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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!

Updates from Mrs Jones

Attendance

School attendance has dropped to 95% and we are striving for at least 98% to ensure pupils do not miss out on essential learning in order for them to make the progress that they deserve.

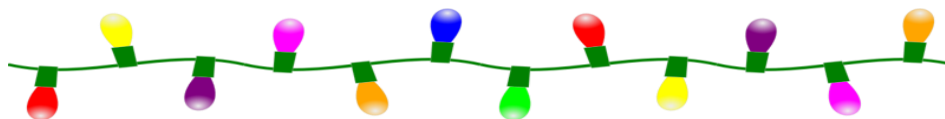
As a result, I want to draw your attention to the following:

- If your child has head lice, we will not authorise a day's absence. Head lice must be treated but this should be done at home after or before school.
- We will no longer be authorising absence for sickness or diarrhoea which lasts longer than 48 hours, unless there is medical evidence, for example a Surgery/GP appointment card, email or text.
- If your child is unwell, we require specific reasons for their absence and "feeling poorly" is not a sufficient reason. Without specific details of their illness, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.
- If a child is absent and there is no reason for absence communicated, it will be marked as unauthorised.

If children accrue 10 or more half day sessions of unauthorised absence, this could lead to a penalty notice for parental condoned absence or a statutory referral to Kent County Council which may lead to prosecution. It is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure that pupils are in school when they are fit and well. It is also the parent's responsibility to ensure pupils are in school on time. If we begin to have concerns for a child's punctuality, children's late marks may begin to be marked as unauthorised lateness which again, could lead to prosecution.

Together, we have a responsibility to ensure that all pupils have access to a high quality education and pupils' attendance and punctuality is crucial.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Friday 1st December – PTFA Frost Fayre 3.00pm – 5.00pm in the School Hall

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

If your child does not normally have a school lunch but would like to on this day you must book this on the CH & Co website <https://chandcoparents.myschoolmealorders.com/login>

Thursday 7th December – Christingle Service in school – all children to bring an orange please.

Friday 8th December – Caterpillars' Nativity in the Hall at 2.00pm

Monday 11th December – Reception Classes Nativity in the Church at 9.00am / Year 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Disco 3.30pm

Tuesday 12th December – Key Stage 1 Nativity in the Hall at 2.15pm

Wednesday 13th December – Pantomime Stag Theatre for Reception, Year 1 and 2

Thursday 14th December – Pantomime Stag Theatre for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 / Year R, 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Disco 3.15pm

Friday 15th December – End of Term 2 – KS1 finish 1.30pm / KS2 finish 1.45pm - **no After School Club on this day**

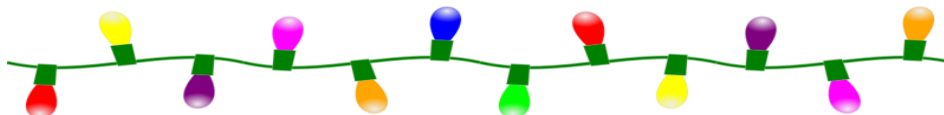
Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th April 2024 – Carrotty Wood Trip for Year 5

Thursday 23rd May 2024 – EYFS & KS1 Sports Day

Friday 24th May 2024 – KS2 Sports Day

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th June – Isle of Wight Trip for Year 6

Term Dates for 2024/2025 are now available [here](#)



