



SOUTH BADDESLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Happy 'wellbeing Friday!' Most of you should now have a SBS wellbeing pack. There is a pack for every child in school. There are a few left to go out and will be with you ASAP. Please enjoy these with your families. There is a Friday activity that you can try but please use these packs as you would like. I'd like to thank the Friends of SBS, who at short notice agreed to fund these packs and to the staff who have worked so hard to put the packs together.

This letter includes:

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General catch up

Firstly, I want to share some amazing positives with you. The first is that we have seen virtually or have received some learning from every pupil at South Baddesley. This is, quite honestly, amazing! We know that this is not an easy task to complete and that each of us has something different to manage at the moment, but the SBS effort is fantastic! Again, as I talked about last week, please do what you are able to do. We certainly know that there will be good days and not such good days - we do not expect families to place themselves under tremendous pressure.

The second positive is the general attitude and enthusiasm of all of our wonderful children. We love seeing your smiling faces. We love chatting with you and hearing how you are getting on at our live meets. So thank you for being there and staying with us, even though we are apart.

The third positive is the very encouraging feedback from families. THANK YOU!

Finally, the SBS staff, who have responded to this latest lockdown with enormous team spirit, energy and kindness. I cannot thank them enough for all they do every day.

So 'well done' to the SBS community!





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Reading

If in doubt, READ. If you are having a tricky day or for some reason you are unable to access the learning, I would suggest, read. We have sent reading books home, there is a book exchange available in the school courtyard and for younger children there is a link to eBooks on Google classroom. Your children would never be wasting time if they spent extra time reading and it will make a difference to both their wellbeing and learning. Please let me know if you need help with any of this.

Parent clinics

Hopefully you have seen this now on Google classroom, but if not, just to let you know, we are taking bookings for parent consultations every Friday. This means that if you would like to touch base with your child's class teacher, you can do this in a virtual meet on Fridays. These meetings are open for all and hopefully will support you to get through the highs and lows of home learning!

Myself, Katharine Simkins and Vikki Scott are planning to launch some more general feedback sessions with you over the next few weeks. We were hoping that some parents would meet with us virtually to have a constructive 'problem-solving' session about what is working well and what we could tweak. We were hoping to offer the meetings in small groups so that we can have an opportunity for genuine dialogue. I would imagine each session would last around an hour. If you feel that you would like to participate in these sessions, please can you let me know via the admin office email?

Devices on loan

We are still working on this. We have ordered 12 new chrome books thanks to a generous donation to school. We now have 54 children in school and so our school devices are fully in use! It is a little difficult to get hold of devices at the moment, but as soon as they arrive they are yours. Please let me know if accessing our lessons is difficult due to devices and we will really try to help you.

Online Safety

Previously I have sent all families a flyer regarding online safety. I think these *short* clips are also helpful:

ThinkyouKnow: Parents and Carers: Tips for sharing pictures online

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=UL274eA-HgFxs&v=8S7NebfITZg>

ThinkyouKnow: Parents and Carers Tips for viewing online videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sEu2-ppFtD4>

ThinkyouKnow: Parent and Carers tips for online streaming

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0V3X473S8s>





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ThinkyouKnow: Parents and Carers Tips for Social Media
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egPNaIO_sJ8

ThinkyouKnow: Parents and Carers Tips for in-game chat
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WgSnbBRVMPs>

PE and Sport at SBS

I know you all know this, but being outside and keeping active is so important for children. We are including physical activities in our timetables and for older children we have launched 'Get Set Tokyo'. From personal experience, I can promise you it is quite fun!

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.
See you virtually next week.

Very warm regards
Anne Moir

