

South Baddesley CE Primary

Friday Bulletin

Friday 28th January 2022

Dear parents,

As we reach the end of January, children across the school are really stuck into some great learning projects. As a snapshot this week, I have seen some great independence in learning, especially when children in Elmer class used their Explorer time to independently write and solve some number sentences. Lots of year 5 children have received headteacher stickers this week for working consistently towards their English and maths targets. I watched children in Tulane and Shadow class make some fantastic Ancient Greek pots. They have been studying what we know about different pieces of Greek pottery and how this evidence can help us piece together our understanding of the period. The children are building towards answering the question 'what is important about the legacy of Ancient Greece?' I have been told by one child, 'I LOVE history.' This made me feel really delighted for this child; our aim of course is to enthuse and share a passion and commitment to learning that children will hold onto for life.

Miss. Simkins and I have had the treat of working with a group of schools in Devon this week. We have been really inspired by the curriculum development in these group of schools. We have visited schools, that not unlike SBS, are set in beautiful locations with some fantastic outdoor spaces. Like us, these schools are weaving learning about 'people' into their curriculum. Like us, they are progressively teaching and enabling children to develop character education alongside their individual subject learning.

From the work we are doing in Devon, we are hoping to further develop several aspects of our curriculum, including the work we have already started on 'metacognition.' Metacognition refers to the skills children have for learning to learn within different subjects. We have started with how children independently (from Gruffalo onwards) organise themselves for learning and how they are able to self-regulate their emotions for learning. Our next steps will include the tools we give children to organise their thinking and learning in different subjects. We firmly believe that this will further develop the quality of children's learning but most importantly help them know how to learn for themselves. We will keep sharing this work with you!

Well done Ella Bartlett..

Mum shared these beautiful pictures with me this week. Ella clearly enjoyed and excelled in her Christmas show this year in Christchurch. It looks so much fun!



Please do share your children's achievements out of school, we love hearing about them and finding further examples of children being able to 'strive and believe to shine' in everything that they do!

Covid cases: 3 cases

- 1 x staff member
- 1 x year 6
- 1 x year 4

When we are alerted of a positive case we are continuing to 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 continue to take weekly lateral flow tests as cases continue to be high within the wider community. At the moment, we are continuing to wear face-masks in communal areas, asking any visitors to wear face coverings and reducing visitors on site. We will continue to review this situation and update you with any changes.

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Friday Explorer Awards

Gruffalo - Wilfred - For always being enthusiastic in his learning and creating the most amazing ninja outfit!

Elmer - Minna - For her lovely positive attitude and excellent learning behaviours!

Paddington - Max O - For super independent English & Maths work, especially for making extra effort with spelling and handwriting!

Tulane - Charlie P - For working so hard in Maths. Even when things get tricky you keep going with such determination!

Shadow - Evie P-H - For making such an excellent start here at SBS!

Aslan - Charlie B - For challenging himself in his independent reading for the class book challenge!

Spring term dates:

Half term: Monday 21st to Friday 25th February.

School closed for INSET Monday 28th February.

Parent Consultations: Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th April.

Last day of the Easter term, Friday 8th April.

IMPORTANT - our INSET day on Monday 6th June has been moved to Monday 20th June. Huge apologies for any inconvenience. In addition, the last day of the summer term will now be Thursday 21st July; this is due to the additional May bank holidays that fall within the half term.

Safer Internet Day

As part of Safer Internet Day on 8th February, Parent Zone are offering a free parent workshop. The flyer for this event is attached. I am sure it will be part of many useful tips for parents as we continue to guide our children between both the virtual and real world. I hope you find this useful.