

St Sebastian's CoE Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter



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The children had a special British Values morning last Friday. The Giraffes and Elephants classes prepared role plays to show to the children in Penguins and Tigers explaining what the values of Tolerance, Individual Liberty, Respect, Democracy and Rule of Law mean.

Penguins and Tigers classes practised and performed Benjamin Zephaniah's poem 'Being British' to Giraffes and Elephants classes. Pandas class also learnt about the British Values and created some colourful Values hands to display in school to remind them of the values. They were able to use the value of Democracy to vote for their afternoon activities.

The Council are now busy running a Fruit Tuck Shop for Key Stage 2 children at morning breaktimes – fruit is 50p an item until stocks run out. The profits will go towards our proposed replacement Bell Tower and playground equipment.

We have some keen historians in Year 6 who are busy planning a special Collective Worship next week to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day and to share their expert knowledge with the rest of the school – thank you to Jennifer, Effie, Annie, Verity, Oliver J and Winner.

Many thanks to those of you who have responded to our Parent Survey sent out on Parent-mail this week. We really do value your feedback and share it with the Governing Body who help make strategic decisions about the running of the school. There is an opportunity at the end of the survey to be part of a discussion with myself about revisions to the Behaviour Policy, please indicate on this if you would like to be part of this.

There have been a few changes to the Governing Body this term and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Steph Kirton who was the Chair of Governors and a much valued member of our school team. Mrs Kirton has resigned along with Mrs Schanning, who is also a long serving member of our team. Both have family and external commitments that are taking up a huge amount of their time.

Mrs Bedford



Term Dates

Bank Holiday-School Closed

Monday 5th May

Year 4 Cadbury World Trip 7.30am-4.45pm

Tuesday 6th May

Year 2 Woodside Trip

Thursday 8th May

Year 6 SATS

W/C 12th May

Year 1 Parents Evening

Wednesday 14th and
Wednesday 21st May

Year 6 Church Festival Trip

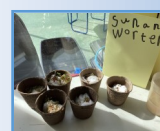
Wednesday 21st May

Last Day of Term

Friday 23rd May

KS1 Class News

Pandas— Panda class are enjoying their new learning about plants. We have been learning about what plants need to grow and painting pictures of flowers.



Koalas—

Mrs Liversidge has really enjoyed her first 2 weeks with Koalas. They have been working super hard to show her their amazing phonics and writing skills.

They have expressed their creative skills in art, by investigating mixing primary colours together to create new secondary colours. Well done, Koalas!



Polar Bears— In PE, Polar Bears have enjoyed learning how to increase the distance they can jump in athletics as well as how to play wheelchair games.



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This term our Christian Value is 'Respect'

'And as you wish others would do to you, do so to them.' Luke 6: 31

KS2 Class News

Tigers— Year 3 had an amazing opportunity to work with Inspire plus to try out wheelchair sports. The smiles show how much the children enjoyed this and worked together showing respect.



Penguins— In DT, we have been exploring structures in preparation for our Pavilion structures. Additional bonus, we were able to take them home and eat the sweets!



Elephants— This week started with some of the Year 5's representing the school in the Inspire+ Football Tournament, where they were excellent role models and even came back with a trophy! In addition, all of Year 5 then spent their Tuesday PE lesson getting to grips with using a wheelchair to help them understand the strength needed to use one.

Giraffes— This week the children have been working in groups in DT to design a 3 course as part of our 'Come dine with me' project which we will be completing after SATS.

SATS week begins the week of the 12th of May. We have been working hard to cover all aspects for the tests and talking about question types and general revision. Can I encourage the Year 6 children to make sure they are reading, completing their homework, engaging with their revision packs, and looking at past papers online.

Afghan Appeal

The massive number of donations for the Afghan refugees have mostly been collected from school now. The staff at the Beckingham site were overwhelmed with your generosity and especially grateful for the pushchairs as a new baby has very recently been born.

Many thanks for your help.



Special Mention

Isobel, Zoe, Daisy, James, Freddie S,
Angel, Leo



25 Values Points

Alex T-K

Breakfast and After School Club

Due to rising costs, from September 2025 we will be increasing our prices slightly for our wraparound care.

The cost of these will be:

Breakfast Club—£3.50

After school Club—£5.50



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