



## Sopley Primary School

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WHERE INDIVIDUALS THRIVE

## Newsletter Issue 5 Autumn Term

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### Dates for your Diary



- 6th Dec: Flu Immunisations in School for Years R, 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 7th Dec: KS2 SATS Briefing at 3.15pm
- 8th Dec: Choir performing to "Care Together" at 1.30pm at St Marys Church Resource Centre
- 8th Dec: Last Street Dance before Christmas—Performance for Parents at 4.10pm
- 11th Dec: Infants Nativity at 2pm
- 12th Dec: Infants Nativity at 9.30am
- 13th Dec: Non uniform day and Christmas Fayre in the school hall at 3.15pm
- 19th Dec: Juniors Carol Concert at Sopley Church at 2pm
- 20th Dec: Christmas lunch in school and Christmas jumper day
- 21st Dec: Choir Christmas Concert in the school hall 6-7pm

**The last day of term is Thursday 21st December at 3.15pm**  
**School starts again on Thursday 4th January**

### Children in Need

Thank you for your support of 'Children in Need'. It was fabulous to see all of our children in their spots, raising over **£128** for this worthy cause. Congratulations to the children who won the Pudsey colouring competition. Winners were as follows:

Rabbits: **Tarka Benton-Jones**

Hedgehogs: **Katelyn Hanekom**

Owls: **Riley Fellowes**

Badgers: **Sydney Walthall**



### FSS Movie Night

We would like to say a huge **'THANK YOU'** to the FSS for running a very successful 'Movie Night' for our children.

There was great excitement as the lights were dimmed, 'Boss Baby' filled the screen and the smell of popcorn wafted into the 'cinema'!

Approximately 70 of our children attended the 'premiere' and together they raised **£113** for the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the FSS and for all the hard work they put into making this evening a success.

## KS2 SATS Workshops for Parents

Just a reminder that in order to support our Year 6 children who will be undertaking SATs tests later this academic year, we will be running a workshop to inform parents of what is involved and how they can support their child(ren). This will take place on Thursday 7th December at 3.15pm in Badgers' classroom.

## Open Day

We were delighted to invite so many families to our 'Open Day' this week. Parents were thrilled with what they saw and almost all were going to put Sopley School as their first choice!

They loved the school's family feel, welcoming atmosphere and the beautiful, extensive grounds and were really impressed with the way in which the school is progressing. It is lovely that we are all part of a school to be so proud of - it is important not to forget how lucky we are!

## Great News in Early Years!

We have just had our Early Years Local Authority Moderation Team in school and we are delighted to report that they are really excited with the way in which the Early Years area has continued to develop.

They have produced a very favourable report which has been shared with Governors.

It is great to see the hard work and quality of our team being recognised beyond the school.

## Pupil Survey



Our aim is for Sopley children to enjoy school - being happy is the key to good learning and progress! This week all children completed an online 'pupil survey'. We thought you would like to hear some of the children's comments:

'I know I am doing well because I am always doing challenging work.'

'I feel safe in school because the teachers look after you.'

'The food is really good!'

'I love the whole school!'

'I love playing in the mud kitchen!'

'There is nothing I would change about Sopley School.'

## Dogs' Trust Workshops

As part of their 'Be Dog Smart' campaign, on Friday 1st December, the Dogs' Trust visited our school and held workshops in all four classes. 'Be Dog Smart' helps children and families understand more about how to behave around dogs in order to keep themselves safe. These are the key messages we learnt today:

### **Be Dog Smart!**

10 easy tips to remind kids how to stay safe around dogs:

- **B**eware of disturbing dogs that are eating or sleeping.
- **E**ven if for fun, don't ever tease a dog please.
- **D**on't approach a dog with no owner around.
- **O**nly stroke a dog when the owner says 'Yes, you can.'
- **G**et the dog to sniff your hand first, then stroke gently.
- **S**trange dog approaching? Stand still, look away, cross your arms.
- **M**ove calmly and quietly around any dog.
- **A**ll that hugging and kissing - you might like it, not all dogs do.
- **R**emember all dogs have teeth.
- **T**reat dogs with kindness and respect.



### 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



**Please note that there are no clubs running during the last week of term.**

### 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:

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