



Seal Newsletter

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Aspire, Believe and Achieve

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very positive launch of our Wild Beach curriculum with Years 2, 3 and 6 already heading down to the beach to learn about a vast array of curriculum areas—we hope the children have spoken about it as excitedly at home as they have in school! Last week we held training for our first tranche of parent experts who will be joining us on our beach trips. The feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly positive, with many of them wanting to do the training every week! A big thank you to those who have volunteered; if you are interested in joining this groups, please let us know at the Welcome Office so that your details can be passed on to Mr Lushington, Mrs Challen and Miss Bailey.

On the reverse of this newsletter you will find key dates for the term, plus another suggestion for beach activities you can do with your children. For those of you thinking about booking holidays for next summer, we have published term dates on the website. We shall be returning to school on Wednesday 7th September 2016, which should hopefully give you the opportunity to pick up a cheaper deal at the end of the summer holidays!

As always, if you have any questions you would like to ask about anything in the school, please come and see Mrs Snodin or myself and we will be happy to chat.

Matt Batchelor
Headteacher

Friends of Seal

Many thanks to FoS who, through fundraising activities last year, have been able to buy 14 laptops/tablets for use in class. Together with school funding we now have a set of 30 to use as a mobile ICT suite. FoS have also been able to fund other areas of the school, such as KS1 scooter racks, Y1 outdoor equipment and the school minibus. This great contribution is down to the hard work of the committee and the support from you all.

The committee is shrinking due to last year's Year 6 parents moving on and we desperately need your help to continue the great fundraising efforts. If you can spare a little time to join the committee, please can you contact FoS through their Facebook page or let the Welcome Office know.

Reading at home

Many thanks to all of you who read regularly at home with your children. As a parent, I know that finding the time for this can be tricky, however this is a crucial part of the homework we set our children and is the single most important thing you can do to help your child make progress. Please can I encourage all parents to find some time, no matter how small, each day to read with their children. All children who read 50 or more times each term receive a certificate and book voucher which are highly sought-after by your children. Those on Accelerated Reader (KS2) also have the chance of winning a Kindle, so your support in helping them achieve these awards is invaluable.

WILD BEACH ACTIVITY

SHELL/PEBBLE NECKLACES



Give your child a piece of string or ribbon which will be long enough to fit over their head when tied. Children explore the beach hunting for shells and pebbles with holes in which they can thread onto their string to create their own necklace (or belt if they don't fancy a necklace!). Stones with holes are called 'Mermaid Worry Stones' as legend has it that mermaids rub them when they are worried; hence wearing a hole through the middle! Of course, the reality is that they are worn by stones rubbing together and smaller stones getting stuck in the holes made, which then wear all the way through over time. Sometimes you may be lucky enough to find a stone with a smaller stone inside to demonstrate this to your children.

Our full book of activities will soon be published on our website, so please keep an eye out for it.

Key Dates

Autumn Half Term: Monday 26th October—Friday 30th October 2015

Travelling Book Fair: Thursday 12th November –Tuesday 17th November 2015

Parents Evenings: Tuesday 17th November 4.30pm -6.30pm
Wednesday 18th November 3.30pm -5.30pm

KS1 Nativity Play: Wednesday 2nd December 2015 -9.30am,1.30pm and 5pm

KS2 Christmas Carols at St Peters Church : Thursday 3rd December 2015 -10.00am and 1.30pm.

Friends of Seal Christmas Fair: Friday 4th December 3.30pm

Christmas Pantomime: Years Reception, 1,2, and 3 Wednesday 16th December 2015
Years 4,5,and 6 Thursday 17th December 2015

Last day of Autumn Term: Friday 18th December 2015

INSET DAYS Friday 23rd October 2015
Friday 12th February 2016
Monday 4th July 2016

The 2016/2017 School Year will start Wednesday 7th September 2016