

Friday 11th December
2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your contributions for the Wave 105 appeal. We have a lovely collection of gifts building up in school and are so grateful for your generosity. We will ensure that these gifts are taken to the correct local drop-off point. As always, I feel so privileged to be the headteacher of a school with such a special community – thank you!

This week we have enjoyed our Christmas dinner and our parties! I hope that the children have told you all about these events and that they enjoyed them as much as the staff have done. On Monday we are looking forward to watching our special Christmas productions, as the theatre come to SBS (via a virtual performance). The license for these shows has been kindly purchased for us by the Friends of SBS. If the children would like to, they can wear Christmas jumpers for this event.

Also, please do look out next week as there will be a number of emails and notes directing you to some special Christmas messages from our wonderful children!

A couple of routine pieces of information...

One of my routine tasks is to monitor the attendance of all pupils at SBS. Our current attendance is 97.4%. This is fantastic news and thanks to the hard work of our school community. Just to remind you that where attendance drops below 90% for an individual pupil, I always write to make sure that you are aware of this fact and to ask to work in partnership to improve attendance levels where possible.

I also monitor children who arrive late at school and can calculate now how many minutes of lost learning children have when they are repetitively late. I know life can be busy at times but being on time for school is an important life skill for all of our children to learn.

So whilst attendance levels and general sickness have been good this term, we cannot avoid common childhood infections, such as head lice, worms and skin complaints such as impetigo. You can find information about all of these very common ailments on our school website and there is guidance about how these things should be treated. Please do take the time to read this and follow the guidance strictly.

I did mention face coverings in my letter last week but just to remind you they are still very important and should be worn at drop off and collection. I am really grateful for your support with this.

As previously advertised (and not to do with the Government's recent announcement to schools) we are closed on Friday 18th December for an INSET day. We return to school on Monday 4th January 2021. All staggered starts and pick-ups remain in place.

Explorer Awards – Friday 11th December

Now, unfortunately our new Explorer Trophies have not been as robust as we hoped and there have been a few minor breakages. So, the SBS team have sourced some brilliant replacements.....



Introducing the new SBS Explorer Awards....



These awards have special t-shirts saying the 'World's Greatest Explorer' on the back and on the front an image of the class name. We really hope the children love them as much as we do....it is a shame the staff are unable to win these awards at the moment!

Awards this week:

Gruffalo – Seth Gower for such creativity and hard work.

Elmer and Paddington classes – to all our star performers in our special Nativity Performance 2020. You have worked so hard; parents are going to love watching you perform!

Tulane – Joshua Ralphs – for being brilliant and working especially hard to learn your spellings.

Shadow – Jonah Rodway – for an excellent start to his narrative writing – keep going we are looking forward to reading the complete story.

Aslan – George Kitcher for his hard work with fractions this week!

Finally a huge congratulations to Stephanie Hoyle for being the first pupil of the school year to achieve her platinum times tables award. This is a brilliant achievement and can only be achieved with a lot of hard work.

I'd also like to say thank you and well done to our fantastic year 6 pupils. They have battled through the weather today and last Friday to achieve their bikeability awards. When I checked in with the tutors, they were so incredibly complementary

about the efforts and manners of the children. It is always good to be told how delightful the SBS children are to work with.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to the final week of another busy term.

Very warm regards

Anne Moir

PS: Please don't forget the final day for pupils to post their Christmas cards to each other is Tuesday 15th December, with the final delivery being on Thursday 17th December.