

Friday 19th March 2021

Dear Parents,

Today we are enjoying a humorous Comic Relief Day! Luckily I have a supply of joke books in my office and so we have shared our own jokes and read a few from the books! It is nice to see so many smiley faces today. With the older children, we have also highlighted the serious purpose of Comic Relief Day and considered the importance of compassion, care and generosity to others.

Possibly the most exciting news today though is the KS1 chicks! Paddington class have been waiting patiently for their class chicken eggs to hatch and they have! They will be moving to a larger space today but need to stay warm together whilst they are all hatching. Thank you Mrs. Davis for organising such a brilliant science project for the children.



Also this week we have launched a major litter picking initiative. This is all thanks to Archie Davies who has become increasingly concerned about the amount of litter found on our school field. He decided to write to the Friends of SBS, asking if they could purchase some litter pickers for him and his friends to use. The Friends kindly agreed to this request and Archie and his team



have already taken action. The picture shows Archie and his friends on day one of the litter collection. They were very proud of their work!

Please help to keep our field litter free by providing snacks for your child in reusable containers. Where possible, snacks should not be provided in single use wrappers. Please stick to fruit or bread rolls.

Message writing

Also this week, I have been inundated with messages from Gruffalo children. The adults in Gruffalo class continue to think of creative ways for the children to write for a purpose and this week their message centre has been a very popular resource. I love receiving the children's notes; they always make me smile. I do have a few replies to write before I go home this evening!

Virtual Parent Consultations

As previously mentioned, the teaching team will be sharing via Google Classroom, booking forms for Parent Consultations on Tuesday 30th March and Wednesday 31st March. Please do sign up.

During these consultations we will be asking you:

How you feel your child's return to school has been going?

Asking for your feedback regarding your child's home-schooling and

Sharing our opinion of your child's strengths and next steps.

Parent Information session: Wednesday 21st April

This will be a virtual information session, where we will share more broadly our current plans and ongoing structure for all children as we continue to transition from school closure to school opening.

We know for some children this process will take time and we are also deeply aware that we may need to address some gaps in learning. This reflects the national picture; the early research coming out to the profession about children's learning after school closure is aligned to our thinking and observations. Fortunately this means that there are many resources, as well as a lot of guidance available to us to use in school.

It has been a really challenging time for everyone, but we are just so delighted to be back together and we are making robust plans to maintain a positive and hopeful return to 'normality.' As always, we are so grateful to the wider SBS community who continue to work in partnership with us.

Phased return of wider curriculum activities

As part of our ongoing journey, we are considering how we can and will organise the phased return of a wide range of activities. All of our decisions are made in reference to DfE guidance and reviews of our on-going covid risk assessments. The table below provides parents with some further information about this:

Week beginning	Activity
22.03.21	Consultation with year 6 parents regarding the proposed residential trip to Avon Tyrell.
26.04.21	<p>Our aim is to begin to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mix pupil bubbles on buses. • Mix pupil bubbles at after school club in order to offer a wider range of activities. <p>During this week we will also begin to consider the range of sporting events that we can return to.</p> <p>The final decision regarding this will be made based on DfE guidance and covid rates in our local area.</p>
07.05.21	Our aim is to begin individual music lessons in school during this week.
07.05.21	<p>During this week, the staff team will meet to discuss and plan for our year 6 production, year 5 camping, sports day and Celebration Assembly.</p> <p>Ongoing plans will then be shared with the wider SBS community.</p>

Explorer Awards

Gruffalo: Henry Cooper

For working so hard this week with Mrs. Toomer in his phonics lessons. Henry has also been using his sounds in his classroom activities too. Well done Henry!

Elmer: Aluna McNeill

For being responsible and reliable when getting all of her learning jobs done.

Paddington: Louis Vincent and Bonnie Weston

For super collaboration and sharing of ideas when working together to make information posters.

Tulane: Sam Cherry

For really thoughtful and creative input into our class debate on single use plastic.

Shadow: Henry Nurton

For leading team castle so brilliantly last week and skilfully supporting others learn their fractions this week.

Aslan: Tyler Dahl

For amazing work in algebra this week

And finally, a special well done to all of our year 5 children who have been brilliant at their bikeability lessons this week. What a wonderful team you are!

Wishing you all enjoyable and peaceful weekends.

Warm regards

Anne Moir