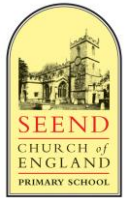




# Seend Church of England Primary School News

November 2016



## Netball Success

A huge well done to Coach Lythell and the netball team who won their first match of the season against Woodborough on 9<sup>th</sup> November. Rosie scored a fantastic goal which clinched the win from what was a very close match!

## Christmas fun

This year's Christingle service takes place at 18:00 on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, in Seend Church. The school are again taking the lead whilst working in collaboration with other organisations so it is very much hoped that as many families as possible can come.



We will be rounding off the year with a mufti day on December 16<sup>th</sup> (Christmas themed of course), there will be a cooked Christmas Dinner available and at 2:30 the term will be rounded off with a carol service in school.

## Shoe Boxes

Many thanks to those of you who have sent in shoe boxes for the children living in poorer countries. We have around 19 so far. The shoe boxes are being collected on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Ideas to put in the shoe boxes are: toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles, pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books, toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel, hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (best-before-date must be at least March of the following year).



## Hand washing

A recent survey in school showed that only 65% of our children always wash their hands after going to the toilet and only 54% of our children wash their hands before eating. In light of this, hand washing is going to be a whole school focus for us this year. The children have also entered a 'Naughty Bug' challenge where they designed a germ! The winning designs will win a 'glow and show kit' which aims to show how germs are spread throughout the environment.



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Friends of Seend School? There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's - it doesn't cost you a penny extra! It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

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Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of Seend School will be really grateful for your donations. Foss have set this up and are already raising money so if any of you shop online this is an easy way of raising money. Thank you for your support.

## Book Fair

From Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December there will be a Scholastic half price book fair in school. The cases of books will be opened 10 mins before school each morning and after school when the hall is not in use. All books will be half their marked price. Make the most of this great Christmas shopping opportunity.

## Reading Matters

We still have a small but significant number of children who are not reading daily at home. Children NEED to keep up this daily practice at every age so please support them in achieving this. There are lots of ideas in the front of the reading record to help support you in asking the right types of questions when listening to your child read.

## The Landlord's Cat

The children in Holly and Oak Class have already started learning the songs for their Christmas Nativity. The performances will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 6:30pm. Tickets will be coming home in the next few weeks. Please return any unwanted ones.

## Mrs Gray

As you are all aware, Mrs Gray will be leaving us on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. She is a huge asset to our school and will be missed by us all but we wish her well in her new venture! There will be a member of staff in the office between Mrs Gray leaving and a new person starting so please be patient during this period of transition.

## Christmas Fair

December the 2<sup>nd</sup> is the evening for fun and festivities as children can visit Santa in his amazing grotto and parents can buy a variety of presents and raffle tickets to pass away the hours. Other attractions include mulled wine, jewellery, tombola, books/toys etc. We will also be asking for the inevitable contributions to the raffle, hampers, tombola, bric-a-brac, toys and book stalls. In particular any contributions to the chocolate tombola and the lucky dip would be very well received. Please bring your friends and family to this popular fundraising event. Anyone who would like to have a stall themselves to sell things, or who would like to buy some advertising space, or anyone who has a spare hour or 2 to help set up and/or run the Fair should contact Mel Steel, Jenna Crossman or any other committee member (or just let Mrs Coleman know.)



