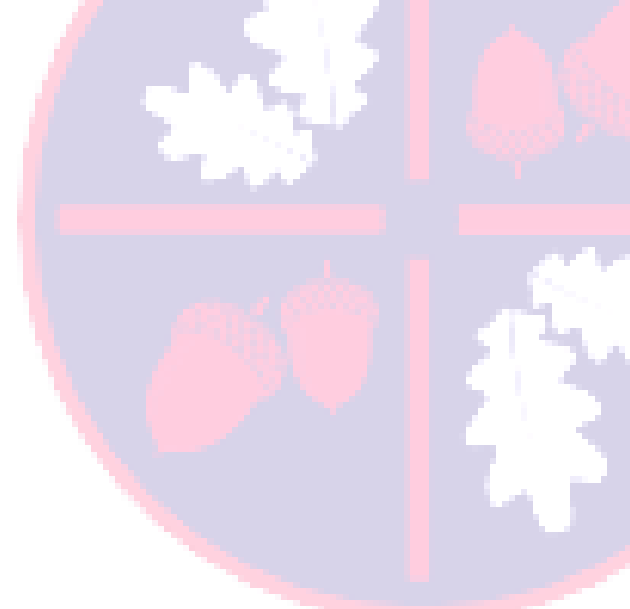




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Seal CE Primary School Newsletter

Edition 42 – 6th October 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!

Notices from Mrs Jones

Harvest Church Services

Please see the letter [here](#) for full details of the Harvest Church Services at St Peter's & St Paul's Church in Seal next week. We do hope you are able to join us.

Communicating collection arrangements

We are currently experiencing daily high volumes of calls from parents to communicate changes in end of day collection arrangements. Please can I ask, if you are aware that someone else will be collecting your child prior to the day, that you email your child's class teacher no later than **5pm the day before**. Of course, there will be occasions where there are last minute changes. In these instances, please ensure that you do phone the school office as class teachers will not pick up emails whilst they are teaching. We are hopeful that this will reduce the number of phone calls to the school office each given day, as this is currently posing a significant challenge to ensuring that each class teacher is informed of daily collection arrangements. Please note this applies to normal end of day collection arrangements and not appointments during the school day which should continue to be sent to the office team office@inspiream.org.uk

A reminder of teacher's email addresses:

Caterpillars	Mrs Garcia & Mrs Vanstone	AGarcia@inspiream.org.uk jvanstone@inspiream.org.uk
Bumblebees	Mrs Ryan	JRyan@inspirefederation.co.uk
Ladybirds	Mrs Baxter & Miss Afuape	mbaxter@inspiream.org.uk oafuape@inspiream.org.uk
Squirrels	Miss Sutherland	KSutherland@inspiream.org.uk
Hedgehogs	Miss Trimmer	ltrimmer@inspiream.org.uk
Butterflies	Mrs Clarke	AClarke@inspiream.org.uk
Dragonflies	Miss Theobald	OTheobald@inspiream.org.uk
Foxes	Mrs Lucas	mlucas@inspiream.org.uk
Otters	Miss Jessey	ejessey@inspiream.org.uk

Badgers	Mr Kyte	WKyte@inspiream.org.uk
Beavers	Mr Brown	abrown@inspiream.org.uk
Kingfishers	Miss Knipe	HKnipe@inspiream.org.uk
Sparrowhawks	Miss Gumbley	ngumbley@inspiream.org.uk
Woodpeckers	Miss Stuart	RStuart@inspiream.org.uk
Kestrels	Mr Willumsen	lwillumsen@inspiream.org.uk

Mile a day

Each class has now started doing a mile a day on our fabulous new running track. This is a fantastic way of incorporating more exercise into each child's day, out in the fresh air supporting their wellbeing and ensuring more oxygen to their developing brains. However, in order to ensure the children's safety, we will be asking the children to walk their mile a day, as pupils don't have appropriate footwear in school. If pupils prefer to use this opportunity to run, please ensure that your child has a pair of trainers in their school bag to change into. On PE days, each class will be encouraged to run!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 11th October – PTFA Own Clothes Day (£1.00 cash donation per pupil)
Thursday 12th October – Harvest Service - Reception, Years 1 & 2 (with Year 6 supporting Reception) at 2.15pm
Friday 13th October – Harvest Service Years 3 & 4 at 9.00am / Years 5 & 6 at 2.15pm
Friday 13th October – Flu Immunisations for all years
Thursday 19th October – PTFA Own Clothes Day (Sweets /Chocolates donation for Fireworks Display)
Friday 20th October – End of Term 1 & PTFA Fireworks Display
Thursday 24th November – PTFA Wreath Making Event
Monday 11th December – Reception Classes Nativity in the Church
Wednesday 13th December – Pantomime at the Stag Theatre for Reception, Year 1 and 2 (details to follow)
Thursday 14th December - Pantomime at the Stag Theatre for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 (details to follow)
Friday 15th December - End of Term 2 – KS1 finish 1.30pm / KS2 finish 1.45pm - no After School Club on this day
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

PTFA Fancy Dress Donations

The PTFA are organising a sale of fancy dress costumes to take place in the School Playground on Tuesday 17th October. If you would like to make any donations please put them the boxes outside 35 Zambra Way or 26 Highview next week. Please note we are unable to accept any donations of Halloween themed costumes.

