



Friday 25th September 2020

Dear Parents,

SBS

Strive – Believe – Shine

‘Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.’ Matthew 5

Our website

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our Virtual Meet the Teacher meetings. Our website has now been updated and the presentations we shared are on each class page. On our website you will find:

- ✓ updated information about the SBS vision (About Us tab)
- ✓ updated information regarding covid-19, (Parent tab)
- ✓ the children's dreams and ambitions, (Children tab/ class pages)
- ✓ our homework expectations, (Parent tab – supporting your child at school)
- ✓ our home-learning projects for this term and (children tab – class pages)

Hopefully all of this will be useful and interesting information for you. I love reading the children's dreams and hopes. For example our 5 year olds in Elmer class have said that they hope to 'always have BIG discussions about things like space and atoms and heaven!'

There is also information on our website regarding tours for prospective year R parents. These tours will be completed at the end of the school day with a member of the senior leadership team. Tours will be for small groups (maximum 5 people) and face coverings will be worn. All touch points will be cleaned after the tour. We will not offer tours when large numbers of children are in school and we will always check that any visitors are covid-symptom free. With this information in mind, we would be grateful if you would direct any friends and family looking for a Reception place in September 2021 to our website for further information.

Contingency planning for remote learning

Included with this letter are details of the plans that we have made for Remote Learning. **In order for this to be effective, it would really help the children to be familiar with Google Classroom and the apps set up for their class.** I know many of the children are already using these platforms to access homework – please keep going with this as it is a very efficient and easy way for us to communicate learning tasks with you all.

Doodle maths

For families with children in years 2-6, Doodle maths are running free weekly webinars for parents. The link to these webinars is below;

<https://www.doodlemaths.com/free-parent-webinar/>

Explorer Awards

Last Friday we launched our **Friday Explorer Awards**. At 11.45am on a Friday, we are very brave and the whole school meet for a live GoogleMeets and we share our awards for the week. Children receiving an Explorer Award, receive a certificate and trophy. This trophy stays proudly on their desk for the whole week.

The awards given so far are as follows:

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Elmer class: Well done Sonny Fox - super effort during Maths. You worked so hard to count backwards and didn't give up!

Paddington class: Rory Bubb - for fantastic contributions in class and for working so hard to learn your spellings!

Tulane class: Harry Kitcher - for working hard and concentrating in maths and English this week. Even when things were a bit tricky - you didn't give up! You have already shown us that you can STRIVE and BELIEVE to SHINE!

Shadow class: Charlie Billington has made an excellent start to life at SBS. He has the most fantastic handwriting. He has persevered in mathematics this week and is now able to round numbers to 10 and 100. Well done Charlie!

Aslan class: Ella Gray for all round effort and contribution in class across all lessons. Fantastic Ella!

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Elmer class: Well done Billy Bubb for always wanting to learn and trying so hard.

Paddington class: Sam Rickman for growing independence and great ideas.

Tulane class: Alex Close for settling in so well to SBS and always giving 100% to all of her learning.

Shadow class: Hettie Stern for her brilliant efforts discussing the Ancient Egyptians with Miss Wilson and for quiet and efficient mathematical learning. A great start Hettie.

Aslan class: Ned Roper-Curzon for a great start at SBS and for working hard to produce some high quality writing.

We have also started awarding **Explorer Points** in class. These alongside our **SBS Values awards** (for demonstrating one of our Christian Values of courage and perseverance, thankfulness and peace, respect and trust) and **SBS Wonderful Manners awards** are all part of our collection of positive recognition. We are expecting to launch a new parent portal very soon, this will give you access to your child's award page.....watch this space!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warm regards

Mrs. Moir

The SBS plan for Remote Learning

Information for Parents regarding Virtual Schooling

What will happen if?

We have set up the following systems for managing absences from school due to suspected or confirmed cases of Covid-19. All plans are constantly reviewed in light of the rapidly changing national context.

Remote and home learning is being provided via Google Classroom and our school apps (Spelling Shed, Doodle Maths, Times Tables Rockstars and ixl). There is further information about this on our website under class pages and also under the parents tab 'supporting your child at home.'

We hope that you find this information comprehensive and helpful.

Warm regards

The SBS Team

A child is at home self-isolating due to displaying covid-19 symptoms or a member of their family displaying covid-19 symptoms (they are well enough to work)

- ✓ Class teachers will upload a series of lessons from The Oak National Academy for children to work through. These lessons will relate to the class work, or provide an opportunity to revise learning or pre learn.
- ✓ Class teachers will upload weekly tasks to the class apps for spelling and mathematics (this is part of normal weekly provision).

A significant number of children in any one class are isolating due to a positive case of covid-19, but the class teacher is not isolating:

- ✓ Class teachers will upload a series of lessons from The Oak National Academy for children to work through. These lessons will relate to the class work, or provide an opportunity to revise learning or pre learn.
- ✓ Class teachers will upload weekly tasks to the class apps for spelling and mathematics (this is part of normal weekly provision).
- ✓ Class teachers will contact the group via email or Googlemeets once a day to 'check-in' and direct the group of children to additional learning.

- ✓ If it is suitable to the task and age of children, class teachers will offer pupils an opportunity to join the lessons via live GoogleMeets.

A class or key stage and class teacher are isolating due to a positive case of covid-19 in school:

- ✓ Class teacher will take a daily register via GoogleMeets.
- ✓ Class teacher will provide a weekly timetable with the equivalent of three hours learning a day.
- ✓ Class teacher will provide four GoogleMeets a week for English and a further four for mathematics.
- ✓ Class teacher will set homework tasks as normal using the class apps.

Children will be expected to attend all live sessions and this will be monitored by the school. We will also be expecting children to complete all learning tasks and upload them to Google Classroom. Where necessary specific provision will be made for individual children.

If the class teacher is unable to provide this provision due to illness or exceptional circumstances, the school will make arrangements to provide most aspects of remote learning but may not be able to provide the full number of GoogleMeets a week.

A school is in lockdown due to either a local or national lockdown:

- ✓ Class teacher will take a daily register via GoogleMeets.
- ✓ Class teacher will provide a weekly timetable with the equivalent of three hours learning a day.
- ✓ Class teacher will provide four GoogleMeets a week for English and a further four for mathematics.
- ✓ Class teacher will set homework tasks as normal using the class apps.
- ✓ The school will provide provision for key worker and vulnerable children.
- ✓ The school will provide bespoke provision for children on the SEND register.

Children will be expected to attend all live sessions and this will be monitored by the school. We will also be expecting children to complete all learning tasks and upload them to Google Classroom. Where necessary specific provision will be made for individual children.

If the class teacher is unable to provide this provision due to illness or exceptional circumstances, the school will make arrangements to provide most aspects of remote learning but may not be able to provide the full number of GoogleMeets a week.

If a class teacher is absent due to suspected covid-19 symptoms and waiting for a test:

- ✓ The class will be covered by a member of SBS staff or a supply teacher.
- ✓ Where possible, we will offer live GoogleMeets lessons with the class teacher.