

South Baddesley CE Primary School May/ June 2019 Newsletter



Welcome to the final half term of the year and as is traditional - term has certainly started with a buzz! There is so much happening in school at the moment and so much to look forward to. I will try to give you a flavour of these things in this newsletter but as always hopefully your children are also sharing glimpses of this with you already!

SBS Summer Fete - what a success - thank you to everyone involved with this event. Sadly I had a sick relative and at the last minute I was unable to attend the event but I did receive regular reports all through the day, so I knew lots of fun was being had! The final figure for funds raised is still to be confirmed but again it is looking like it will be a significant amount of money. ALL of the funds raised by the Friends go toward to curriculum and wider experiences offered at SBS. This money makes a considerable difference to ALL children at SBS.

Sports Day: What perfect weather we had! As always, I felt really proud of all the SBS children for having a go, trying new activities and helping each other. There is meant to be a fine balance between fun and competition at Sports Day. We want our children to aim for their own best and have a go at competing but we also want them to have a love of sport and activity - so a focus on moving lots and having fun is all part of the day too. I hope that if you were able to join us you felt welcomed to our school and spent a pleasant afternoon in the sun watching our wonderful children enjoy sport.

Sailing: Well done year 4 - you have represented SBS so well and had lots of fun sailing on a Wednesday afternoon. We feel that due to the special location of where we live, providing children with an opportunity to learn a few basic sailing skills is really important for them. We have mapped into our curriculum the opportunity for one year group (year 4) to learn some simple sailing skills each year. So far this has been a great opportunity for all children.

Swimming: Year 3 have started the annual swimming course that we run at Walhampton. They came back delighted with their lessons and the pleasant temperature of the pool. Again, swimming is something we offer in year 3 and then for older children who are not yet swimming 25 meters confidently. We are lucky to have a unique relationship with Walhampton School that enables us to use their pool. Fortunately, we have trained lifesavers and swimming teachers on our staff which makes the whole experience possible.

Play Equipment: We are so excited to have our new play equipment installed. The cost of this equipment (approximately £10,000) has been paid for by the wonderful Friends through their hard work in raising money for the school this year. Thank you!

The purpose of this equipment was to help children develop strength, coordination and balance - as well as having lots of fun! The equipment is modular, so the plan is that we can add more pieces to it in the future. Let me know what your children say about this equipment.....perhaps I won't try it out myself!

Sports Coaching at SBS: I am delighted to share with you that we will be continuing with our additional sports coaching for KS2 children at SBS during

the Autumn term. This coaching has been led by Super Stars Sports. They work with children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 for enrichment sport on a Monday afternoon as part of a rotation of activities. On a Tuesday afternoon they work with year 6 children. Super Stars also run our after school gymnastics club. I have been really impressed by the professionalism of Simon the lead coach and his investment into on-going training for his coaches.

We would like to continue to grow our provision for sport for younger children. They do get great opportunities to play with the older children at break times so alongside some of our staff and parents who have offered to help, I will be looking at some additional lunch time activities for younger children.

Please don't forget, we already offer girls football coaching and yoga as enriched sporting activities at lunch times. Please do ask a member of staff if you would like your child to be involved.

First Aid: As is tradition, every summer term, children in years 3, 4 and 5 complete First Aid training. This provides them with the opportunity to become a Young First Aider during their time in KS2. An enormous thank you to Mr. Gower for providing this training. So many children have told me how valuable they found the experience and how much they have learnt. Mr. Gower told me how impressed he was that so many children could remember their learning from last year. We see First Aid as such an essential life skill and we are really pleased to be offering all SBS children the opportunity to learn some life-saving skills.

Music at SBS: This year we have really focused on providing children with opportunities to hear live music. As you may remember, our older children enjoyed a visit to hear BSO play a special school concert. Listening to such live music is part of our curriculum long term plan so included in the list of experiences we aim to give all children during their time with us.

Currently, year 3 are preparing for a summer concert alongside other local schools. They have been taught a range of songs - each with their own vocal challenges and they will be performing at Priestlands in July.

Next year we are hoping to grow our links with Hampshire Music Service by developing our curriculum provision further and also by increasing the range of individual and group music lessons available. As soon as I have met with the

service and know more about the provision, I will share all of the details with you.....watch this space!

The Oakhaven Project: As you all know Oakhaven is a charity close to our hearts at SBS. We already have the dates booked in for year 2 to attend Oakhaven next year and we continue to support Oakhaven in as many ways as we possibly can.

At the moment, children in year 2 and 6 are busy working in collaboration to 'grow £50'. This project has led to a surge in pupil enterprise projects (to add to the growing number we already had!). You will see many activities and events coming up over the next few weeks. We have supported the children and tried to guide them around creating a range of fund raising activities but please respect this is the children's project and their initiatives. Miss Scott has sent an additional letter home explaining in further detail the types of things to expect.

