

## A brief report from our new Sports Ambassadors....Bryn and Eleanor

In our school we have recently introduced the new roll of Sports Ambassadors. Bryn and Eleanor were fortunate enough to be picked as the first Sports Ambassadors this year.

"The job of a Sports Ambassador is to help Mrs.Neal organise the sport events for the New Forest Schools Sports Partnership. It is a very busy job with lots of things to do!

Our first job was to introduced the event to the relevant year groups and we took names of those interested in participating. Mrs Neal then had a trial/practice session and decided on the teams. We were then responsible for giving out the letters and collecting the slips back in - this is the frustrating part as people seem to 'forget' their slip all the time! We then had to collate the Emergency Contact list for the office and the event leader and fill out the participants form to be handed in at the event.

On the day of the event we had to collect the hoodies, the equipment required and pack the bag - ensuring we had the first aid kit!

On their return, we interviewed 2 members of the the team to see how it went. This was a lovely thing to do but the best part of the job had to be congratulating the team and giving out the certificates in assembly."

Eleanor & Bryn, Sports Ambassadors

## Books for Christmas

If your child wants books for Christmas, the CLPE website has some good ideas of high-quality children's authors and texts in their library section. The children should also know about some great books from school. For example last Friday Shadow class and I read a book called 'Tiny' by Nicola Davies, this book provides information about microbes in a narrative style—we were fascinated!

<https://www.clpe.org.uk/library-and-resources/book-of-the-week>



Dear Parents,

It is time to grab hats and gloves, the colder weather has definitely arrived! As always it has been a busy month in school and as the 'countdown' begins there are many different events coming up this term.

Important dates for your diary:

|                                     |                         |
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| Gruffalo class nativity             | Tuesday 5th December    |
| KS2 music concert                   | Wednesday 6th December  |
| Christmas Bazaar in school          | Friday 8th December     |
| Paddington and Elmer class nativity | Wednesday 13th December |
| Christingle at St.Mary's Church     | Thursday 14th December  |
| EYFS and KS1 Christmas party        | Monday 18th December    |
| KS2 Christmas Party                 | Tuesday 19th December   |
| Celebration Assembly                | Thursday 21st December  |
| End of term                         | Thursday 21st December  |
| Start of term                       | Thursday 4th January    |

**Please remember that the school website is regularly updated and you can find lots of information there too!**

## Wonderful SBS writing

It is always a pleasure to read the children's writing. The piece below was written by Poppy Harding in Elmer Class:

Monday 20th November 2017 Today we are considering what we know and what we would like to find out about the British Traveller Community. (M)

| What do we know about the British Traveller Community? | What do we want to know?        | What have we found out?             |
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| They travel in caravans.                               | What do you do in your caravan? | They live in communities.           |
| They live in caravans.                                 | Caravans?                       | They play with the same toys as us. |
| Wow! This is fantastic. ★                              |                                 | What is inside a caravan?           |

## Outdoor shoes

Children must now have a change of footwear in school. This footwear should be named and either be wellington boots or old trainers. Children will only be able to play on the field if they change their shoes.



## New playhouse...

Sadly our old well-loved playhouse was in need of too much repair, we now have a lovely new playhouse. The house was kindly purchased for us by the Friends and put together by Mr Lomax. We open the playhouse at breaks for all children.



## Christmas animal rota

Please contact Emma McGuckian if you are able to help feed the animals over Christmas. Her email address is:

[e.mcguckian@southbaddesley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:e.mcguckian@southbaddesley.hants.sch.uk)

## Congratulations!

As I imagine you will now realise, Mrs Sanger is pregnant. She will be leaving for her maternity leave at the end of this term. Her teaching time, in Gruffalo class and Elmer class, will be covered by Hannah Davies who many of you know well.



## THANK YOU!

Our new Amazon wish list has taken off to a great start. The list includes resources we really need in school; using an account set up by Friends, you are able to purchase resources for us. There are a range of things available to buy—all of which are valuable to us. THANK YOU!