<u>Early Years – Nursery & Reception classes</u>	ATTENDANCE
<p>Nursery – Dear parents and carers, thank you so much for the baby pictures. They are all very cute! We will be playing our baby-child-adult game next Monday 26th, so you are still in time to send us their pictures. Thank you.</p> <p>Reception – no update this week</p> <p><i>Congratulations to Bumblebees for the highest attendance this week.</i></p>	<p>Bumblebees: 94%</p>
	<p>Ladybirds: 90%</p>
<p>Key Stage 1</p> <p>The KS1 Nativity will take place on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 2:15pm in the school hall. The performance will be around 40 minutes long and you can collect you child, along with any siblings, straight after the performance. Thank you as always for your continued support, KS1 team.</p> <p>Year 1 – Squirrels Class will have a Tennis Coaching session on Thursday 30th November and will need to come to school in their PE kit that day please.</p> <p>Year 2 – no update this week</p> <p><i>Congratulations to Butterflies flies for the highest attendance this week.</i></p>	<p>Hedgehogs: 90%</p>
	<p>Squirrels: 89%</p>
	<p>Butterflies: 99%</p>
	<p>Dragonflies: 92%</p>
<p>Key Stage 2</p> <p>Year 3 – Otters Class will have a Marble Party on Thursday 30th November. Please see here for details</p> <p>Year 4 – No updates this week</p> <p>Year 5 – Year 5 will be visiting Otford Solar System – please see here for details.</p> <p>Sparrowhawks Class will have a Tennis Coaching session on Thursday 30th November and will need to come to school in their PE kit that day please.</p> <p>Carrot Wood 2024 trip letter here Please ensure you are up to date with payments for this trip.</p> <p>Year 6</p> <p>The dates for the Isle of Wight Trip are confirmed as Monday 3rd – Friday 7th June Isle of Wight/Theatre trip 2024 letter here . We are aware that some parents have been experiencing payment issues for this trip and we are working with the MCAS app team to resolve them. We hope to be able to provide and update to parents affected soon.</p> <p><i>Congratulations to Kestrels for the highest attendance this week.</i></p>	<p>Foxes: 96%</p>
	<p>Otters: 93%</p>
	<p>Badgers: 97%</p>
	<p>Beavers: 97%</p>
	<p>Kingfishers: 91%</p>
	<p>Sparrowhawks: 93%</p>
	<p>Kestrels: 98%</p>
	<p>Woodpeckers: 90%</p>

We will be running a Second Hand Uniform Stall at the Frost Fayre next Friday 1st. Thank you to everyone for all their lovely donations recently. If anyone is having a pre Christmas clear out donations would still be much appreciated by the office.

Please do pop into the hall if you are in need of any uniform items at very reasonable prices.



A huge well done to Joshua who raised £2,217.32 for the Royal British Legion by selling poppies! We are very proud of you.



Forest School Kit

Now we are getting into winter temperatures please ensure your child has the following kit each week for forest school. Please ensure all of these items are named and have their class on too.

- Wellies
- Thick socks/spare socks
- Full water proofs
- Warm top
- Warm bottoms
- Hat
- Scarf
- Gloves



CHRISTMAS TREES

A big thank you to Stonepitts Farm again for donating our school hall Christmas Tree! Stonepitts have generously offered to donate £2 for every tree purchased by our Seal Primary School parents. Please make sure you remember to quote our school when you buy your tree!

Team Seal kit

If your child has recently attended a sporting event and has borrowed a Team Seal Polo, please return it to the school office so that they can be re-distributed to other children.

Can you help Year 6?

Year 6 are looking for experts in the medical profession (doctors, nurses, paramedics, nutritionists) or health profession (personal trainer, gym instructor) to help with our end of experience outcome. This would mean you listen to the children sharing with you what they have learnt about the heart and ask them questions on it. We have booked this event for Friday 8th December and if you feel you would be able to help please email Miss Stuart or Mr Willumsen. Thank you.



The PTFA would like to remind everyone of the Frost Fayre taking place straight after school on Friday 1st December. Pre orders are now open for hot chocolate cones. reindeer food as well as Santa presents.





SCHOOL COMMUNITY FARM NEWS



**The Farm team will be selling eggs
on the playground each Monday afternoon between 3pm – 4pm.**

**Please note we will only be able to accept Card payments from Tuesday 21st
November. Cash payments will no longer be accepted.**

 Donations Wanted 

Do you have fruit and vegetable leftovers? Our farm animals would love them!

Help our animals and reduce food waste.

NO KITCHEN SCRAPS, CITRUS FRUITS, POTATOES, ONIONS, AVOCADOS, RHUBARB AND BRUSSELS SPROUTS
AS OUR ANIMALS DON'T EAT THESE.

Every Tuesday and Thursday crates will be left inside both gate entrances to drop off donations.

Thank you 