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Autumn 4 Newsletter 2014

Dear Parents,

Although a little while ago now I would like to thank everyone for their support of the local Salvation Army's food bank at this year's harvest festival. An impressive amount of food was sent in and gratefully received. Once again thank you.

Communications-website and Twitter

We are in the process of completely changing our web site to make it more attractive and user friendly. However, it is still a source of useful information and photos- particularly via our Twitter feed which is available on the front page of the site or directly **#southbenpri**.

Training days

A parent mail has recently been sent out detailing three training days when the school will be closed to pupils for staff training. The dates are Friday 13th February 2015, Monday 23rd February 2015 and Friday 27th March 2015. The dates are all attached to holiday periods.

Severe Weather- possible school closures

If we have severe weather i.e snow, extremely low temperatures, flood, heating problems etc. we will always try and stay open providing it is safe and sensible to do so and enough staff can get into work by a reasonable time. (NB some staff come from quite a distance!) We will use Parentmail, Essex FM / BBC Essex, the school website and hopefully Twitter to announce any closures and re-openings. (Please **ensure we have your latest email and mobile phone number.**) Please remind your children that if the school has to close suddenly, or at any time there is no one to meet them, they **must not** go home alone from the playground but come into school where we will make arrangements for them.



BATIC's Got Talent

The BATIC Trust <http://www.batictrust.co.uk>, a charitable Trust run by the local primary schools is holding a 'BATIC's Got Talent' competition in all schools this term, with the finalists having a chance to perform at the Palace Theatre in January. We will hold our 'in school' finals for Key Stage 2 -**junior aged** children during the school day on the 15th December. Our top two acts will go through to the Palace Theatre showcase on the 20th January. Please help your children with their dance, song, instrument, etc. so that their performance is confident and successful. Good luck everyone!

Reading Record Books and Reading folders

We have this term published our own reading record books for infants and juniors. We hope you are finding these useful as they contain a variety of reference material and guidance on reading. The folders, which should have come home this week, have been provided to help protect our reading books and to promote the importance of caring for them. They were funded by the PTA and can also be used to keep homework and other books safe and tidy as they come to and from school each day. Please encourage your child to use the folder and to look after it. Can we also ask that you return any school reading books you may find lurking on your book shelves or under beds at home! It is amazing how many books we lose each year. Thank you.

Children in Need

Children in Need day is next Friday (14th November) and as always we will be supporting this National fundraising event. The School Council have met and the children decided how they wanted to support the day. Please read the letter they have written overleaf for further information about non-uniform day and the competitions that they have arranged. Our school kitchen will be cooking up a special 'Children in Need' themed lunch on the day too. Look out for posters advertising the menu or on our school website.

