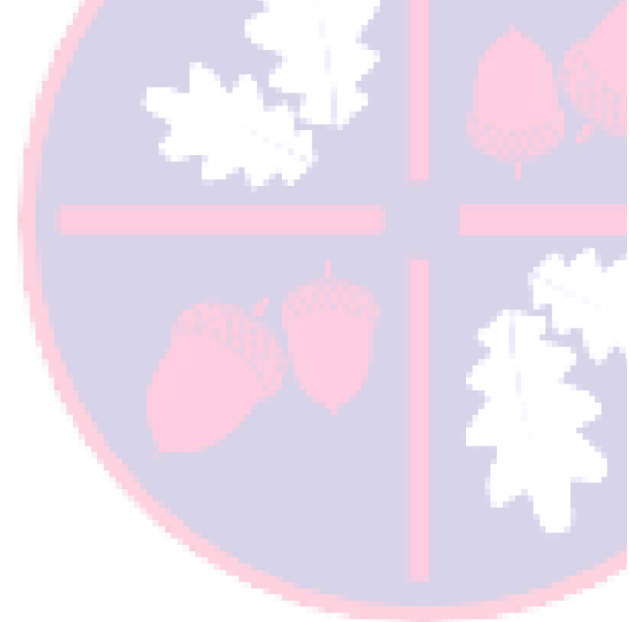




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Seal CE Primary School Newsletter

Edition 39 – 22nd September 2023

Our weekly Newsletter is our main communication so please do keep an eye out for it each Friday for all up to date reminders and new information about everything going on at Seal!

Update from Mrs Jones, Head of School

We have had a great start to the year with attendance and punctuality. We are currently on 97% attendance and aiming for 98%. This is higher than last year's attendance and I am very grateful for the parental support. With such high attendance, there is no limit to what the children can achieve!

Likewise, with punctuality - thank you to all parents who have ensured their children are in school before 8:50am. This has had a huge impact on lessons being able to start promptly. I am very grateful have such supportive families here at Seal 😊

The procedure for forest school kits is as follows:

The first time your child forgets their kit, we will offer them a spare kit if we are able to. You will then be issued with a uniform slip reminding you to bring it in.

If this happens on subsequent occasions, unfortunately your child will not be able to participate in forest school and will be asked to complete work in another classroom. We cannot have children in the forest without appropriate kit.

If you are having difficulty sourcing kit, please speak to Mrs Gadd, or email her on: dgadd@inspiream.org.uk

Thank you to those parents who completed our survey on how to organise Sports Days this year. The results from the survey showed that the vast majority of parents preferred a whole day for EYFS and KS1 and a whole day for KS2. I can therefore confirm that Sports Days will be held on the following dates:

EYFS & KS1 - Thursday 23rd May 2024

KS2 - Friday 24th May 2024

Many Thanks, Mrs Jones

IMPORTANT MCAS (My Child at School App) Update

We are aware of parents and carers experiencing issues with the MCAS app, this is due to an update that the providers of the app have made recently.

We have been advised that if you have an Apple Device you are being redirected to the wrong app on the App Store. Please click the red square logo and click 'update'.

If you operate an Android device this should automatically prompt you for an update.



We're hosting our Coffee Afternoon to raise money for Macmillan. There's a cupcake and a cuppa with your name on it.

Friday 29th September from 2:45pm in the School Hall

Please bring in any cake donations (**no nuts**) to school **on the morning of Friday 29th September**. Please don't send them to the office; instead, send them **with your child to their classroom**. Children will be able to visit the cake sale with their class before the opening. There will be games with prizes as well as some colouring stations to keep little ones occupied while you enjoy a coffee and a chat!

Tennis Lessons

We are delighted to offer the children a fantastic 45minute, tennis taster session for each class this term, run by the Kemsing LTC community tennis coaching programme. This will take place on a Thursday and in some cases, this will run in addition to your child's normal PE session. Meaning that for that week, your child can wear PE kit on their normal PE day and on Thursday. (Kingfishers, Dragonflies and Butterflies, Thursday is already your PE day).

Please see below for the dates for each class, your child must come to school in PE kit on this day.

21st September - Hedgehogs and Dragonflies

28th September - Butterflies and Otters

5th October - Foxes and Badgers

12th October - Sparrowhawks and Kingfishers

19th October - Beavers and Squirrels

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 28th September – Individual & Sibling School Photos Day

Any children in Caterpillars Class who do not attend Nursery on this day can arrive at 9.00am to have their photo taken with older siblings. Parents will need to wait and take them home.

If your child has PE or Forest School on this day please send them into school in usual uniform but they should bring their PE / Forest School kits with them.

