

Dear parents,

I'm sure that you will agree the short spells of sunshine this week have been wonderful - we are of course keeping our fingers crossed for more days like this!

There has been great excitement outside Shadow class this week, as the children found an escaped Water Boatman! Gruffalo class have been looking after him or her in their water tray, whilst the older children have been gathering algae from the pond (with adult supervision) to keep it alive! We love the compassion and interest in nature that so many SBS children show!

This week we have said a sad goodbye to Mr. Peter Troup, who has been our Chair of Governors for the past 9 years! This is certainly a long time to serve a school community and it goes without saying that we will really miss Peter. During Peter's time as Chair of Governors, he has worked alongside me to appoint numerous teaching and support staff, contributed to many strategic discussions that have led to the growth of our provision, met with me to discuss the highlights and the challenges of school life and managed all of my own performance management alongside Hampshire Local Authority.

Peter leaves an incredible legacy and long lasting impact on our school; we very much hope he will keep in touch. The pupils helped to write some lovely 'farewell' messages attached to this tree.



Fortunately, Peter leaves behind a wellorganised, capable and confident Governing Body ready to continue working alongside myself and the staff team, to continue to keep SBS being the best we can be. The Governors unanimously voted Mr. Damon Holmes as our new Chair of Governors and Mr. Ed Carrell stays on as our Vice Chair of Governors. Also joining us as a parent Governor, is Mrs. Kate Holden (Sam and Alex' mum in Shadow class). We are delighted to welcome Kate to the SBS team.

Please see the attached note from Mr. Holmes, who I am very much looking forward to working with. Governors are expected to offer a Headteacher both challenge and support; they work with all stakeholders, including parents, children, staff and the Local Authority to oversee the strategic direction of the school. Behind the scenes, Governors play a vital role in everything that happens at SBS and over the past 10 years, I have always been fortunate to work with a robust team of professional, empathetic and outward looking Governors. I look forward to continuing this work with the team. If you would like o join our team, we are looking for a co-opted Governor. You can find out more about this role <u>here</u>. Please do get in contact if this is something you would like to discuss further.

Effective communication

We are reviewing how we communicate with parents and carers at SBS and would really value your feedback.

Please spare 5 minutes to fill out our <u>feedback form</u> and your child/ren will receive 10 explorer points! Explorer points are counted up at the end of each term and the winning team takes part in a fantastic team treat.





Emails

We have discovered an issue with our gmail accounts. Some emails have started going to our spam folders meaning we have unintentionally missed some important messages. We have noticed a pattern with this across multiple email accounts.

We will of course look into this but, in the meantime, please remember the easiest way to get hold of individual teachers is to email the adminoffice who will forward your email on. The adminoffice email account is a 365 account so hopefully we will not have the same difficulties. Apologies for this issue and thank you for your patience.

Road closure

I am sure you have already seen the signs up for the planned road closure along South Baddesley Road. This is due to take place next week on Tuesday 7th May and although the sign states one day, the <u>website</u> warns that work may take up to three days.

The one-way drop off system will operate as normal in the mornings but after dropping your child off at the cycle gate, you will have to turn left at the end of the road.

Two amazing fetes are coming up - please save the dates!

27.05.24 - Pylewell Fete 22.06.24 - SBS Fete

In preparation for the SBS fete, we will be having a non-school uniform, bring a bottle day on Friday 7th June. Bottles should be handed straight to staff at drop-off points. To manage this effectively, we will have large boxes at both the meadow and cycle gate, plus a box will be traveling on the school buses ready for collection. Many thanks in advance for your support with this.

Dom's gift

Dom in Elmer class has kindly made me a very special gift this week. It is a decorated 'peace' pebble for my worship basket, hiding in a pot with some seeds for me to grow. I am going to try very hard to be successful at growing my new plant and if I achieve this task, adding my new beautiful gift to our school worship table. Thank you so much Dom for remembering the important values we discuss at school and especially in worship. Watch this space for Mrs. Moir's green finger skills!

Shadow class journals

Across the school we have been helping children to develop independence in how they record some of their learning. We believe that children learn more when they are sometimes given choice about how they process and display their learning.

In Shadow class, the pupils have been listening to a taught lesson and then taking time to journal their learning. This means we can see immediately how much they understand and if we need to repeat any elements. It is early days, but already the children have responded incredibly well to this approach.

