

# South Baddesley CE Primary

## Friday Bulletin

Friday 10th December - Christmas Special Continued...

Dear parents,

Thank you again for helping us to open the SBS Christmas events this year by joining us for our Nativity performances and Christmas Concert. It felt such a special treat this year to be able to go ahead with these events. I am sure the excitement in school has been double the normal amount! In each performance I could see how much the children were enjoying themselves and how proud they were to perform to you. Providing opportunities to develop performance skills is another core aspect of learning to 'strive and believe to shine.' I hope that you enjoyed the performances as much as we did!

We have also enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner this week and a huge thank you to the kitchen staff for providing yet another Christmas treat!

Next week the following events are happening in school:

Monday 13th December - Rocksteady concert in school. Parents of children in Rocksteady bands may attend. The start time is 10am. Please take a lateral flow test before attending the event and wear a face covering.

Wednesday 15th December - Christingle Service at St. Mary's Church. Children and staff only. Children will be bringing their Christingles home though and will be able to tell you all about it.

Thursday 16th December - Christmas Sparkle Day. The children may wear their own clothes - the more sparkly the better. Children should bring a £1 donation as we are raising money for Southampton General Hospital.

We will also be holding Christmas parties in classes on the last day, Thursday 16th December. A food list will be sent home by class teachers.

Finally, we are holding a Celebration Assembly and will be inviting parents of children receiving awards.

End of term - Thursday 16th December 2021

Return to school - Tuesday 4th January 2022

### Worship at SBS

This term we have been looking at the theme of 'love' at SBS. We sometimes interchange the word love with kindness, thinking that kindness is an important way of showing love. We have explored through stories God's immense love for each of us; knowing that God loves all of us, all of the time and no matter what happens.

God's love 'always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres and never fails.'

We have considered how the type of love God shows us is through acts of kindness and service to others. At SBS we understand that kindness is at the root of all of our values; it is the quality that enables us to have courage, to respect, to be thankful and to find peace.

During the final week of term, we will be thinking about the message of 'advent' and light the candles of 'hope,' 'love,' 'joy' and 'peace.' We will think about what these values can mean to us day-to-day in school and at home.

We will also consider some fundamental and affirming messages about valuing 'difference.' The older children will read a story called 'An Angel Just Like Me' by Mary Hoffman. This story asks why many of the decorations and images of angels we see at Christmas have white skin. By questioning why this happens and changing some of these images, the story suggests ways to help everyone feel valued regardless of skin colour and appearance. I think this is a very powerful message of 'hope' and 'love' at Christmas and surely the only way to find both 'joy' and 'hope.'

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### Friday Explorer Awards

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GRUFFALO - Tabitha Park - For being so brave and singing such a beautiful song in the nativity!

ELMER - Molly Davis - For fantastic engagement and clever answers in our maths lessons this week!

PADDINGTON - Polly Billington - For the nativity play, learning her lines, speaking clearly and listening carefully so she knew when to come in!

TULANE - Archie Davis - For brilliant contributions to our English lessons - he always has his hand up and has wonderful descriptive language to share!

SHADOW - Chiara Hutchinson - For having fantastic dedication to her studies and for always having a smile on her face!

ASLAN - Jonny Rogers - For independently reflecting on his learning and assessments to make sure he always achieves better in the next test. Great work Jonny!

#### Amazing Books!

Please remember Bronnie at Bookwagon this Christmas. I find Bronnie so helpful and have already sent her my list of children I'd like to buy Christmas books for. She always comes back with great suggestions and you can order all of these books through her. If you do this, please do mention South Baddesley.

<https://bookwagon.co.uk/>

Other bookshops that have good online suggestions are:

The Rocketship Bookshop, Salisbury

<https://rocketshipbookshop.co.uk/>

and... for adult and children's books...I think Mr. B's Emporium, Bath is great

<https://mrbsemporium.com/>

Please share any recommendations you have for bookshops and suppliers with me - particularly local suppliers.

#### Punctuality

Finally children arriving late to school is becoming more and more frequent. Whilst we completely understand how busy life is, especially on the build up to Christmas, frequent lateness can be very detrimental to a child's learning. We start learning tasks at 8.40am and children who regularly miss this time are missing out on important learning opportunities. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time.