Friday 29th September – Macmillan Cake Sale from 2.45pm

PTFA AGM Thursday 5th October 8pm in the School Hall - All parents and carers are invited to hear updates on last year's fundraising and plans for 2023-24 events. There will also be an opportunity to join the committee which oversees our fundraising or find out more about how you could help out with individual events. Please use the following form if you are interested: <https://form.jotform.com/232474569729370>

Friday 20th October – End of Term 1 & PTFA Fireworks Display

Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th April 2024 - Carrot Wood Trip for Year 5

Thursday 23rd May 2024 – EYFS & KS1 Sports Day

Friday 24th May 2024 - KS2 Sports Day

Early Years – Nursery & Reception classes

Nursery – Dear parents and carers,

Thank you so much for naming the children's belongings and a gentle reminder if you haven't done so yet - especially water bottles, backpacks, lunch boxes and now Autumn is around the corner, coats and jackets too. Some children are very little and they don't remember what they brought into nursery.

We are looking for junk modelling stuff! If you have any small boxes, toilet rolls, yoghurt pots... please bring them to Nursery for us to recycle into beautiful art.

All the nursery staff have recently refreshed their Paediatric first aid training and one of the main causes of choking in children are grapes - or any other round foodstuff.

Please, if you bring grapes in their lunchboxes, can this be cut as the picture shows?



Reception – no update this week

Congratulations to Bumblebees & Ladybirds for the joint highest attendance this week.

ATTENDANCE

Bumblebees: 93%

Ladybirds: 93%

<p><u>Key Stage 1</u></p> <p>Year 1 - see here for Year 1 Welcome Information letter</p> <p>Year 2 – see here for Year 2 Welcome Information letter</p> <p>KS1</p> <p>KS1 – see letter here regarding Read, Write Inc phonics and Oxford Owl login.</p> <p>If you are unsure of your child’s Oxford Owl log in, please email Miss Theobald at otheobald@inspireiam.org.uk</p> <p><i>Congratulations to Dragonflies for the highest attendance this week.</i></p>	<p>Hedgehogs: 97%</p> <p>Squirrels: 98%</p> <p>Butterflies: 98%</p> <p>Dragonflies: 99%</p>
<p><u>Key Stage 2</u></p> <p>Year 3 – see here for Year 3 Welcome Information letter</p> <p>Year 4 – see here for Year 4 Welcome Information letter</p> <p>We are excited to announce the upcoming culmination of our Vikings and Anglo-Saxons experience, please see here for more information, and here for costume guidance.</p> <p>Year 5 – see here for Year 5 Welcome Information letter</p> <p>Carrot Wood 2024 trip letter here</p> <p>AIM Kent offer free 11 Plus Tuition to eligible families – please visit their website for details Home (aimkent.org.uk)</p> <p>Year 6 – see here for Year 6 Welcome Information letter</p> <p>Isle of Wight/Theatre trip 2024 letter here</p> <p>Secondary School Open Day information here</p> <p>Woodpeckers Class swimming lessons start from Wednesday 13th September, details here</p> <p>Please ensure payment is made as soon as possible.</p> <p><i>Congratulations to Kingfishers for the highest attendance this week.</i></p>	<p>Foxes: 98%</p> <p>Otters: 100%</p> <p>Badgers: 99%</p> <p>Beavers: 99%</p> <p>Kingfishers: 100%</p> <p>Sparrowhawks: 96%</p> <p>Kestrels: 99%</p> <p>Woodpeckers: 90%</p>

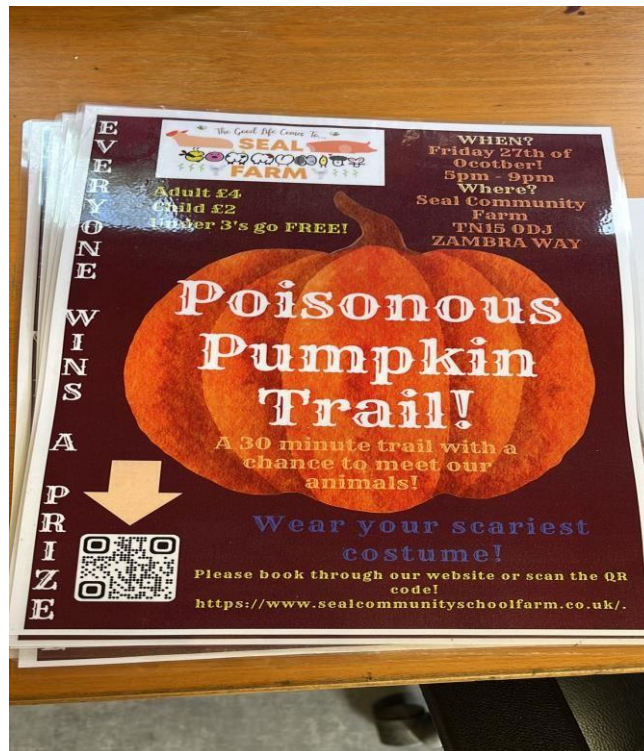


SCHOOL COMMUNITY FARM NEWS



Update [here](#) from Ms Spellman regarding plans for meat production on the school farm.

The Farm team will be selling eggs on the playground each Monday afternoon between 3pm – 4pm Cash & Card payments will be accepted .Orders will no longer be available via MCAS.



The farm is holding its first half term event! After missing out on opening to the public during the summer, we are so excited to welcome you for this special farm event!

Please share this event far and wide!

Book your family place here:

www.sealcommunityschoolfarm.co.uk

