



# Seend Church of England Primary School News

February 2016



## New worship groups

In an effort to get children more involved in the planning and delivery of whole school worship, on Thursday I asked for any interested children to meet me at break time. I was absolutely delighted to have 25 children approach me straight away, keen to know more. I now have 28 children, ranging from year 2 to year 6, organised into 4 smaller groups, who over the coming weeks can get together, over a break or lunchtime, to discuss ideas and start formulating a plan. The first group will be delivering their act of worship on March 1<sup>st</sup>. I look forward to seeing how they get on – I will let you know.

## Fundraising News

### Easy fundraising

So far 39 supporters have raised around £240 for the school just by doing their online shopping through easyfundraising. If you haven't already registered then click [here](#) and then shop as normal. It really is that "easy"!

### Paid for by FoSS

Some lovely outdoor display boards and picture fans have been ordered and paid for by FoSS to help the children learn about the trees, plants, birds and mini-beasts they can find in the environment. Also some R.E. resources to support the children's understanding of Christianity and Islam. A huge thanks for the continued fundraising efforts of FoSS.

### Save the date

The next FoSS meeting is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7:00

### Cash for Trash

We have had another £86 for the contents of the clothing bank. Don't forget we also have printer cartridge recycling and cd/dvd recycling facilities here which all help raise money for the school with no extra cost or effort.



### Sainsbury's Vouchers

It is that time of year again when Sainsbury's are giving out vouchers when you shop in the store. Send any vouchers in with your child who can put it in the "communications" tin in their classroom or in the box outside my office. We are always able to get some great equipment this way (last year we got more playtime equipment) so please ask friends and family to help collect.

## Next year's TD days.



I have set the dates for the TD days in the next academic year and am giving you advanced warning of them here:

September 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2017, February 19<sup>th</sup> 2018, June 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 and July 25<sup>th</sup> 2018. They have also been put on the school calendar on the website.

### Polite reminder

Please remember that we offer a creche during celebration assemblies to allow children, parents and staff to enjoy each child's moment of fame without interruption or distraction. Some parents have expressed their disappointment recently, at not being able to hear the teacher's comments about their child's achievements. The creche allows the pre-schoolers to be their natural curious, wriggly and chatty selves whilst affording a suitably respectful environment in the hall where everyone can enjoy the occasion. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### Netball result

Mrs Lythell took the A and the B teams to the Melksham Schools' netball tournament on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Both teams played extremely well and had a mixture of wins, draws and losses. What I am most proud of though, was their attitude to one of their players who took a very nasty bump to their head. Her mother tells me that for the rest of the matches, they showed great concern and kept checking whether she wanted to come back into the game. Even the next day her team mates were asking if she was alright. This is what makes Seend School children winners in my eyes; not the score, but their care and concern for each other. We see evidence of this everyday.

## Healthy Lunch Box reminder

It can be difficult sometimes, to know what, and how much, to put into a child's lunchbox, especially if you are having to make them everyday!



For ideas on healthy lunch boxes for children, please click [here](#) and [here](#). Hopefully you will find some inspiration which will add some variety for you and them!

### Punctuality matters

We seem to have an increasing number of children arriving late for school. Please note that the school day starts at 8:45 prompt and that registration takes place within minutes of this time. Children are expected to be in class and in their seat / sat on the carpet by this time. By being late, not only do children miss some of the essential learning first thing, they also disrupt the rest of the class arriving when everyone else is settled. Learning to be punctual is a crucial attribute needed to be successful in the work place too so in every way it is important to be here on time. The hall door will be locked at 8:45 so it is important that the children arrive before this time.

### The Great British Spring Clean

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we are going to take part in the Great British Spring Clean. Some children from each year group will be selected to go litter picking in the village with an accompanying adult from 9:30 – 10:30. If any of you would like to join us then please let me know, especially any of our regular volunteers who are DBS checked as you can help supervise a pair of children.

