



Seend Church of England Primary School News

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OFSTED news

Well we knew that we were due an inspection from Easter 2017 but we weren't quite expecting the phone call on the first possible day! Ofsted inspections have changed since last time so what happens now is that the HMI inspector comes to do a short 1 day inspection to see if they feel the judgement from the previous inspection (in our case – Good) still stands. If, after that first day, the inspector has not finished finding the evidence or if they feel that the previous judgement might change (up or down!) then the inspection turns into a full, 2 day inspection. Our final report is not going to be out until June sometime (as all schools who joined the ATOM in 2015 were inspected at the same time and therefore our reports all have to come out together) but you will have no doubt noticed that the inspector did not return on the second day! I really must thank all those parents who completed the ParentView questionnaire. With 100% of parents who completed it stating that they would recommend the school to another parent – well that is just fantastic!

Book Fair Success

Thank you to those who purchased books from the Book Fair. Can you believe in those few days we took over £700 in book orders which has given the school £359 worth of commission. We will be able to use this to buy education books and resources to support teaching and learning which is amazing. Another Book Fair has been booked for November 21st. This one will be a half price book sale and will enable you to buy cheap books for Christmas.



Safeguarding issue

We have recently had a few occasions when children haven't turned up to an afterschool club that they are booked into. If your child is not going to attend a pre-booked session, either at Night Owls or an extra-curricular activity, please let us know in advance. We can't just presume they are with you so we have to follow it up if they are absent. It is much easier and safer if you could let us know first. Thank you for your co-operation.

More budding Authors

A while ago I informed you of the success of some of our pupils, in a short story writing competition. We have since heard of the success of 4 more pupils in a poetry writing competition, entitled "Once Upon a Dream". A very well done to Daniel, Joseph, Lily and Jessica all from Sycamore Class. I look forward to seeing their poems published in the anthology.

A polite request

Could we ask that when booking anything on ParentMail e.g. clubs, trips, lunches, Early Birds etc. that you pay at the time of booking. A lot of admin time is spent marrying up orders to payments and then chasing (and re-chasing) late payments. If this continues, we will have to consider putting a levy on late payments to cover the extra admin time taken to obtain overdue payments.

FoSS News

FoSS is looking for someone to co-ordinate the next school disco on June 9th. There are lots of parents able to help on the day and sort out catering but someone is needed to check the list of children booked, against children paid and give numbers to the catering manager (Justine Cooper!) Any interested people please make contact with one of the FoSS members or someone at the school.

If we want the school disco to continue then someone needs to step forward.

Talking of FoSS, many thanks to Dennis Phelan for making and putting up the new FoSS notice board.

Fidget toys

We have some children who are bringing in fidget toys to school. Fidget toys are designed for children with particular special needs so, unless your child having a fidget toy has been previously agreed with us and our Special Needs Co-ordinator, please make sure all fidget toys remain at home. Thank you.



Sainsbury's vouchers.

Keep the vouchers coming in please. Thank you to Sonja Nichols for counting them so far. Don't forget to ask friends and family to pass their unwanted ones on too. Now is the time for the final push before we put in an order.

Thank you to...

Mr Wiltshire who very kindly gave up a good hour of his time to put up the smaller basketball hoop for the younger children to play with. It was much appreciated. And also for volunteering with Mr Hiscocks to put up the new gate and some science boards. It is having such helpful and willing parents that make so much difference to the running of the school.

It's hotting up!

Please remember to make sure your child has a sports top water bottle in school each day – especially as the weather is getting warmer (she says hopefully).

The children are able to top their bottles up throughout the day but we are not in a position to keep giving out cups (plus the mess when they knock them over – well, you can imagine). We also have some red school caps / legionnaire caps in school to help. Just ask Helen in the office if you require any.



Yr 6 SATs completed

A very well done to our year 6s for approaching this gruelling week with determination and positivity whilst keeping it all in perspective.

No we can focus on the fun ahead – the school summer production. More details to follow...