



SOUTH BADDESLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Fridays do seem to come around very quickly – it has been another busy week in school! Below are just a few updates for this week.

Water bottles

I've noticed that a number of children are asking for a drink during the day. I think this is due to the fact they are not eating lunch in the hall and therefore not having access to jugs of water at lunch time. I will ask the kitchen team to send water and cups to the classrooms, however, it is really helpful if children have their own water bottles in school each day too. If possible, please could children come to school with a reusable water bottle.

Snacks

Some very diligent year five girls (Bo, Jasmine and Polly) have come to see me concerned that they have found packaging of snacks saying 'may contain nuts' on the back. They are concerned because they clearly understand that we are a **nut free school**. Please help us to stay nut free.

Despite this, I have also noticed that many of the children are bringing things in reusable pots rather than packaged food wrapped in single-use plastic. I think that this is great for children's health and great for our world –as I heard David Attenborough say recently 'we can all help our planet by making sure we do not waste a thing.' So thank you so much for helping with this!

Google Classroom and learning apps (This is for children in years 1-6. A separate letter will follow for Gruffalo children.)

Many children in KS1 and KS2 are now accessing Google Classroom and the apps we have provided to support children in spelling and mathematics. If you have not yet accessed these platforms at home, we will be sending a reminder out to you next week with your child's usernames and password details.

I know that this is a significant change for us but I see the benefits as follows:

- ✓ It is a very efficient way of sharing home-learning tasks with you. This saves teachers essential time and enables them to spend longer planning and preparing resources in school.
- ✓ It is a more sustainable way to work; it avoids the use of unnecessary resources and helps us to develop a more sustainable way of living.





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- ✓ Google Classroom can be accessed from a number of devices including a phone. We are not expecting you to print sheets off and we are very happy to receive photographs of homework uploaded onto the classroom areas.
 - ✓ Using virtual platforms is extremely helpful whilst we are living with covid-19 restrictions but will be important for us as we move into the future in our new normal.

I can also see that there are some barriers:

- ✓ It reduces face to face contact.
- ✓ It encourages children to be on screens.
- ✓ There are potential difficulties with devices and wi-fi connections.
- ✓ It is a new and unknown way of working.

To help over-come these barriers we have:

- ✓ Sign posted parents to some short films about how to use Google Classroom.
- ✓ Invited individual children unable to access Google Classroom at home, into school for additional time in order to complete home-learning tasks.
- ✓ Worked in school with all pupils to agree on-line safety pledges (these will be uploaded to Google Classroom once we have finished them with the children).
- ✓ Continued to offer scheduled times throughout the year to meet with teachers through virtual events.

So, I am so sorry to nag, but the use of Google Classroom and our specific learning apps is a vital part of our provision and we would love 100% of the SBS community to be accessing these platforms. Please help us with this goal!

The link to the Google Classroom films are:

Signing up to Google:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jAYn3ZrihM>

Submitting an assignment:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4JeCTfhvnl&feature=emb_title

The SBS Garden

Life is all about balance....so as much as we are really pushing our virtual platforms, we are continuing to love and cherish our outdoor environments. We are playing and learning outside as much as possible.





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Thanks to the support of the Friends, we now have new raised beds, a new footpath, a new cage for fruit and a refurbished chicken house. So far we have started with a lunch time club on a Friday for some older children and weekly gardening slots for our younger children. Our aim throughout the year is to get as many children as possible involved in the garden through Woodland school or gardening club activities. Our garden really is a special place to spend time!

After School SPORTS and DRAMA CLUBS for Tulane, Shadow and Aslan children:

We are hoping many children will be able to join us for our new sports and drama provisions after school or at our traditional before and after school club provision. We hope that whilst many things are locked down, the provision that school **can** provide is enriching and enjoyable for as many children as possible. Please see the letter sent home earlier this week with booking information on it.

Explorer Awards – Friday 2nd October

Just a note to say – Gruffalo children will be joining us for awards after half term. In the meantime, Miss. Martin, Miss. Harrison, Mrs. Toomer and Mrs. Lowe would all like to say how **wonderful** our new year R children are!

Elmer class:

Aggie Smith for always giving just a little bit extra and doing all the extra challenges in maths and writing. Plus Aggie always helps to keep the classroom tidy – brilliant Aggie!

Paddington class:

Ella Bartlett for working so hard with her writing. Ella has already improved her use of full stops, capital letters and question marks!

Tulane class:

Natasha Sellers for a beautiful piece of narrative writing about Marcy and the Sphynx. Natasha used linking phrases and descriptive phrases to make her writing flow more easily for the reader.

Shadow class:

Kitt Lawrence for producing some detailed and beautifully presented mind maps about the three kingdoms in the Ancient Egyptian period. We are really proud of you Kitt!





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Aslan class:

James McStay for an excellent week in English lessons. James has used some powerful and well-considered language in his writing this week. Keep going James – what a great start to the year!

As always, have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards

Anne Moir

