



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear parents,

We have had a lovely week in school. Special Me Day is always a highlight and it was great to see the children in their home clothes, proud of their individual spirit and taking time to think about what kindness is all about. There were lots of giggles along the way but some serious topics covered. It is difficult to choose photos to share with you....here are a few for starters of the youngest children at SBS.



Just to remind you, you can find out more about the purpose and content of Special Me Day by watching my HT presentation – Learner's Pool- Special Me Day and in addition to this we have asked for feedback regarding our draft Relationships and Health Policy (see separate letter).

In relation to all of this, I have just scanned the summary of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's report into childhood – referred to in the news today. It had some interesting insights into the impact covid has had on families across the country.

I certainly think making time for everyone's wellbeing is even more important today than ever. I would recommend going to [www.peopleintelligence.com](http://www.peopleintelligence.com) and downloading the **free**, 30 day course 'Making Things Better for Myself – a 30 day course in self-compassion.' It is simple to use and only takes 10 minutes a day (or when you have time over the week) but the practical activities are thought-provoking and helpful.

### **Children in Need**

We raised an amazing £244 for Children in Need this year. Thank you so much – a fabulous contribution to some very important causes.

### **Food Bank Shortage**

Volunteers at the Lymington Basics Bank are appealing to us as they are short of Advent Calendars this year. If any of you are able to buy and donate an advent calendar and bring to school on Monday we would be so grateful.

### **Virtual Sports**

SBS has a fantastic opportunity to take part in a Virtual PE competition against other local New Forest Schools. Everyone from Gruffalo through to Aslan can take part. It's a multi skills competition, which you can complete at home, like last year's virtual sports day.

There are 5 different activities to complete and these are detailed on the sheet attached to this letter. These activities can be completed in your gardens with just a few resources. Remember to improvise and use alternative objects if you don't have the exact resources at home.

The competition ends on Wed 9th December and your results will need to be recorded in Learner's Pool- Virtual PE competition Dec 2020. We hope you have fun taking part! Go for it SBS!

### **Christmas at SBS**

We are starting to prepare for Christmas and next week is Christmas decoration week. As previously explained, by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, children will need to collect 2-3 jam jar lids to use to make sustainable Christmas decorations.

Christmas lunch and parties will be on the following days:

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch and party for Gruffalo, Elmer and Paddington

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch and party Tulane, Shadow and Aslan

Further details will follow regarding the how to order a Christmas lunch and arrangements for the parties.

### **Explorer Awards – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

**Gruffalo** – Rosa Morgan for super work in phonics and always trying her best.

**Elmer** – Zara Hector for her enthusiasm in practising her targets and her super progress. Well done Zara!

**Paddington** – Mae Graham for working so hard every single day and taking so much pride in everything you do. The presentation of your learning is simply outstanding too!

**Tulane** – Mac Mackenzie for his thoughtful contributions on Special Me day.

**Shadow** – Lilia Piper for her knowledge in science. This is obviously a subject Lilia enjoys outside the classroom too and she has a great inquisitive mind and desire to learn.

**Aslan** – Finlay Munden for showing so much kindness to others on Special Me Day.

I will finish on that lovely positive note about children trying hard and learning so much. Christmas starts at SBS next week.....rest well this weekend!

Warmest regards

*Anne Moir*