

# **Seal CE Primary School Newsletter**

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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**

Details of the upcoming Parent Governor elections can be found here

Please can all parents and carers take care and consideration when parking. We have had numerous complaints from residents since September of inconsiderate parking, and photographs of cars blocking driveways. This is not acceptable. It means that residents are unable to leave their homes for urgent appointments and has meant some people have been late to work on multiple occasions. Respect is one of our values, and I am disappointed to hear of repeated disrespectful behaviour towards our local community.

As a UNICEF Gold Rights Respecting School, we shall be campaigning and raising money for the children of Israel and Gaza! We will be having a day of going back to basics on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Please read <u>here</u> for further information.

It's Pantomime time again, oh yes it is! Full details of tickets are included in the letter here

PLEASE NOTE - Tickets must be paid for by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November as no further tickets can be ordered after this time. We will not be able to make any exceptions to this deadline and tickets will not be available for purchase directly from the theatre if you miss the deadline due to ensuring we have the required number of staff in attendance.

13th-17th November is antibullying week!

Antibullying week will start with odd socks day on Monday 13th November to celebrate diversity and to stand up against discrimination and bullying.

Here is a link to further information: <a href="https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/attachments/Anti-Bullying%20Week%202023%20-%20Parent%20Pack%20FINAL.pdf">https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/attachments/Anti-Bullying%20Week%202023%20-%20Parent%20Pack%20FINAL.pdf</a>



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – Back to Basics Day – campaigning for the children of Israel and Gaza. Children to bring in their sponsorship forms.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – PTFA Fireworks Display

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Odd socks day for Antibullying week

Friday 17th November – Children in Need Day – details of activities to follow

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – PTFA Wreath Making Event

Friday 1st December - PTFA Frost Fayre

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Caterpillars' Nativity in the Hall

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Classes Nativity in the Church / Year 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Disco

Tuesday 12th December – Key Stage 1 Nativity in the Hall

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime at the Stag Theatre for Reception, Year 1 and 2

**Thursday 14**<sup>th</sup> **December -** Pantomime at the Stag Theatre for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 / Year R, 1, 2 & 3 Christmas

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 - Carroty Wood Trip for Year 5

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 – EYFS & KS1 Sports Day

Friday 24th May 2024 - KS2 Sports Day

Timings of all Christmas events will be confirmed in next weeks Newsletter.

Term Dates for 2024/2025 are now available here

	ATTENDANCE
Early Years - Nursery & Reception classes  Nursery - Reception - no update this week	Bumblebees: 93%
Congratulations to Ladybirds for the highest attendance this week.	Ladybirds: 94%
Key Stage 1  Year 1 - Squirrels class set an aspirational target of reaching 20 marbles in term 1 and with lots of hard work and dedication they managed to meet their goal.  The children have asked to have a Teddy Bear Disco! They would like to bring in their favourite Teddy, have some snacks and then have a disco! This will be held in the afternoon on Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November. Please could you send your child into school on Friday with a Teddy and a small treat that they can eat (nut-free). I will provide some extras to make sure that nobody is forgotten so no need to worry about sending in too many! © The children are to come to school in normal school uniform.  Many Thanks, Miss Sutherland  Year 2 – no update this week	Hedgehogs: 98% Squirrels: 98% Butterflies: 97% Dragonflies: 91%
Congratulations to Squirrels & Hedgehogs for the highest attendance this week.	

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<u>Year 3 —</u> Please see details of upcoming trips London Eye Visit <u>here</u>

<u>Year 4 - Please see details of upcoming trip to Kemsing Hillhere</u>

#### Year 5

Carroty Wood 2024 trip letter <a href="here">here</a> Please ensure you are up to date with payments for this trip.

## Year 6

Swimming – Kestrels Class have now started their block of swimming lessons. There are a number of payments outstanding for swimming across Woodpeckers and Kestrels Classes, please ensure you have made payment via MCAS for your child to attend these lessons.

Isle of Wight/Theatre trip 2024 letter <u>here</u> Please ensure you are up to date with payments for this trip.

Congratulations to Otters for the highest attendance this week.

Foxes: 99%

Otters: 100%

Badgers: 93%

Beavers: 97%

Kingfishers: 96%

Sparrowhawks: 97%

Kestrels: 97%

Woodpeckers: 95%



# 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.

#### **PTFA Update**

#### \* Fireworks \*

Please buy your advance priced tickets on the link below and come to support our event! (Tickets purchased for the original date are still valid).

You can also pre-order food from the BBQ and candy apples! The meat for the BBQ is all from Chart Farm and is absolutely delicious!

Please check your year groups stall rota to ensure it is fully manned

#### \* Wreath Making \*

This is a fabulous evening and a great opportunity to socialise with other parents, whilst making a beautiful Christmas door wreath. Book your place on the link below, friends and family also welcome (no kids!)

If you can't make it, you can order a pre-made wreath instead - again on the link below.

#### \*Christmas Frost Fayre \*

You can now order hot choc cones, reindeer food and Santa gifts ready for collection/distribution on Friday 1st December.

All payable on the link below

The Friends of Seal School

pta-events.co.uk



Congratulations to Olivia in Year 6 who competed in the CRDM British National Irish Dance Championships and won 1st place. This is an amazing achievement and Olivia now holds the title of Age 9-10 British National Champion.

Joshua in Year 6 has been raising money for the Poppy Appeal with his Scouts group this week. Well done Joshua.



Thank you to everyone for their kind donations at the recent Harvest Services, Sevenoaks Foodbank have asked us to send the following message to you all.

## Dear Friends at Seal Primary School,

Sevenoaks Loaves and Fishes Foodbank would like to thank you for your very generous donation from your Harvest Festival this year. Please would you pass on our thanks to all the children, parents and staff who contributed.

We very much appreciate your support, which in turn enables us to continue to support our clients in the local community.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

With all best wishes Glenda Newholm for Sevenoaks Loaves and Fishes Foodbank.





**Foodbank**