



**Year 6 designing and making electrical buggies - they are the designers of the future. Hopefully they will know why and how to make some better choices for our world.**

## **South Baddesley CE Primary School**

### **December 2019 Newsletter**



**Happy Christmas SBS!**



#### **End of term reflections....**

It has been quite a year at SBS! In January we coincidentally received both our Church Inspection and Ofsted Inspection - both were excellent and I am so pleased that the school has continued to grow and grow since then. You may have noticed that the primary league tables have just been released and although there are so many ways to interrogate that data, it is noticeable that all of our results were above national and Hampshire and our progress measures were even better than before. We scored in the top 1% of the country, joint 8th in Hampshire and top of the Lymington schools for progress in reading. This was due to the fact 68% of our pupils last year scored greater depth in reading. We absolutely LOVE reading and know it is the gateway to all learning.....please keep sharing books with your children and hearing them read. This is important to do all the way through the primary phase and even into secondary school.

---

As I have written about, very recently, it is certainly not all about results but it is nice to celebrate when we receive such good outcomes. We keep working hard for every single pupil at SBS - rarely do children have a straight linear journey in their learning, but we keep our minds fixed on the end goal and continually support, adjust and motivate in order to get there in the end!

Since September, we have been working really hard to continue to develop all aspects of our school curriculum. As a teaching team we have re-organised some of our teaching units, bought new resources and looked for further links across subjects in the National Curriculum. The results have been great and I think most children have enjoyed many aspects of their learning this term.

We have also started to look at our Vision Statement.....we are truly excited about this and plan to launch step 2 in January 2020. You will be hearing about step 2 as it involves seeking the viewpoint of children and families. Our vision statement is the foundation for everything we do; it includes things such as our Autumn term pledges to look after our world, through to the purpose of our wider curriculum activities. It is really important that it is shared and developed with everyone.....we look forward to sharing more news about this next term!

Other changes since September have included the introduction of our new Sports Leaders. The children have really taken this in their stride and have been excellent at organising different sporting activities at break times. Simon Woods from Superstars Sports has provided the children with fantastic leadership training for this role. We will book further training in the New Year.

You will see in this newsletter that we have included a list of pupils who have achieved 100% attendance this term. Of course, illness means that this is not always possible, however whenever possible it is so so important to come to school. The curriculum is so busy that missing just one day can cause a child to miss really important learning.

You may notice that in the primary league tables that our absence rate is just above national. There are many many reasons for this and some are totally justifiable and this was recognised in our Ofsted inspection. However, one of the biggest issues at SBS is term time holidays and lateness.

Please do remember that term time holidays can only be granted in exceptional circumstances. On the note of lateness - this is creeping up on us as an issue again. In one class more than 10 children are regularly late. At 8.30am we start Baddesley Basics and we need the children to be in school for this. Sadly for children who have more than 10 'lates' in the register, I will need to

---

meet with their parents to review this. Please make punctuality one of your New Year's Resolutions!

### **AN ENORMOUS THANK YOU!**

Elmer and Paddington class have really enjoyed working with their Grandparents this term, working out how childhood may have changed. We love welcoming members of your wider families into our school - Grandparents, aunties, uncles - are always welcome.

Thank you again to everyone who helped at the Warborne Farm Christmas event last week. It was such a lovely evening and the proceeds from the sale of mulled wine and a percentage of the income from sales on the stalls goes to SBS. This year, we have received £600 from the event. Thank you to Warborne Farm we are grateful for your on-going support.

We held another fantastic Christmas Bazaar for the pupils last week. It is always an enjoyable afternoon and I hope that you liked the new format - look out for some special presents underneath the Christmas tree for you this year. The organisation of this event was largely down to Miss Lowe and Ali Fabian - they worked tirelessly to pull this together, so again thank you so much!

Yesterday we held our annual Christingle Service at St. Mary's Church. I really enjoyed the children's singing and it was a great opportunity to meet our new vicar, Simon. We are grateful to the community of St. Mary's Church for helping to make the Christingles with children and continuing to make us feel so welcome in church.

Thank you so much to the Friends of SBS! The Friends had a bumper fundraising year last year. They provided school with over £10,000 additional funds. This has paid for the new play equipment, Sports Leader training, books and resources across the curriculum. We are so so grateful.

