



**Severn Beach
Primary School**
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Severn Beach Primary School - Newsletter 5 - 21st December 2018

Dream Big. Challenge Ourselves. Make it happen.

It's been a very successful term at Severn Beach Primary and we are very proud of our pupils. Maths is everywhere around the school and I have noticed the children using Maths more in everyday situations for example using times tables knowledge to set out chairs in the hall for concerts. After a huge focus on Maths we are extremely proud to announce that 4 of our Year 6 Mathematicians have **won first place** in a competition held at St. Johns on the Hill School in Chepstow! Mr. Jones and the children worked really hard preparing for this very tough competition against 11 other local schools - and it really has paid off! Congratulations Mr. Jones, Grace, Jayden, Lucas and Lucas!



Congratulations also to James and Mason in Wagtails who have become published authors! Mrs Dean sent a number of poems to 'Young Writers' and they selected two of our children's poems to present in their poetry anthology. We are very excited to see what this will look like in print.



PTA

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas Fayre on 28th November. It was a fantastic community event and a tremendous success in generating a profit of around £300 for school fund. The PTA are fundraising to provide valuable resources and cultural experiences for our children this year. Their work continues to be extremely important in supporting the school through a challenging financial climate in education. Well done Becky and the team!

Staff

As you may already know, Mrs Goard is leaving us at the end of this term. She has decided to spend more time on her art projects and with her young family. We wish her all the very best in her new adventures. The good news is she is going to continue working with us to provide supply cover on occasions and support some of our older pupils in Year 5. We are thrilled to announce that we have appointed Miss Laura Prickett to take over from Mrs Goard in February. Miss Prickett has worked in Wagtails before and is an experienced KS1 teacher. For the time being Mrs Dean is increasing her working hours; planning for the whole week and Miss Hannah Brooks will be working every Monday. The children are very familiar with Miss Brooks and are very excited that she will be working with them.

We have also appointed a new SEND teaching assistant - Miss Celia Santos who will be working in Sandpipers after Christmas. She replaces Miss Holly Durlacher who has taken up a post as a nanny in America!

Closing date for Applications for a Primary Place

Please note: the closing date for applications for a school place in September 2019 is 15th January. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who this will affect.

Term 3 - Dates for your diary so far:

Monday 7th January - INSET

Tuesday 8th January - term starts for children.

Thursday 10th January - a pre-historic visitor in Kingfisher and Wagtail Classes!

Friday 11th January - Bridge Building Workshop - Oystercatcher Class.

Wednesday 30th January 5-5:30pm - 'Oracy Workshop' for parents of reception children.

Thursday 31st January - 'Stay and Play' in Kingfishers Class for parents. 2-3:15pm

Thursday 14th February - Chinese Ribbon Dancing Workshops for the all children

Friday 15th February 2pm - 'Dino dancing' in Kingfishers - parents of children in this class invited to watch.

Friday 15th February - Term ends. Last day for children.

Monday 25th February - Term 4 begins. First day for children.

May 13th-17th Sats Week for Y6 pupils



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Hints & Tips for Parents

Tip 1

Get your child to school everyday. You will see the benefits in the long term!



Tip 3

Teach your child hygiene and good manners as soon as possible! For example using a tissue to wipe noses, regularly washing hands etc.



Tip 5

Whenever possible book medical appointments outside of school hours



be here!

Tip 2

Get a regular bed time and morning routine in place. This will help ensure you all get a proper nights sleep and wake up in time to get to school / work on time.



Shout 'Atichoo!' and catch your sneeze or cough in your clean tissue



Put your tissue in the bin in the middle of the room



Rub your hands together quickly

Tip 4

Only keep your child home if they have a contagious illness. This could include diarrhoea, chicken pox, vomiting. In all other cases let the school decide if your child is well enough to be in school to learn (they usually pick up when they are with their friends!)



Congratulations to the many children who received certificates and badges for excellent attendance (over 96%) in terms 1 and 2! We had a great time at our celebration assembly with parents who had been invited to watch.



Did you know that we have 8 qualified first aiders at school who look after your children if they have bumps and scrapes or are feeling a little poorly. During the school day our first aiders assess if a child is too unwell to be at school and notify parents immediately. In the morning, if in doubt, please bring your child into school, if they become more unwell over the course of the day we will let you know.

30 pupils had 100% attendance!



Did you come to see 'Children of the World'?

This is what you thought of the concert...



Thought it was wonderful. They put a lot of effort into the performances and the songs were really good.



I loved the childrens' Christmas play. They all sang and played their part really well with loud voices and huge smiles. Well done Kingfishers and Wagtails and all the teachers and helpers.



It was spectacular! I liked everything - but particularly Mary and Joseph! Lilly



I think the performers were amazing and I especially liked all the different languages. It was 10 out of 10!