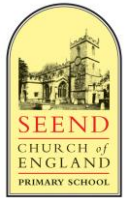




Seend Church of England Primary School News

December 2016



Shoe Box Total

Thank you to everyone who bought in shoe boxes. The boxes were collected on the 21st November and the grand total was 48 boxes which will help to make someone's Christmas a little more special.

Letters of Congratulations

We have received three letters of congratulations since September. The first one is from Nick Gibb, who is the Minister of State for School Standards. His letter congratulated us on our Year 1 phonics screening test. 95% of our children reached or exceeded the pass mark in the screening test, which puts Seend in the top 8% of primary schools in the country. We had another letter from Rebecca Clark who is the Regional Schools Commissioner for the South West. She has written to congratulate us on our KS2 results. The other letter is from Claire Perry, who is the M.P. for the Devizes Constituency, who has written to congratulate the Year 4 girls on organising a cake sale which raised £180 for Syrian refugees.

The Landlord's Cat

Whilst writing this newsletter this morning, I've propped the office door open so that I can hear the singing from Holly and Oak children. They have been busy rehearsing this week and it's sounding great! The performances will be on Tuesday 13th December at 2pm and 6:30pm. Tickets were sent home on Monday so please check your child's book bag. If you have any unwanted tickets, please return them to the office.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who gave their time to help set up, run and tidy up the Fayre. Thank you also to those of you who came along on the night. The total amount raised was over £1400 which is an amazing amount. Watch this space for more info on how the money will be spent.

Naughty Bug Competition

You may remember that in the last newsletter I mentioned that the children had entered a 'Naughty Bug' competition where they had to design a germ! I'm pleased to announce that we won the team category and have won the school a 'glow and show' kit. Issie Tucker, a Public Health Nurse specialising in Infection Prevention & Control, came to our assembly on Monday to hand out certificates and demonstrate how to use the glow and show kit. As well as winning the team event overall, there were also children who were highly commended for their designs.

Christmas fun

This year's Christingle service takes place at 18:00 on Thursday 8th 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 16th (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.

Activity Week

We are in the process of planning an activity week for next year which will take place from Monday 27th February – Friday 3rd March. We are still in the early stages of planning but the theme will be 'The Environment.' As part of this week, we are looking to 'spruce up' the wall outside Chestnut Class. We have an idea of what we want but will need some helpers to make it happen! If you can spare any time that week, please let Mrs Coleman know.



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...Go to the link below to join for free.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foseend/>

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.

Birds

Mrs Kettler and Oak Class have been enjoying a bit of bird watching lately (who wouldn't be?!) They have had Coal Tits, Long Tailed Tits and Jackdaws on their bird feeders.

And Finally

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. Please remember that Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th January 2017 are TD days so the first day back for children will be Thursday 5th January 2017.

