



## Their work is an inspiration

A huge and heartfelt well done to all the children (supported by their parents) who completed the half term homework challenge. We have had an amazing array of work covering a real variety of subjects, current and historic. I am impressed by how many different inspirational women you found to research; I am aiming to get a display or two up by the beginning of next week to showcase some of their efforts. Hopefully you, and they, learned something new and feel inspired.

### Remembrance Sunday

Thank you to all the children and their families who accompanied me to church on Remembrance Sunday. It was lovely to see so many children in their uniform, representing the school so beautifully. I have put a picture on Twitter (@seendschool) and on the school website.



### New communications and payments

Over the next few days you will notice a different look to the emails and texts we send you, as well as a new form of electronic payments. We will no longer be using ParentMail for texts, emails or payments, so you can delete the APP from your phones if you were using it. For texts and emails we are going to be using Pupil Asset, which is the system we use for holding all the information about you and your children, including attainment data, addresses and attendance. We will send out a test email and text on the morning of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, at around 9:30 so let us know if you haven't received it. This newsletter will be the last communication using ParentMail.

### Mission Statement

I am almost ready to send out the new mission statement, now that it has been re-drafted. We looked very much at what is specific about the area that Seend School serves, and what sort of children attend the school, whilst also thinking about the needs of the world that we currently live in. It was that awareness that helped formulate a mission statement specific to Seend School in 2019. When you receive it, please let me know what you think.

### FoSS News

The next fundraising committee meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7:00 at The Barge Inn. At the last meeting there were only 2 members present, so unless more people attend, this very important service that the group provides will be lost. Please do take some time out to attend, if at all possible.

The Christmas Fair is on December 7<sup>th</sup>. You should all have received a booking form for your child to see Santa in his amazing grotto – don't forget to return it to guarantee your child a slot with the man in red.



### Reading

Don't forget to send back your slip regarding bedtime story evening by the beginning of next week so we can make sure there is enough biscuits and hot chocolate on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Leaflets have been sent home detailing the half price book sale that we will be holding next week too.



### Attendance

The school's attendance is currently at 98.17% which is great as this is higher than national. However there is still more to be done, as we have recorded 118 late minutes (when children have arrived after the registration period) and we have 3.6% of children recorded as persistently absent (less than 90% attendance). Please always do what you can to get your child to school, and book appointments and holidays in the 14 weeks the school is closed. If there are any problems, then please contact us for help.

### Operation Christmas Child

I have emailed you the details of how you can help provide Christmas Shoeboxes for a child in need. Please do what you can to help us support this charity. Completed boxes should be returned by Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you haven't got a box then you can still send in items to be included and we can take these to the depot for the staff to add to boxes that they have. Labels are available at school to identify if the box is for a girl or boy, and for what age. Thank you.



### Children in Need

The cake sale that the children from Sycamore wanted to do to raise money for the coca farmers families has been moved to 30<sup>th</sup> November as it clashed with Children in Need. So, for Children in Need, children can dress up in pyjamas or spotty clothes for the day (paying £1) and there will be a guess the name of the teddy and guess the number of sweets in the jar competition too at 50p a go. This is being organised by School Council and we shall get some great photographs of the day's events.



### Café Church

Mrs Rachel Burton will once again be looking for some children to take part in the next Café Church on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 for advent. Details and a slip to complete if your child is willing to help with the service went out to parents by email last week.