

# South Baddesley CE Primary

## Friday Bulletin

Friday 4th February 2022

Dear parents,

I am just sitting down at my desk after watching a very enjoyable year 2 Community Worship about Sea Life and how we can be kind to our world by reducing the litter we drop and also participating in litter picks. The Community Worship Governor team (Molly, Natasha and Tilly) have been responsible for the organisation of this worship and were on-hand to support the children this morning.



There is so much learning that takes place when we allow the children to lead these worships; they clearly gain some deeper knowledge about the topic they choose to talk about, they develop some even more impressive computing skills and they grow in confidence as they learn to present to a wider audience. All of these areas closely link to the 'people' aims of our school curriculum. Our curriculum is designed to allow the children to meet our school statement - 'strive and believe to SHINE' and we do this through academic excellence but also the development of other skills such as our understanding of 'people.' As I have previously mentioned, this term across the school at the moment, all children are working at a developmentally appropriate understanding of 'teamwork' and/or 'resilience.' We look for these skills throughout our curriculum and it links closely with the metacognition work I wrote about last week.

The Community Worship this morning is an excellent example of how we can learn more about teamwork; the younger children have learnt more about working as a team as they put their presentation together and the older children supporting the younger children have needed to consider what their role in this team is. All of this on-going learning both inside and outside of the classroom walls is part of our commitment to our core values and aims. We are all learning more about these day by day and our learning continually helps us to be the best versions of ourselves. I know from conversations I have with the children that our school values are very much shared with families at home - thank you!

In other news...

Covid cases: 4 cases

- 1 x Aslan
- 1 x Tulane
- 1 x Paddington
- 1 x Elmer

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 - Lochy for asking adults to help him think about how to resolve tricky situations. We are all here to help Lochy and everyone sometimes needs help to solve a problem.

Elmer - Indie for her wonderful expression when reading and telling her own stories. Indie I would love to hear your stories. Expression is an important skill to learn when reading and telling stories because it helps the reader or listener to understand what is happening.

Paddington - Sam for his quiet and dedicated efforts in learning. What a great effort Sam - well done.

Tulane - Isobel - For showing such focus when writing your persuasive letter. You pushed yourself and produced a fantastic piece of writing.

Shadow - Lilla - for being truly dedicated to her learning and for her creativity that has inspired others. Thank you Lilla - it is great to have you in the SBS team.

Aslan - Max - For his focus and determination in maths - the hard work is showing in your weekly arithmetic tests. Well done Max!

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.