Thank you everyone from the PTFA Team

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Early Years – Nursery & Reception classes</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nursery – Dear parents and carers, Caterpillars will be starting forest school next week on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Please ensure your child has their full forest school kit and wellie boots if they attend on either of these mornings.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reception – no update this week</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Congratulations to Bumblebees for the highest attendance this week.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ATTENDANCE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bumblebees: 89%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ladybirds: 85%</p>
<p><u>Key Stage 1</u></p> <p>Year 1 - no update this week Year 2 – no update this week</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Congratulations to Butterflies for the highest attendance this week.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hedgehogs: 96%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Squirrels: 98%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Butterflies: 99%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dragonflies: 98%</p>
<p><u>Key Stage 2</u></p> <p><u>Year 3</u> – no update this week</p> <p><u>Year 4</u> - no update this week</p> <p><u>Year 5</u> CAT Tests – please see details here Please provide your consent by Thursday 19th October if you wish your child to take the CAT test in school. Carrotty Wood 2024 trip letter here</p> <p><u>Year 6</u> Secondary School Admissions process - The online application window for children enrolling into Year 7 in September 2024 opened on Friday 1st September 2023 and will close at midnight on Tuesday 31st October 2023. See here for an informative leaflet outlining the process to follow. If parents have any queries, the admissions team can be contacted on kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk. Prom - please email Mrs Jones if you are interested in organising the prom at sealheadofschool@inspiream.org.uk <u>It is really important, for this event to go ahead, that we have one main liaison with the school - but all parents should get involved, even if it is a small helping hand that you can offer.</u> Isle of Wight/Theatre trip 2024 letter here Please ensure you are up to date with payments for this trip. Secondary School Open Day information here</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Congratulations to Otters for the highest attendance this week.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Foxes: 97%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Otters: 99%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Badgers: 96%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Beavers: 97%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kingfishers: 97%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sparrowhawks: 95%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kestrels: 96%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Woodpeckers: 91%</p>



Our year 5 hockey players competed at Hollybush this week and were fantastic role models for our school. They were gracious in defeat and modest in success. The improvement the children made from beginning to end was remarkable and all of the children showed pride in our school, they were incredible representatives for Seal Primary and I was very proud of them all.

Well Done!

Miss Sutherland

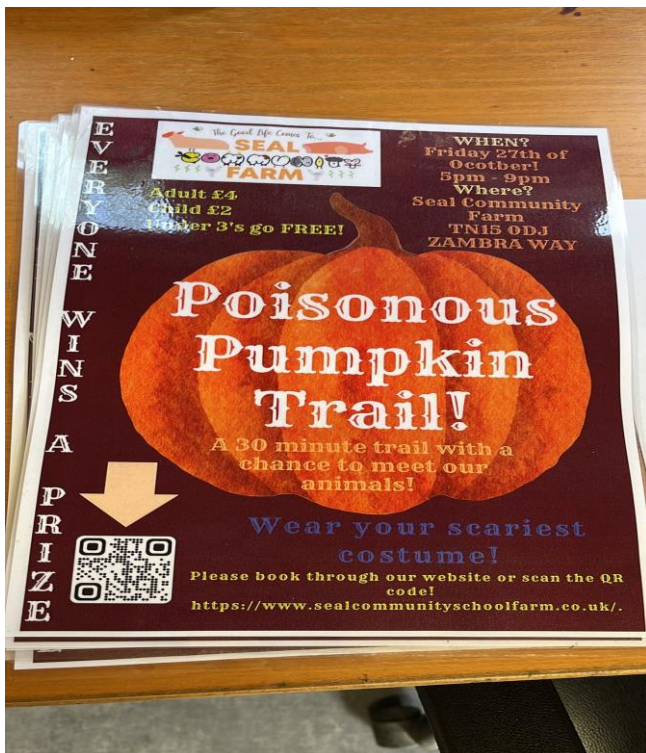
A local resident has asked us to highlight that Seal Parish Council are considering whether to mow the wildflower verges in Childsbridge Lane as they would like to save them. The council are looking for views so please email Sealparishc@outlook.com if you would like to provide your input.



SCHOOL COMMUNITY FARM NEWS



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

