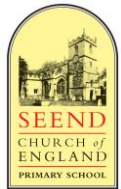




Seend Church of England Primary School News

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Active Edition On the path to success

The contractors have already made good progress in digging some of the gravel and ground out ready to lay the new path. It is hoped that it will all be completed by the beginning of term 6 but it may need to go a day or 2 into that week so please be patient. The grounds will be locked over half term to help minimise any risk of damage (to equipment and children!) This path will be a huge blessing as I am sure you are just as fed up with muddy shoes in the winter as we are with muddy floors. Watch out for news of the official opening of the path.

Swimming Achievement

Well done to the swimming team who came first out of the Melksham schools in a Swimming Gala on Thursday 19TH May. Despite swimming against much bigger schools and older children, they did extremely well and are now through to the regional finals in Trowbridge on June 21st.



Netball team news

The school netball team have finished well with their last two matches being a big win (13:1) and then a loss (to the team that were the top of the division!). They remain in the same division ready for next year's season. They also played well in a friendly against Shaw. Due to its popularity, the netball club continues all year round. In the Autumn term, Sian Lythell will be looking for some new players to replace the older ones who have left. So any year 3's out there who have been wanting to join (girls and boys), or any older ones who would like to start, September will be your chance!



Free Fun in the Sun activities

You should have all received the details by email (but they are also available on the school website) of the free Fun in the Sun activities on Fridays during the Summer holidays. Please take the booking form with you to the first activity – paper copies will come home after half term.



Free Swimming

The Wiltshire free swimming programme gives children and young people under 16 access to swimming pools for free during all Wiltshire school holidays. All under 16s will need to apply for a free swim membership card before attending a swimming session. Further details can be found [here](#).



Sponsored Walk completed

Many thanks to all who helped with the sponsored walk which, thanks to the careful planning of Mrs Coleman and a huge number of adult walkers, went ahead without incident on 20th May. Now is the time to start collecting the donations from sponsors. We usually get around £500 a year but last year we did exceedingly well and raised just over £1,000! It would be great if we could get close to that again!



Sainsbury's vouchers

The playtime shed is in real need of some new equipment so don't forget to send in any remaining vouchers that you have lying around. The equipment we get is really well received by the children and helps keep them fit, active and occupied at break times. Mrs Kettler has her eye on some equipment for her outside area too. No more vouchers are being issued so now we just need to collect them all in, count them (thank you Sonja) and then make the order. Deadline is Friday 1st July.



We're on the Road to Rio

We are hoping that KS 2 children (Chestnut and Sycamore) and staff will take the pledge to go for gold and cover the 9281 km distance from London to Rio. For a £1 refundable deposit, each child will be given a pedometer and record sheet to record their walking / running / activity distances. Each week, if they hand their sheet in, their totals will be added to a team page. The challenge will be starting on June 7th and will "run" until 22nd July.



An activity conversion chart is on the [website](#) so if your child does 15 mins of tennis, for example, this will roughly equate to 1 km. If you have a suitable App like Strava or Map my Ride you can use this to be more accurate with the distance of bike rides etc.

If you wish your child to take part, please send in £1 in a named envelope labelled with "Road to Rio" and they will be issued with a pedometer. The sooner you send it in the sooner they can start. At the end of the challenge, if they return the pedometer and their original completed sheet, the money will be returned, along with a prize for the successful completion. There may be a few spare pedometers so if there are any siblings or parents who might like to join in then let me know. I know a few parents have a fitbit (or similar) so why not set up your own team and take part. Further details can be found [here](#).

Active Festival

Saturday 11th July in Trowbridge Park 1:00-4:00 A free day of Extreme Sports, Food, Children's Activities, Health and Well-being. Organised by Active Trowbridge.