

South Baddesley CE Primary

Friday Bulletin

Friday 26th November

Dear parents,

It certainly is feeling very wintery this week. I think the school site looks particularly beautiful in the crisp mornings. The colder weather does suit the gently growing 'festive' feeling in school!

Rehearsals for Christmas performances have begun in earnest. We will be issuing tickets for each of these events and there will be a limit of two tickets per family. There will be a restriction of 70 tickets for the Christmas concert due to capacity in the hall and allowing for some social distancing. A Google form will be sent home early next week to enable you to book your tickets.

As previously explained, due to Covid cases rising throughout the community, we will make the final decision about holding all Christmas events on Monday 6th December.

As you know it was 'Special Me Day' in school this week. For families new to our school, this is a day marked to celebrate positive mental health and wellbeing. At SBS, we continue to recognise the considerable difference social and emotional learning makes to a child's development; Special Me Day is part of a raft of initiatives to teach children more about how to care for themselves and others. This year we celebrated our unique abilities to SHINE and how our talents can help others around us. We also incorporated the Aslan class clothes swap into the day; as this was their Harvest pledge of kindness to the world.

Special Me Day kicked off with a whole school worship, led by the staff who acted out the story of Milly Jo - The Dinosaur who Lost Her Voice. As a brilliant singer, Milly Jo finds a new strength when she loses her voice and what she thinks is her only talent. In mixed year groups (by phase), the children explored our themes for the day through the arts; creating paintings, puppets, dances, singing and/or poetry. It was wonderful to see children of different ages working together and supporting each other in class. In the afternoon, the Year 6 clothes swap was an inspirational example of sustainability and kindness to our world. It was a truly special day all round that gave children the time and space they need to connect and reflect on their strengths.

Pupil voice remains another key feature of life at SBS. The children have been desperate to see the return of pupil led Community Worship on Friday mornings. Today Natasha Sellers, Chiara Hutchinson, Molly Davison and Florence Dovey led an entertaining worship about the Galapagos. They shared with me, that they had been so inspired by a series of lessons taught by Mrs. Stewart last year, they decided to find out more about this topic. The content of their worship was a perfect example of 'kindness to our world' and the girls certainly shared some comprehensive information.

In addition, they independently designed the presentation; explaining to me that they 'kept the slides simple so that they wouldn't simply read from them,' instead they wrote scripts to make the presentation more entertaining. I think this is a brilliant insight into producing an effective presentation and certainly impressive when you are only in year 4!

COVID update:

Positive covid cases (Friday 26th November):

1 x Pupil (year 4)

1 x Pupil (year 5)

1 x Pupil (Year 6)

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Advent Calendar Appeal

Thank you all so much for the many advent calendars we have received. We will get these to the food bank today ready for distribution.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 7th December - Gruffalo Nativity 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Wednesday 8th December - Elmer & Paddington Nativity 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Thursday 9th December - KS2 Christmas Concert 6pm - 8pm

Wednesday 15th December - Christingle Service 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Thursday 16th December - Celebration Assembly 10am - 11am (Last Day of Term)

Friday 17th December - INSET Day

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Friday Explorer Awards

GRUFFALO Walter Gregory for working incredibly hard in phonics this week.

ELMER Seth Gower for his fantastic design ideas in DT to match our design criteria.

PADDINGTON Eros Loubser for kindness and brilliant creativity on Special Me Day..

TULANE Mae Graham for working so hard in maths and showing such determination to keep going, even if it's a bit tricky.

SHADOW All of Shadow class for showing true SBS kindness to Mrs. Davies who will treasure all of the beautiful butterfly cards and for showing resilience during this period of change.

ASLAN Polly Dovey for her dedication and brilliant teamwork skills when organising the clothes swap - well done!



You're
Amazing