeability course and.....

Years 5 and 6 will perform another outstanding production!

Please DO keep an eye on school letters and emails during this very busy term!

Don't forget...if you sign up to Twitter and follow South Baddesley you can get weekly updates about things that happen in school. Thank you to all the parents and friends of SBS who already follow and 'like' us!

Thank you to the FRIENDS

Last week the Friends held another wonderful Easter Egg Hunt. The sun came out for the event and it was just what we all needed. All of the children and families seemed to have a great time and over £500 was raised for school.

As you know, all of the money raised by the FRIENDS is spent on resources and events for all SBS children. I am delighted to share with you that the current project to replace the play equipment is well underway. We have ordered an initial £10, 000 worth of equipment to replace the current trim trail. We hope to be able to install the equipment as close to Easter as possible. This is another fabulous project and the purchasing of this equipment just wouldn't be possible without the FRIENDS money. Thank you all!

There are a number of FRIENDS events coming up, including a wine tasting night and the famous SBS Quiz Night. Look out for flyers and updates on class list.

World Book Day

Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored their child to read during the build-up to World Book Day. We had a great day celebrating literature and in the process raised over £400. Next term the teachers will be working with an English Advisor from Hampshire and as part of this work we will be developing our class reading areas. We will put the money raised on World Book Day towards the revamp of these reading spaces. Thank you all!

Elmer and Paddington visit the Titanic Museum

Elmer and Paddington Class enjoyed a trip to Southampton's Seacity Museum to explore the Titanic. The children were given the opportunity to try on different costumes including 1st and 3rd class passengers. We had a go at matching the sniff boxes to the location of the Titanic, some of the smells were nicer than others - one box was lavender another was smelly feet! We were able to (safely) steer the Titanic through the dock and we just about managed to load the coal into the engines fire fast enough. We travelled to and from Southampton on the train, the children enjoyed the views from the window and all were exceptionally well behaved.

Terrifying Vikings visit KS2

Last week all of Key Stage 2 were treated to a Viking Adventure! The Rainbow Theatre Group put on a Vicious Viking drama workshop at SBS. Before the event, the children were very excited to to make their own viking helmets. When the children arrived at the hall, a monk greeted them at the door explaining what to do if vikings attacked. Low and behold, part way into the workshop, two vicious vikings sprang from the PE cupboard, adding to the drama.

The children then produced three scenes from a Viking Saga. The afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all, bringing the time of vikings to life!

Gruffalo class go to a Gruffalo party!

Gruffalo class were thrilled to be invited to Waterstones for a special birthday party – our favourite character was 20 years old!

We were treated to some fun Gruffalo activities, a puppet show retelling of the story and we celebrated by singing 'Happy Birthday' and eating biscuits!

Thank you Watertones!

Animals in school

At SBS we love our animals. Last week I found the chickens playing their daily game of hide and seek and it certainly makes us smile (picture above). We would really love to have more animals but we need your help! We have been offered two lovely little rabbits and it would be nice to adopt them. However, we find the holidays difficult to manage without the help of our families.

Please can you let me know if you would be interested in being on a rota to come to school and feed the rabbits at the weekends or if you would be interested in taking the rabbits home for the holidays? We have all of the equipment to make such home visits possible and would be really happy to set this up. Having animals in school is a wonderful experience for the children but we feel it needs to be a whole school commitment to make it feasible. I look forward to hearing back from you about this!

Entry and exit tasks

We have been asked by some parents to explain our processes of assessing the children at the start of writing and mathematics units (years 1-6). These are not tests but an opportunity for children to re-visit previous learning and for teacher's to identify what children already know/ can do and what they need to do next. This way we don't waste any time nor do we have children finding work too easy because they already understand it.

Interestingly there is more and more research emerging about how our memories work and how we can help children to transfer knowledge and understanding from their working

memories to their long term memories. Our working memories are relatively small and in order to make space for on-going learning it is important that we can transfer ideas to our long term memories and only retrieve existing understanding when necessary to the task we working on. There are lots of strategies that we can use to help children do this but most importantly children need to think really hard before learning becomes embedded in our memories. It appears that by giving children regular short assessments we make them think really hard about what they already know and so give them good opportunities to strengthen the link between their long term and working memories.

Whilst we are always developing our teaching and learning processes, we do take time to reflect on the impact they have on children's learning. We try to embed our practise in research and the best strategies shared across the teaching community.

Please do ask if something doesn't quite make sense because there is always a reason and we will happily explain.

Parking around school

I have been asked by our neighbours to politely remind you all that their parking space is the small lay-by next to the Old School House. Please do not block this space when dropping off or picking up.

Scopay

Thank you all for signing up to scopay. This online system makes it much easier to book appointments such as Parent Consultations and to pay for dinners and wrap around child-care. We are working really hard to keep our debt from dinners and clubs to a minimum. Please ensure that you pay for school dinners on the day your child has one OR that you place an amount of money on your account that can be used to pay for dinners throughout the term. We will notify you if your debt reaches £10 and ask you to settle this bill immediately. I thank you in advance for your help with this matter and hope that you will

understand that in the current financial climate schools cannot afford to carry debt from any school provision or event.

Holiday Club East Boldre Church

East Boldre Church are offering a Holiday Club for years R to 6 will take place on Thursday 30th May and Friday 31st May. It starts at 9:30 and finishes at 12:00 both mornings. There will be a family breakfast on Saturday 1st June starting at 9:30 and finishing at 11:00am.

All activities are at East Boldre Baptist Church Hall (SO42 7WP). There is no charge for any of the events. Please contact **Julian** on 07704 745021 for further information.

Happy Easter to you all!