This term alone has been busy for the Friends. They started the year with the very successful Fun Run, and then there has been the school disco organised by Debbie Rickman. Plus the children's Christmas cards and the gorgeous new SBS tea towel. I know that Beany Waddington and Catriona Hoyle have worked particularly hard to organise and co-ordinate both of these things. Plus the Friends have supported many school events - our Open Days, the Nativities and the Christmas Concert. They are an exceptional committee and work so hard to make a difference to the pupils at SBS. THANK YOU!

Next term the Friends are working with us to provide two exciting school events....

---

The New Forest Big Band will be providing a family concert on Thursday 13th February. This will link to the topic in years 3, 4 and 5 but will be a great musical experience for many other children and families at SBS. More details to follow in the new year.

The Friends are also helping us to organise another 'Sponsor a Book' Event on Wednesday 12th February. This year I am really looking forward to welcoming the Book Wagon (<https://bookwagon.co.uk/>) to school. This company sell and recommend a large range of books for children - I know I have sourced many Christmas presents via them this year! During the school day the children will be able to visit the Book Wagon to hear stories and browse the books and then after school you will be invited to join the children to share the books. At the end of the event you can buy books for home and buy/ sponsor a book for school. We have always enjoyed welcoming many different family members to this event as it is always nice to share a book with an Aunty or Grandparent too.

### **Goodbyes**

This term we say good-bye to Mrs Sanger and Mrs Avis. Mrs Sanger has worked at SBS in various roles and classes for around 10 years. She has been particularly enthusiastic about organising sporting events. I know how much she has enjoyed her time at this school and we very much wish her the very best of luck in her new school.

Mrs Avis has been a truly wonderful teaching assistant at SBS. She is kind, gentle and compassionate to all of the children. We will miss her gentle and caring touch! I know that Mrs Avis is looking forward to spending some more time at home.....and is starting to make some exciting retirement plans. Have fun Mrs Avis!

### **Welcomes**

Next term we will welcome Mrs Woods to SBS. Mrs Woods is an experienced teacher who will be working on a Friday with Tulane and Shadow class. She will be involved with PE and Sport at SBS until the end of the summer term.

We also welcome Caroline Brown who now cleans the school for us. This is a very tough job and we are so pleased that she can now permanently join our team!

There are also a few internal staffing changes; mainly that Mrs Toomer will be spending a bit more time in Gruffalo class and Miss Lowe will be taking over the running of Breakfast Club.

Miss Lowe will now be supported at both Breakfast and After School Club by Superstars sports coaches meaning there will also be a raft of sporting activities available at these provisions. Hurry to book your child's place - they go quickly!

Miss Fordham has already emailed you regarding all other clubs and music provision at SBS. Please do follow the guidance on this letter to book your child onto any of our other wider curriculum activities.

Finally please don't forget my 'Self-Compassion for self confidence and success in life' workshop. I am really looking forward to welcoming many of you to this event on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.30pm. It will be great!

Well done to everyone this term.....especially our lovely new Reception children who have settled in so very well. Thank you as always for our generous Christmas gifts - we very much appreciate your thoughts, support and kindness.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and great start to 2020.

Warmest regards

Anne Moir

PS: please remember we do return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Our next INSET day is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Children with 100% attendance during the Autumn Term

Rory Bubb	Kitt Lawrence	Jake Morgan
Harry Bettle	Greta Lawrence	Olli Morgan
Amelia Boulter	Finlay Munden	Stephanie Hoyle
Sam Cherry	Jasmine Munden	George Kitcher
Nate Cornwell	Tyler Metcalf	Francesca Loubser
Olivia Dale	Khyle Evans	Charlotte Naylor
Phoebe Dale	Annaliese Drodge	Freddie Naylor
Florence Dovey	Riley Feltham	Kayleigh Turly
Polly Dovey	Mae Graham	Louis Vincent
Ellen Moir	Austin Harmer	Tilly Waddington
Arthur Rickman	Natasha Sellers	Francis Waite
Lilla Ryder	Sam Small	Tia Stone
		Rafferty Tait