



Sopley Primary School

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WHERE INDIVIDUALS THRIVE

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Shoe Box Workshop

Thank you for your help and support for the shoe box workshop which took place on Wednesday 1st December. It was fantastic to see all the children across the school, expertly guided by Badgers Class, working together to choose gifts for disadvantaged children. We are delighted to be able to inform you that we beat our target of 51 boxes (one between 2 children) and made 65 in school during the workshop. This combined with the 53 boxes made by our children at home, meant we reached a very impressive total of 118 boxes! Bransgore Rotary came to collect the boxes on 1st December (they had trouble fitting them all in the car) and were again delighted with how many we were able to provide. We took photos of the event and these will be used to create a display opposite the library. Badgers' Class are busy writing accounts of the event to accompany the photos! Once again, we would like to thank you for all your support in making this a great success for a worthy cause!



FSS Coffee Afternoon

We would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to the FSS for providing tea, coffee, juice, biscuits and truly delicious cakes on Wednesday 8th November

Thank you everyone for your support. .

FSS Movie Night

On Wednesday 22nd November our wonderful FSS have organised a movie night in school!

The movie showing will be "Boss Baby" and the cost is £2 per child (£1.50 for siblings.)
Popcorn included!

The movie will start at 3.30pm and finish at approximately 4.55pm.

A permission slip is available from the office.

Thank you



AUTUMN TERM DATES 2017/2018

Christmas Holiday Fri 22nd Dec - Wed 3rd Jan

10th Nov: Remembrance Service

13th Nov: Anti-bullying Week

29th Nov: Open Morning for Prospective Year R

11th Dec: 2pm Nativity

12th Dec: 9.30am Nativity

13th Dec: Christmas Fayre in the pm & non-uniform day

19th Dec: KS2 Carol Concert in the pm

20th Dec: Christmas Lunch & Christmas jumper day.

Important Change of Policy

The governors have recently reviewed the safeguarding policy and procedures relating to children who are absent from school.

In order to ensure that we make timely investigations to keep your children safe, we have reduced the time at which we will declare a child "missing without cause". In order that our safeguarding policies are not implemented unnecessarily, we ask that you please ensure that you have notified school if your child will be absent before 9.15am.

Many thanks for your support

Anti-bullying Policy - Responses and Next Steps

Thank you very much to the parents and carers who have shared their feedback regarding the updated policy. The governing body met just before half term to consider comments and suggestions from parents, staff and children.

As a result of the feedback we have received and further discussion by the governing body we have agreed to proceed as follows:

- The staff teams will work with the children over Anti-bullying Week in November. This will help us to develop an age-appropriate understanding of the issues, and what we do to prevent and address bullying. It will also enable us to get further feedback before we finalise the policy.
- The draft policy was considered to be a good starting point so has been adopted for the time being, however, an amended document will follow in due course (by the end of term). The final document will reflect our response to all of the feedback we have received, including that from the work that will be done with children over Anti-bullying week in November.

Many thanks for your interest and involvement in this process.

Children in Need



Friday 17th November is the annual 'Children in Need' fundraising event and, as usual, we would like to ask for your support in raising monies for this worthy cause.

Children can come to school in non-uniform, wearing something spotty, in exchange for a £1 (or more if you wish) donation.

There will be a few fun events for the children to take part in during the day and they may wish to bring some loose change (copper coins, 5ps) in order to participate in these. Please could we ask that any money is brought to school in a named wallet? There will also be an optional colouring competition for children to complete at home for a 50p entry fee. Details will be on the competition form and judges will choose one winner per class!

Many Thanks

KS1/2 SATS Workshops for Parents

Partnership with parents is incredibly important to us at Sopley School. In order to support our Year 2 and Year 6 children who will be undertaking SATs tests later this academic year, we will be running two workshops to inform parents of what is involved and how they can support their child(ren). These are as follows:

Year 2 - Thursday 30th November at 2.45pm in Owls classroom.

Year 6 - Thursday 7th December at 3.15pm in Badgers classroom.

Would you like to be a Parent Governor?

The closing date for applications is Tuesday 14th November and as yet we the Federation has received no applications from Sopley parents—this is a great and rewarding opportunity to help us look after Sopley School.

Application packs are available from the school office

YR/1 Phonics Workshops for Parents

Mrs Bleakley and Miss Pilkington will be running a phonics workshop, involving the children, to demonstrate how we teach phonics at Sopley School. This will take place on Wednesday 29th November at 2.45pm in Rabbits classroom. All Year R and Year 1 parents are encouraged to attend.

Thank you

FSS Meeting

The FSS's next meeting is on Wednesday 15th November, 7.30pm, at Tyrrell's Ford Country Inn.

New members are always welcome so please do join them if you can!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday:

AFC Bournemouth Football
3.20-4.30pm

Tuesday:

Choir 3.20-
4.30pm

Thursday:

Netball 3.15-4.15pm

Friday:

Street Dance 3.20-4.30pm



SAFEGUARDING

The welfare of children is at the heart of what we do. We are committed to safeguarding children and have a range of policies and procedures that reflect and support this duty. Policies are available on request from the school office.

If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child, please speak to a member of school staff or, outside of school hours, contact Children's Services:
Hampshire 0845 6035620
Dorset 01305 221000

Sopley Primary School Open Morning

Do you know anyone who has a child starting school in September 2018?

Please encourage them to attend our Open Morning on Wednesday 29th November from 9.30-11.30am.

If they are unable to make this date, they are welcome to tour the school at another time by making an appointment at the office.