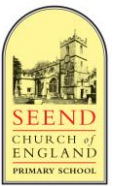




Seend Church of England Primary School News

October 2016



Mindsets Information Evening

The work we did with the children last year, with helping them develop a Growth Mindset, was very effective and will be built on this year. We would like to invite parents to an information evening on Wednesday November 9th at 6:00 when staff and children will help deepen your understanding of this. Knowing more about this approach will not only help you support your child's learning but also might help you overcome challenges too!

Harvest Festival

The service this year (Oct 20th at 10:00 in Church), is once again collecting food for Melksham Food Bank. Tins, packets and jars etc. of in-date, non-perishable [food items](#) are required. Please send food to school in a named bag so that it can easily be transported to Church. Parents who would like to walk to church with us, please meet in the playground at 9:40. Thank you on behalf of the foodbank.



Children missing P.E.

We always encourage children to join in every P.E. lesson to the best of their ability, even if they have a minor ailment, as we believe it helps build a "can do" attitude. A child will not be excluded from a P.E. session on their say so, but only on the specific instructions of the parent / carer. If you wish your child to be withdrawn from a P.E. lesson, or there is a condition that the staff need to be made aware of that affects their ability to fully participate in the lesson, please complete the form we have designed and return it to the class teacher. Teachers all have copies of this form, they are available in reception and also to [download](#) from the school website. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

Cake Sale for Syrian Children

Don't forget to support the cake sale on October 14th that some of the year 4 children have organised. Please send in either individual cakes, or large cakes that can be cut up. These will be sold to the children at break time for 30p a portion and any remaining will be sold off at the end of the day. Their thoughtfulness is a lesson to us all. Please note we do have a child in school with a nut allergy.



School Disco

FoSS are organising a school disco on 11th November from 6:15– 7:30. Keep a look out for the booking form that will be sent electronically to secure your child's place (and refreshment).

Help from all sides

We now have 3 bug hotels thanks to Nathan Clark and Adrian Biles-Wood for helping supply a mountain of pallets, and Mrs Gray's husband (Gary) who has put them all



together. We are now in the process of gathering together (with the children's help) the bits and pieces to fill the bug hotels with attractive nooks and crannies to attract a host of wildlife. Thanks to Mr Hiscocks we have a selection of buddleia to help attract some butterflies and some of us have also [registered](#)



for free wildflower seeds. I am sure we will be surrounded by bugs to study before we know it! We also have had a huge mud-kitchen built courtesy of Denis Phelan. Once the all-in-one waterproofs have arrived and some more old pots and pans etc. the children can explore and create to their hearts' content.



Thanks to Mr Cooper and Mr Robbins who have collected some rather large and heavy equipment for Holly Class outdoor area and finally, I am sure you will agree, the newly painted fence panels around Oak and Holly have really brightened up their outside areas. Thanks to Mrs Cooper, Mrs Barnett, Mrs Holley, Mrs Somers, Mr Bown, Mrs Langsford, Mr and Mrs Hill, Mrs Barrett and Mr Chalk.

Photographs

Individual and family photographs have been booked for Wednesday 19th October so make sure they are in their best school uniform. Pre-schoolers will be photographed first with their siblings (and individually if you wish) before we start to work our way through the school. Orders and payments will be made electronically. We have changed photographer this time and are now using Cardwell and Simons.



Operation Christmas Child

Coming home in time for half term, will be the Operation Christmas Child leaflets. Each year we encourage children and their families to fill a shoebox with appropriate gifts for a child in a poorer country. I have bought 50 purpose built boxes so if anyone doesn't have a shoe box, just ask in the office. Please do what you can to help us support this charity and encourage our children to think of those who are less fortunate. Thank you.



Christmas cards

You should soon be receiving a template for your child to complete with a design of their choice and for you to then order the Christmas cards and / or gift tags. Try to use bold colours and fill the template without going too close to the edges and avoid attaching any thick 3d stuff, glitter and other reflective materials! Order forms to be returned to school by Monday 17th October so that you receive the orders in plenty of time for Christmas! A very small number of spares are available in the main office for siblings if required. 25% of the proceeds go into school funds so everyone's a winner.

