

South Baddesley CE Primary

Friday Bulletin

Friday 7th January 2022

Dear parents,

Happy New Year! We hope that despite the challenges presented by covid, you all managed to have an enjoyable break. Thank you so much for all of your kind gifts and cards at the end of last term; we very much appreciate all of your support.

We have been delighted to see the majority of children back in school this week and are very much looking to a brilliant term. I will update you on our covid control measures later in this letter.

Spring term learning 2022

The topics across the school this term are as follows:

- Gruffalo - will be learning about all things 'cold!' They are reading books about cold places and the animals who like to live in the cold and thinking about what these places are like in comparison to their homes.
- Elmer and Paddington - will be starting with a Geography topic about our local community. They will be comparing their homes with other homes, using and drawing maps and learning about how to use a compass.
- Tulane and Shadow - will be studying the Ancient Greeks - trying to work out what is important about the legacy of Ancient Greece.
- Aslan - will be starting with a design and technology project to test their resilience skills and then moving on to look at local history during World War Two.

Please do talk to your children about these topics, read interesting books relating to them and when and where possible, make visits to places that may support your child's learning. We love hearing about the learning the children do at home too, please do share any good recommendations of outings, books, films etc.

Across the school we are continuing to explore our Christian Values through worship and this term we will look at 'courage and perseverance.' In classes, as well as thinking about our school values, we will be using these to help us build character skills of: resilience and teamwork. We are planning a special day later this term to test these character traits out!

We continue to read a broad range of quality texts with the younger children starting with 'The Gruffalo's Child' and older children reading the adventures of Claude, 'Claude in the City (year 3)', 'Who Let the Gods Out (years 4 and 5)' and 'Letters from a Lighthouse (year 6)'

Class teachers will continue to send out weekly updates via Google Classroom relating to the current learning and there will also be links to all homework on Google Classroom. Gruffalo families should keep sharing and viewing updates on their child's learning using their Tapestry accounts.

Please do check these sites as they give you a good flavour of the things we are learning about. As always, we request that all children read daily at home and this could be a mixture of sharing books with you, as well as the children reading. Being a fluent reader takes practise but is the key to unlocking so much of the curriculum.

School uniform and kit reminders

Firstly, thank you so much, the majority of children attended school in the correct school uniform and PE kit.

Please check with class teachers if you have any questions relating to uniform and school kit. This term PE days remain the same for all classes apart from Paddington, who will now be having their PE session on a Wednesday afternoon.

As you will have noticed, the school site is now very muddy. It is our muddiest of seasons! Please send children to school with welly boots or old trainers so that they can continue to use the field at break times.

Finally, the children often enjoy snacks at break time, but these must be healthy snacks, not crisps and chocolate bars. Please try to use reusable containers for snacks where possible.

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Sports

We are delighted to welcome Mr. Jack back to our school this term and pleased that he will now be with us Monday to Wednesday afternoons and all day Friday. I know that many of the children really enjoy their PE and Sport lessons with Mr. Jack and that he loves working with the SBS children.

We are very keen to return to our sports events, however we have currently suspended all indoor competitions with other schools. We are aiming to re-introduce outdoor events as soon as possible.

Our popular after school sports clubs are continuing this term and are open to all children.

Mr. Woods will be working at SBS next Tuesday, 11th January, completing the next round of Sports Leader training.

Sports Leader training is open to children in years 3,4,5 and 6. I have shared an application form with the children via their classroom accounts and for children who would like to continue as a Sports Leader there is a Google forms to complete. A confirmation email of acceptance of a place on the training programme will be sent to families on Monday and children who are training should wear their PE kits to school on Tuesday.

Covid cases and control measures

2 x staff members

2 x pupil

Only one of these cases has been confirmed since the start of term.

When we are alerted of a positive case we will let families know if we consider their child to be a close contact. We are recommending that children who are close contacts take daily lateral flow tests for 7 days. We are aware that sometimes this will not be possible for various reasons, including a shortage of lateral flow tests but hope where possible parents will be able to support us with this. In addition, like staff, families may wish to take lateral flow tests twice a week during January whilst cases locally are high.

We are maintaining the same control measures that we had in place prior to the Christmas holidays but adjusting all of the time in response to infection risk and pupil wellbeing.

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Friday Explorer Awards

GRUFFALO - Teddy Howard - For being such an enthusiastic learner and always trying his best!

ELMER - Alezia Stone - For fantastic maths, focusing so well and finding the missing part using her number bonds!

PADDINGTON - Robyn Howard - Recommended by Mrs Lowe for great work with her Baddesley Bag!

TULANE - Ronny McAdam - For always working hard. Every time he is set a task his is focused and ready to do his best!

SHADOW - Molly Davison - For being so kind and helpful!

ASLAN - Francesca Loubser - For sharing deep and well-considered ideas in Worship throughout the year!

