

Friday 16th October 2020

Dear Parents,

As we draw closer to the half term, I wanted to start by saying THANK YOU for your support and patience with our new systems, engagement in home-learning and for sending such delightful children to us every day to work with! I do hope that families can enjoy some quiet and relaxing half term activities and stay well in these unique times.

I've just popped outside to see the sun is bright, Shadow class are having an awesome hockey lesson, Gruffalo are enjoying a snack and an outside story, Elmer and Paddington are playing at the far end of the field for break time and Aslan are in the classroom meeting with a visitor via GoogleMeets! It's a lovely busy day and here are two quick snapshots of the day...



If I had a picture of this, I would also share Elmer and Paddington class performing their Lion King dance yesterday with the sports coaches – it was great!

Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to a Harvest Festival celebration with the children in school and hope that you can participate in this by sending in food for our Food Bank collection and our SBS Oakhaven Hamper. These donations will work in the following ways:

Food Bank Donations:

Each class will have a box to fill with tins and packaged food. These boxes will then be collected from school by the team at the Lymington Basics foodbank.

Oakhaven Hamper:

In addition, we would like to make a hamper of treats for the staff and patients at Oakhaven. These treats would be things such as chocolates, biscuits, bath time treats and other nice non-perishable foods. Children contributing towards the Oakhaven Hamper may wish to attach a note or a card to their gift.

All Harvest donations should be sent into school with your child between Monday 19th October and Thursday 22nd October.

End of day procedures

Arrangements at the end of the day do appear to have settled since the start of term. It is helpful if children and parents collecting at 3pm can leave the church car park promptly so that KS2 parents can park. I would also urge you not to allow your children to climb on the church wall.

As the end of the day is an extremely busy time for staff in school and can become confusing when late changes in pick-up are communicated to us, we have decided to update our systems for this. From Monday 19th October, please can you ensure that any changes in collection for your child are emailed to us by 11am on the day of the change. The email should be sent to the address below:

support@southbaddesley.hants.sch.uk

Changes sent after 11am may not be picked up by our staff. We check the email every morning and then update our registers, therefore we would politely ask you to keep to the 11am timing.

Spread the word...

Please do let friends and family members with children due to start school in September 2021 that we are running family tours at the end of the school day and would love to hear from interested parents!

Parent Consultations

As previously explained these will be virtual meetings. The link for each class will be sent via GoogleMeets but you will need to book your session via your child's Scopay account.

INSET days

Please remember school is closed on Friday 23rd October and Monday 2nd November for INSET days.

Children's Equipment

Thank you so much for providing your children with the essential equipment for this term. We will be sending all coats, jumpers, pencil cases and lunch boxes home for half term. Please can you ensure that your child returns with the correct kit after half term. Kit lists sent out in July are on each class page on the school website.

The Elmer and Paddington staff have asked that the children do not bring rucksacks to school. It is easier for the children to have book bags as we just don't have storage space for big bags. We know the children love their bags but we hope you can understand the logistical difficulties this causes us.

Special Flavours Week

The children have thoroughly enjoyed trying to work out the secret ingredients in their school dinners. The kitchen staff surpassed themselves and inspired all the children to taste and explore their food, creating a real buzz in school this week.

Prizes have been awarded today to those who guessed one or two flavours correctly but the children were all amazed to find out that they have not only eaten but enjoyed eating; beetroot, courgette, ginger, cinnamon, butternut squash, lemon, orange and even rice krispies!

Friday Explorer Awards – 16th October 2020

Elmer: Edie for incredible hard work and effort when solving maths investigation and for being a wonderful big sister caring for Jimmy in the mornings.

Paddington: Well done Emilia! For always making sure her work is well presented. Her handwriting is a pleasure to read, as are her ideas about how to be kind!

Tulane: Well done Toby for extremely hard work in mathematics – fantastic learning and effort.

Shadow: Sophie – for taking responsibility for her own learning by stepping forward and asking for help if something is tricky. This shows such courage and perseverance. Sophie always does all this with a smile – well done Sophie!

Aslan: Alex- for amazing concentration and effort during his recent assessments. Go for it Alex!

Positive cases of COVID within the wider community

As I am sure many of you are, I am monitoring cases locally to our school. I have been informed when there are positive cases within the wider SBS community, I have contacted the new dedicated DfE helpline and acted on their advice. Please help us to stay a 'tier one' area by following the Governments rules well. It is a team effort from us at SBS – everyone helping each other to stay well! Attendance at school is currently 96.4% - that is really great news so thank you so much!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warm regards

Anne Moir