### Compassion

Our current worship theme is compassion. We have discussed that compassion is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time.

In other words trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try help.

At home you can discuss how you might be able to show kindness and compassion. Maybe talk about events around the world where people have shown compassion and kindness.

Look out for examples of helping hands and remember the words of wisdom...

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."  
Aesop

### Choir

Our wonderful choir have a busy season ahead of them. They were singing at Beaulieu Abbey on Thursday 16th November and then they are off to Homegrange House on 11th December.

This is all prior to their performances at the KS2 Music Concert. Thank you choir for entertaining us so well.



### Science at SBS

We continue to be delighted with the development of our science curriculum. We have endeavoured to make it as practical, relevant and inspiring as possible. For children in Gruffalo, they begin to explore the world they live in through many different activities but this is enhanced by their weekly trips to Woodland School. In Elmer and Paddington class they learn part of their science at Woodland School and then record their learning indoors in their new science journals. At KS2 we have



made our science curriculum as practical and skills based as possible. The children's learning in science has been enhanced by home-learning activities, Enrichment Days and all three classes will have taken part in a science outing this term. The children have been involved in regularly evaluation of their learning and next we will look at how we are making judgements in science for end of year reports. It is a pleasure to see and hear the children gaining so much from their science lessons. It is really important that we continue to offer a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils at SBS.

### Community Assemblies

We have had some great Community Assemblies this term so far. These assemblies have included a visit from Sophie Budd, a triathlete, a School Council Report to the school, information about Fireworks night from Paddington class, Sway Handbells, Mr. Ward's charity work helping to set up schools in African countries and meeting our new rabbit Sprout. I recently took the time to discuss with the children how they feel about Friday morning Community Assembly and they were all extremely positive. They are enjoying meeting new people and learning about new activities. I am always really proud of the way they listen in these assemblies. It is really important to learn that we are all different and that there are many interests, careers and hobbies to take up. It is also a privilege to sit and listen to others perform or speak. We have a few more to come this term but if you or someone you know would like to talk at one of these assemblies, please do let me know.

### School Places for September 2018

We have had a successful Open Day this term. I was particularly delighted as always with the way the children organised themselves and spoke to visitors. Year 6 children were again invited to produce presentations about our school and the children who decided to do this, spoke with maturity and clarity. They are BRILLIANT! Please remember to apply for your child's school place if they are due to start school in September 2018. If you or anyone else would still like a tour of the school, please do book an appointment to see me.

### Charity appeals

SBS families are always so generous in giving for all of our charity appeals. This year's shoe box appeal has been great. So many wonderful boxes came into school ready to be sent to children who need our support this Christmas. Thank you!



### Special Me Day, PSHE and Anti-bullying

This is an annual day where we explore themes connected to our PSHE curriculum (personal, social, health education). This year we started with a staff performance of the story 'Colour Me.' This helps children to name different emotions and recognise how they might impact on our behaviour. We then gave the children opportunities to explore different activities with children from across the school. This helps to remind us of our Growth Mindset....'I can't do this...yet.' Later in the day the children experienced a yoga workshop and then shared their learning for the day as a whole school community. The children told me that they enjoyed wearing their home clothes for the day and expressing their own personalities. This is really important in building self-esteem and a sense of self-worth.

Please see attached Special Me Day supplement.

Interestingly the theme for this years anti-bullying campaign is 'all different but equal.' We strive at SBS to help children know that being you and being different is a truly positive quality. There are many websites providing useful information about anti-bullying. The link below has a useful information about the Restorative Justice approach we have been using in school for some time now. It works alongside our commitment to listening to children's voices. This is another helpful component in enabling children to respect themselves and others; it helps children to understand how to manage problems and to learn and grow from disputes. It helps us all to recognise we have different viewpoints and ideas about the world but talking helps us to live and play in harmony.

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/aba-our-work>

Please help us to help our children now:

We are all special, ALL DIFFERENT but ALL EQUAL. We can all learn to live and play alongside each other and open our minds to new ideas and experiences.