Community Worship: On the topic of pupil initiative, I would just like to celebrate the following children who have recently shared such thoughtful community worships with us:

Austin - led a worship around the Police Force

Evie and Eva - led and worship and cake sale around supporting homeless people

Tess, Ole, Alice, Rebecca, Hermione, Edie - led a worship and cake sale around Water Aid.

In addition Charlotte and Freddie Naylor organised a cake sale in their own time in aid of Oakhaven Hospice.

I am deeply proud that our children have the confidence to speak publicly and the ambition to make a difference in the world. We talk regularly about the power that small changes can bring to the wider world and the role we have in making changes.

I have created some new guidance for public speaking and will add it to our website under the 'Community Tab.' Perhaps it will be useful to families when they have a child preparing for a class or whole school talk?

Gruffalo Class Moderation: This year we have been involved in a Hampshire County Council Early Years Project and it came to an end last week with a final moderation of our pupils learning. I just wanted to share how impressed County have been with our provision, our staff and our children. So many exciting things have happened this year in Gruffalosome behind the scenes and some more obvious. They are a wonderful team in Gruffalo and I hope Gruffalo parents will agree that it has been a great year!

Still a trip to the Wildlife Park for Gruffalo and a few other summer term treats.... Then off to year one.....time flies when you are having fun!

Classes September 2019: You will very shortly be receiving a letter regarding your child's class for next year. This year we have had a high number of applications for both Reception and other year groups. When the school grew from 4 classes to 6 classes, more spaces did become available. Although we always have some movement and changes, we are starting to see that these places are being taken and year groups are becoming full. We have truly fabulous classes at SBS - we are lucky to have such great children and families. Thank you!

There was also information in your child's class letter about our summer term transition events and TEAM events planned for September 2019.

Our class structure from September 2019 will be:

Class	Teacher	Support staff
Gruffalo	Ms Hannah Davies (p/t) Ms Susan Harrison (p/t)	Mrs Julia Avis (p/t) Mrs Clare Whisker (p/t) Mrs Madeline Toomer (p/t)
Elmer	Miss Caitlin Martin (Science Leader)	Mrs Pam Nash
Paddington	Ms Katharine Simkins (Deputy Headteacher and lower school leader) Mrs Jacqui Stoneham (p/t)	Mrs Madeline Toomer (p/t)
Tulane	Miss Laura Fairlie Mrs Anne Moir (p/t)	Ms Emma McGuckian Mrs Jen Marriott (p/t)

Shadow	Ms Sue Whitehead (p/t) (Computing Leader) Mrs Becky Barna (p/t - maternity leave)* Mrs Anne Moir (p/t)	Mrs Fiona Hill (p/t) (Art Leader) Mrs Elaine Williams (p/t) Mrs Clare Whisker (p/t) Ms Tracey Lowe (p/t)
Aslan	Miss Vikki Scott (Upper school leader)	Mrs Elaine Williams (p/t) Mrs Fanny Rogers (p/t)

*Mrs Barna is currently on maternity leave. It is early days and we are yet to discuss dates for her returning to SBS. In the meantime, Ms Whitehead will be working 4 days in Shadow and I will continue with my teaching commitment in this class.

You will notice that we have appointed Miss Laura Fairlie to our team. She has completed her training year with us and we have been so impressed by her teaching, the relationships she has built with the pupils and her professional attitude. Miss Fairlie is a trained opera singer so will continue to keep music well and truly alive at SBS!

Mr. Hill has become increasingly busy with his art outside of school and as a consequence would like to scale down some of his SBS hours but as he tells me regularly, 'he loves SBS' and does want to stay involved. Consequently, Mr. Hill and I are working on his role for next year at the moment.

Mrs Sanger will take a sport coaching role and aim to further develop sports provision at SBS.

As always, thank you so much to our fabulous support staff and admin team - they all do so much to make SBS the team we are.

We are a great team at SBS - enthusiastic and always eager to learn. We continually build in opportunities for professional development, collaboration with other schools and providers and working together as a team. Our aim will always be the same as yours....the very best we can offer for the children at SBS.

Extended Day Provision: We currently provide the following wrap-around care for our pupils:

Breakfast Club from 7.30am - last minute booking available.

After School Club 3-5pm - last minute booking available.

If these hours do not suit you, please do let me know and we will see if we can help.

There really is so much more I could tell you about in this one newsletter.....

Year 6 are off to Avon Tyrell and Winchester Cathedral,

Year 5 are preparing for their BIG DAY OUT and SLEEPOVER,

There will be Bikeability for year 5 too.....

Not to mention some of the superb curriculum learning that is going on in school. I will upload some news to the twitter feed and save some of this news for our final newsletter of the year - out in July!

As an additional note, Michaela is taking on the Pier to Pier Swim in July to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. Please visit her Just Giving page by clicking the link below and support her on her journey! Good luck Miss Fordham!

[Michaela - British Heart Foundation Just Giving Page](#)

As always the very warmest regards, *Anne Moir*