

Dear parents,

After the sunshine last Sunday, I was very hopeful for less rain this week but clearly not to be quite yet. However, as always there is plenty of warmth inside school!

A massive thank you to Miss. Simkins, Lochy's mummy and the Friends of SBS for organising such a brilliant week of literary events in celebration of World Book Day. Our author visits and reading café have been a huge success. It has been wonderful to inspire children to engage in literature in this way. Thank you for your support too with the fabulous costumes!









# After School Club

I'm delighted to announce that after school club hours will be extending until 6pm from 15/04/24.

You will be able to book the additional hour separately at a cost of £4.50. Initially, the extended hours will not include sport but this is currently under review.



# **Trailblazers Day**

Next week, Thursday 14th March is Trailblazers day. There will be more information on Google Classroom but, in summary, it is a day of outdoor learning. Children should come in their home clothes, wear several layers and wear appropriate footwear - ideally wellies! We look forward to sharing our learning from this special day.

# Change of venue...

Our Easter Service (and year 4 and 5 celebration) assembly will now take place at school in the hall on 19.03.24. The start time will remain 1:30pm and families may enter through the cycle gate from 1:15pm onwards.

# Snip! books

Lawrence Roberts has left a few signed copies of his book Snip! with us if you were unable to purchase a copy on the day. Books are £7.99, please contact Miss Simkins if you would like to purchase one. Instagram: emistascribbla





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# A busy sports week

Another brilliant result for our SBS sports team with a second in the athletics competition at Priestlands this week.

In addition, a special well done to our year 6 netball team who spent Monday at Southampton Sport Centre playing against teams from all over the New Forest, Here is Natasha's account of the tournament:



On Monday, we participated in a New Forest schools high-fives netball competition in Southampton. The team played really well, even though we had only been playing the high fives format for a few weeks. We played six matches over the day, and enjoyed some really competitive games. By lunchtime, we were really pleased with our achievements so far, having won two games already. After lunch, we were moved into a top group and faced more challenging opposition, but still managed to stay positive even in the games we lost. Everyone enjoyed themselves and worked well as a team, receiving a well earned reward of eighth position out of sixteen teams. A big thank you to Mrs Urwin for managing the team, and also to Mrs Hoyle and Mr Hicks who came as parent helpers for the day.

# **Author/Illustrator Workshops**

We were so lucky to have not one but two author/illustrators in this week to work with our pupils. Sharing their real life experiences from initial ideas through to publishing, Lawrence Roberts and Amy Leonard inspired the children with their stories and passion. Most of our pupils attending the workshops have continued on with their illustrations afterwards and many have started creating their own books. What a fantastic inspiration!















# **Book Tasting Cafe**

The children were in for some tasty treats at the book tasting cafe yesterday. There was a wonderful vibe in the cafe - our pupils have quite the appetite for books with many children enjoying a three course 'meal' at the very least!

Thank you so much to the parents who dressed up and came it to help us and to the wonderful Year 6 helpers, we've received so much positive feedback from the children who came along.



# And finally...

Thank you so much to the kitchen staff for these incredible, book-themed treats on offer at lunchtime on World Book Day!



# **Friday Explorer Awards**

# Gruffalo



# **Romy Thorne** For sharing all her wonderful ideas with the class.

Elmer



# **Barnaby Barker** For excellent discussion in RE and your creativity in making your Easter Garden - Well done!

# **Paddington**



# Tabitha Park For the methodical way she draws pictures to help her solve mathematical problems

# Tulane



# Tilly Lidstone - Scott For showing such inspired and focused work throughout our World Book Day workshops.

# Shadow



# Sonny Fox

For great problem solving skills when making his cat with moving eyes in Design and Technology.

# Aslan



## Natasha Sellars

For exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship at the netball tournament - well done!



13.3.24 - Parent consultations

14.3.24 - Parent consultations

14.3.24 - Trailblazers

19.3.24 - Easter Service & Y4/5 celebration

assembly, school hall, 1:30pm

13.3.24 - Rock Steady Concert, 2pm

27.3.24 - Celebration Assembly, 1:30pm

27.3.24 - Last day of Spring term

15.4.24 - First day of Summer term

I<u>NSET days 2023–24</u> 28th March 2024 3rd June 2024 **INSET days 2024-25** 

Monday 2nd September 2024 Friday 8th November 2024 Monday 24th February 2025 Monday 21st July 2025 Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Community Worship

13.3.24 Joshua R and Florence D



# Thought/question for the month

In worship we are thinking about what it means to be gentle.

Perhaps when we are kind to ourselves and kind to others, we are being gentle?

How is being kind to ourselves and kind to others like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle?

How have you been kind or gentle to yourself today?

How have you been kind or gentle to others today?

