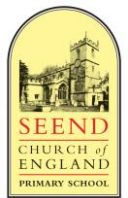




Seend Church of England Primary School News

January 2017



Welcome

Welcome back to the new term. I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. With the new term come two new employees. Firstly Helen Barker takes on the position of admin officer from Monday 9th January. Helen is a very experienced school admin officer so will very soon get her head around our office I am sure, but in the interim, please be patient. Secondly, Penny Boyce will also be in the office on a Tuesday afternoon and a Friday morning taking on the finance and budgetary aspects of the school.

T.D. Day reminder

School will be closed to pupils on Monday 20th February when staff will be attending ATOM wide training at Melksham Oak School looking into the "Art of Being Brilliant!"

Congratulations

Well done Sadie on raising £100 at the end of last term for Tickled Pink. The winner of the Guess the name of the Bear was Sam Wiltshire.

Lion's Club activities

On Monday 16th January, representatives from the local Lions' Club will be informing the children about the activities they will have on offer during their sports coaching weekend (April

1st & 2nd.) This is available for children from years 4 upwards and the children will bring home the relevant booking form. Further details in the meantime, can be found [here](#).

Cold spell ahead

The forecast is for some very cold weather ahead – please make sure the children are wrapped up well as we do expect them to go outside even when it is very cold.

In the unlikely event of snow please stand by your phones as you will receive a text regarding any likely school closure. Please ensure all your details are correct on our system to make sure you get this, and all other, necessary information.



Change to Gold Book date

Please note that there will no longer be a gold book assembly on 13th January. The new date for this is 27th January. Sorry if the change of date causes any inconvenience.

Save the Date

We will be holding an art exhibition of framed art work from each of the children on Friday 31st March from 3:00 – 4:00. All art work will be available for sale also so don't miss out on the chance to buy your child's framed masterpiece.



Adult learners

We like to make sure that staff here regularly receive relevant training so I thought you might like to know of training that is booked for some or all of our staff this term:

Paediatric first aid, restorative justice, Understanding Christianity, Early Years moderation, Yr 6 assessment up-dates, Learning Outside the Classroom

New Head Boy and Girl announced

A very well done to Bethany and Ollie who were great as head girl and boy during the autumn term. The badges have now been passed to Poppy N and Joseph who I am sure will do an equally great job.

Further donation



A big thank you to Mr and Mrs James and to Lock & Key who are responsible for a donation to Seend School. Mr and Mrs James took advantage of the promotion offered by Lock & Key which is namely – mention Seend School at the time of a valuation, and when the house sale goes through, we receive a percentage of the commission. Please pass this information on to any friends and family who are considering selling their house as this is easy money for the school.

Friends of Seend School meeting

The date of this next meeting is now Thursday 12th January at 7:00. The meeting will be held in Chestnut Classroom. All supporters are very welcome.

Primary School applications

Please note that the deadline for applying for a primary school place for reception 2017 is 15th January. After this you will be considered as a late applicant and with places being hotly contended, it is likely that all the places will have been allocated so don't delay.

Starting as we mean to go on.

With Helen taking over in the office, now seems a perfect time to tighten up on some practices. The number of late bookings for dinners means that rather than being able to utilise the system and print off one report with all the orders on, we are having to manually add late bookings on which defeats the purpose and adds an extra workload to an already very busy office. Therefore, to make sure all booking reports are quick and accurate we will be putting a lock down time on lunch orders after which no further amendments can be made. Please, therefore, make sure bookings are accurate and made on time. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding with this.