



# South Baddesley CE Primary School

FRIDAY BULLETIN

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Dear parents,

Welcome to the first April Bulletin which comes to you all after a fantastic Trailblazer Day at SBS yesterday. The purpose of the day was to spend time working outside on teambuilding activities. Across the school and in all of our learning, we have been learning about 'teamwork,' so yesterday was an opportunity to both test and assess these essential skills.

This morning, we have joined together again in our colour teams to evaluate the success of the day. Here are some of the things children have commented on:

- Children reported needing good communication skills to get the tasks completed. This included both talking and listening.
- Children thought that good teamwork requires both 'trust' and 'support.' They also thought good teamwork requires patience.
- Children commented that they think teamwork skills will be important when they are older as they will need to use teamwork a lot. They related this thought to their current learning. They already know if they are stuck they can put their hands up and ask a teacher, but yesterday reminded them, that they can also ask each other for help.
- The children understand that you can't get everything in life done on your own so asking for help from time to time is important.
- Finally, I am pleased to hear that they think good teamwork can help to resolve problems as you need to work together to find a way to agree.

....Overall, I think this feedback demonstrates how wise the SBS children are! Well done team SBS. As we used our Explorer Worship time today to take feedback from the children, we have not awarded any SBS Explorers this week. However, there are some lovely photographs from yesterday on the second page of the Bulletin for you to enjoy.

### Litter and mud - Eco project

Continuing with the theme of outdoor learning, we are hoping to re-open our existing mud pit for the children. We have taken the decision to close the digging pit created by the children next to the den so that we can launch a re-wilding project. However, we appreciate that digging in mud is an important and valuable play activity for children so we do want to provide another space for this to take place.

### Can you help us with this project?

We need some top-soil and also old wooden spoons, old saucepans, measuring jugs etc to resource the pit with. If you are able to donate any of the items listed, please can you get in contact with us via the admin office so that we can co-ordinate this?

### Well done Tulane class

Tulane class continue to be highly motivated by their sewing project.

Lucas has sewn the beautiful heart shown in the photograph.

In Tulane, year 3 pupils are also delighted to have achieved their pen awards this week.

This has caused a huge buzz of excitement and motivated some beautiful poetry writing, as seen in the photograph below.



### MIDAS training parents

We are looking for a group of parents to train as school mini-bus drivers. Our aim is to establish a bank of drivers who we can call on when we have staff shortages (as has happened this term). We are hoping that by training an additional group of drivers, we would be able to cover staff on a temporary basis with much more efficiency. Our driving times are from 7.30am in the morning through to 8.45am and then between 3-4.30pm. In order to train to drive, you will need a D1 on a clean driving license. We will then be able to provide MIDAS training which is part of our requirement to safely drive our buses. If this is something that interests you and you would like to find out more, please do get in contact.



**Covid cases and updates**

In line with national guidance changing today, the DfE have updated their guidance to schools. The new guidance is as follows:

- if you are unwell with symptoms of a respiratory infection or have a temperature, you should stay at home until you feel well,
- regular covid testing is no longer required however,
- if you do test positive for covid, adults should try to isolate for 5 days and children for 3 days.

Finally, the DfE are now withdrawing their operational covid guidance for schools.

The changes come as we are informed that vaccinations and treatments for covid are tackling the most severe cases effectively. Whilst cases and hospitalisations are increasing, this is now able to be managed more effectively and far fewer cases are becoming critical.

As a consequence of these changes, we will no longer be routinely reporting to parents on covid cases in school, unless we are required to do so by Public Health England.