On the next pages are Bear, Ami and Noah's examples of their independent journaling. Well done Shadow class - I'm not surprised Mrs. Potts has been giving out so many Explorer points this week!

Encouragement

In worship this week, we have been thinking about what encouragement is and how this can help us in our learning and play. We also looked at how encouragement isn't always about encouraging others. Sometimes, we might say quiet words of encouragement to ourselves.

In class worship, Year 5 followed up by creating a selection of words of personal encouragement that they can use.

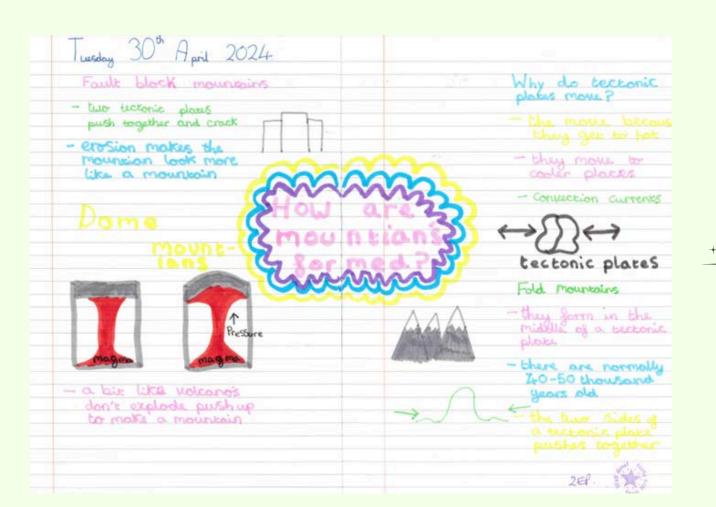




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Friday Explorer Awards

Gruffalo



Freddie Rolf For always offering a helping hand and being a polite member of Gruffalo Class

For designing, making and

improving a finger puppet

by sewing independently.

Paddington

Shadow

Emilia Hutchinson For keeping calm and persevering with a task to obtain a great arithmetic test result. A fabulous effort Emilia!

Hannah Cooke



Theo Wardlaw

For his super engagement in maths this week, especially recognising half an object or shape - well done!

Tulane



Kit Nurton For showing such

enthusiasm for your reading and inspiring others to read. It is also showing in your lovely language choices in your writing this week!



Thomas Mulcaire

For his calm, conscientious attitude to all of his learning and for responding carefully to feedback.



13.5 - 16.5.24 Key Stage 2 SATs
27.5 - 31.5.24 - Half term
3.6 - 7.6.24 Year 4 Multiplication Tables
Check week
10.6 - 13.6.24 Year 1 Phonics Screening
Check week
17.6-21.6.24 - Tulane and Shadow class
final assessments of the year this week
22.6.24 - SBS Summer Fete
25.6 - 28.6.24 Year 6 trip to Avon Tyrrell
4.7.24 SBS Big Camp Out
23.7.24 - Celebration Assembly, 1:30pm

23.7.24 - End of summer term INSET days 2023-24

3rd June 2024

<u>Open Days for prospective parents</u> 12.6.24, 9-10am 24.6.24, 10.30-11.30am 4.7.24, 9-10am

<u>Sports day and back up sports day</u> Sports day A - 3.7.24, 12:15 - 3pm Sports day B (back up) - 10.7.24, 12:15 - 3pm

<u>Community Worship</u> 10.5.24 -Emilia and Chiara 17.5.24 -Kitty, Isobel and Mae 22.5.24 - Alezia and James 24.5.24 - George and Hugo 7.6.24 - Jake, Teddy and Henry 14.7.24 - Osian and Max O 21.7.24 - Tom M and Eros 24.6.24 - Elliot and Mac (Monday not Friday) 5.7.24 - Alezia, Minnie and Indie 12.7.24 Jago

Thought/question for the month

In worship this term we are considering what 'encouragement' means. For Christians, encouragement might be linked to helping ourselves and others build our friendship with God. But our spiritual understanding of encouragement might grow beyond this definition and we can think about how it can help us in our day to day living. For example, the use of affirmations can be seen as encouragement.

How can affirmations help us? When is it helpful to use affirmations? Does everyone feel comfortable using affirmations?

