



Dear parents,

Spring term 2 has started brilliantly at SBS! Many happy moments to share this week and great to see the children positively returning to school to learn and play so well.

As always, a busy term with some fun events coming up, please keep an eye on information in this Bulletin as, where possible, we try to keep our information sharing as streamlined as possible!



World Book Day, 7th March 2024

Our SBS children love stories and books so World Book Day is a fantastic excuse for even more reading! We are planning some fun activities around this event including a Book Tasting Cafe and local author /illustrator workshops.

If you love dressing up, we'll be excited to see you walking through the gates on World Book Day as your favourite book character. You are also welcome to wear comfy reading clothes or pyjamas if you prefer - you can choose!

Easter Service

Due to the large number of wider experiences available to the pupils this term, we are finding the school calendar is very full! We have decided to bring forward our **Easter Service to 19th March 2024 at 2.15 pm at St. Mary's Church.**

This service will include a celebration assembly for pupils in years 4 and 5 who will be performing at Winchester University on the final day of term!

Pupil Premium Funding

Please remember that there is additional funding available for pupils whose family are in receipt of a range of benefits. Claiming this support generates income for the school that we use to support various projects including our Pupil Premium voucher scheme for enriched opportunities.

In recent years, we have understandably seen an increase in the number of families who are eligible for this funding and we would really encourage everyone to check if this is something that applies to their individual circumstances.

Once pupil premium funding has been claimed, the funding stays with a pupil for 7 years meaning that even if your circumstances have momentarily changed it is worth looking into. There is a letter explaining the checking process attached. Please be reassured this is a completely confidential process.



Royal Lymington Yacht Club Open Day

The Royal Lymington Yacht Club are holding an Open Day on 17th March and all families are welcome to attend. The event runs from 10am until 2pm and will include demonstrations and taster sessions on the water as well as vintage boats and vehicles and opportunities to learn about the training, crewing and shore-based activities offered by the club. Please see the attached poster for further information.

Finally, attendance...

Our previous high levels of attendance have currently reduced. This is largely due to the high number of absences for term time holidays and ad hoc days off. I appreciate that sometimes there are circumstances that are beyond our control and are considered exceptional, but for most term time holidays this is not the case.

I agree that the price of school holidays breaks is sadly much higher and this can feel prohibitive. I also fully support and agree with the need for family time, however from an education point of view, I am very aware of the difficulties it can lead to. It is challenging for pupils and teachers to miss learning as a result of holidays; often we find gaps in pupils' learning as a result of time-off. I am following up with individual cases, but please consider avoiding taking holidays during term time.



24.2.24 - Grounds Day, 9:30am - 12pm - bring flasks, snacks, waders/wellies, loppers, protective gloves

26.2.24 - Open classroom

7.3.24 - World Book Day

13.3.24 - Parent consultations

14.3.24 - Parent consultations

14.3.24 - Trailblazers

19.3.24 - Easter Service & Y4/5 celebration assembly, St Mary's Church, 1:30pm

20.3.24 - Rock Steady Concert, 2:30pm

27.3.24 - Celebration Assembly, 1:30pm

27.3.24 - Last day of Spring term

15.4.24 - First day of Summer term

INSET days 2023-24

28th March 2024

3rd June 2024

Community Worship

13.3.24 Joshua R and Florence D

21st March - Year 4-5 Grange Project

There will be some spaces available for parents to watch the year 4 and 5 rehearsals for their showcase event at Winchester University.

This is a collaboration project with professionals from the Grange Arts Festival and an initiative that we are involved in as part of the creativity project. The snippets of work we have seen at other schools for this project have looked great so we are really excited to be welcoming the team to SBS.

STRIVE AND BELIEVE TO SHINE

Poetry Slam!

Shadow class entertained their parents this week with a fabulous 'poetry slam.' This followed a unit of English work where the children enjoyed exploring all types of different poetry and learning how to perform some of their own brilliant poems. Well done Shadow class!

Exploring Faith

As part of the KS2 RE work this term, the children are exploring Christian perspectives and approaches to their faith. This has involved exploring meaning in various Bible stories, considering different interpretations and will go on to looking at different types of Churches and communities. Mel Osborne has talked to the children today about 'Love Church' in Bournemouth and earlier in the week Vicar Simon explored some of the insightful questions and ideas Aslan class have about Christianity.

Again I am so frequently impressed with the children's interest in a range of topics, their growing ability to engage in meaningful conversations, to listen respectfully and to understand that we all have individual choices and this diversity is what makes the world so great!

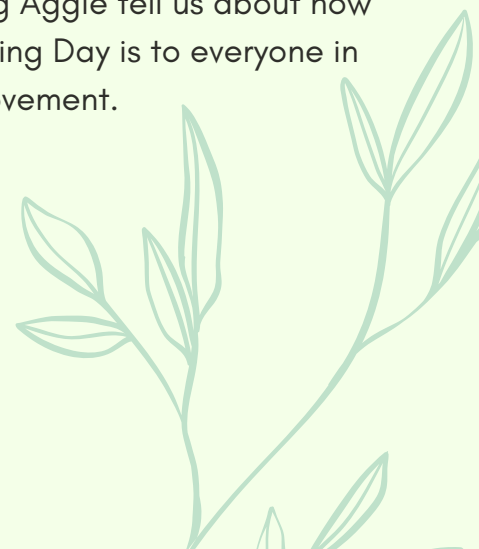


World Thinking Day

Thank you so much to Aggie, Amelia and Annaliese who reminded us of the importance of World Thinking Day by wearing their Brownie and Guide Uniforms to school.

Thinking Day reminds all Brownies and Guides that they are part of a huge, world wide organisation.

This year's theme is 'Our World, Our Peaceful Future'. In Shadow Class, we enjoyed hearing Aggie tell us about how important Thinking Day is to everyone in the Guiding movement.





KS1 Brockenhurst field trip

Finally, Elmer and Paddington class enjoyed a trip on the train to Brockenhurst. This was to enable the children to draw comparisons between different types of villages as well as develop their understanding of the wider world, transport and personal safety. Thank you so much to all of the parents who helped out!



Friday Explorer Awards

Gruffalo



Rebecca
For showing lots of enthusiasm when writing her stories.

Elmer



Dominic
For demonstrating problem solving, which is this terms character trait in maths this week - well done!

Paddington



Walter
For 'thinking aloud' and confidently explaining his reasoning in maths.

Tulane



Minnie
For showing such focus during her editing and publishing of her poetry.

Shadow




Eros
For working collaboratively to produce and perform a fantastic poem about cricket.

Aslan



Annaliese
For her fantastic progress in her reading - keep up the good work!



Thought/question for the month

When was the last
time you tried
something new?