



Seal Newsletter

November
2016

Aspire, Believe and Achieve

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Autumn term this year has flown by and we are now busy preparing for our Christmas performances! Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend parents' evening and for the feedback you have given us, we will very shortly publish the results of our parent questionnaire on the school website for you to peruse.

We have had lots of exciting events on this term for our children. Year 5, as part of their Victorian topic wrote to and applied for jobs at Preston Manor and went on their visit last week. Year 4 have taken part in their alien dressing up day and had a planetarium visit them at school. Year R are having a visit from some owls this week as part of their work on the book 'Owl Babies'. Year 5 have also been working on an "Ideas in to Action" project, where they have planned an idea for the local community, prepared presentations to the local council are presenting their ideas to the whole of Key Stage 2 in preparation for a vote. We will let you know the outcome of this project very soon. All of these exciting events have complimented the work the children have been doing on their topics.

Sadly, at the end of this term, Mrs Weller our Admin and Finance Officer will be leaving us. Mrs Weller has been a part of our Seal team for many years both as a parent and a member of staff. She has shown so much care to our children over the years through her first aid work and is always on hand with a plaster when needed! Mrs Weller will be missed by all staff and children, however we wish her all the very best for the future.

Our annual Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 2nd December from 3.15pm onwards. We will have lots of stalls for you to buy your Christmas presents from, the school choir will be singing at 3.45pm and Father Christmas will also be making an appearance! Please come and join us if you can.

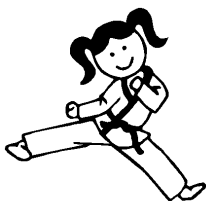
We look forward to welcoming you all to our Christmas celebrations.

As always, many thanks for your support,

Melanie Snodin

Sama Karate lessons

The last karate lesson for this term will be on Friday 9th December. The lessons will recommence on Friday 6th January.



Attendance

Our attendance currently stands at below 96% which is a significant decrease from the year before and may have an impact on OFSTED's judgement on the school when they next visit. We wanted to remind you that **West Sussex do not allow us** to authorise any holidays.

If you have any concerns or issues regarding attendance that you would like support on or further information, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Snodin or Mrs Gosden via the office.

Pebble Shades

Here is another wild beach activity for you to try at home. Enjoy!

How many different shades of pebble can you find?
Build up a rainbow of rocks, sorted according to colour.
Is the colour related to size, hardness or any other property of a pebble?
Can you mix paint to match the colours?



SPORTS NEWS!

Our school has received, for the 2nd year running, the Gold Award from the Sainsbury's Schools Games Mark scheme! This is the highest award schools can be awarded for their work in sport and PE. Congratulations to Mr Sherlock and all of the children who have worked so hard towards this.



..and finally...



The days are getting colder, wetter, shorter and generally more wintry. Therefore, please could you remind children to put coats on and bring gloves and hats on cold days. Watching children come in without coats is beginning to make me shiver!!!

KEY DATES

Wednesday 7th December 2016 9.30am, 1.30pm, 5.00pm
KS1 Nativity performances

Thursday 8th December 2016 10.00am and 1.30pm
KS2 Carol Services

Friday 2nd December 2016
Christmas School Fair- 3.15pm start.

Wednesday 14th December 2016
Whole School Christmas Dinner

Friday 16th December 2016

Last day of Autumn Term.

Tuesday 3rd January 2017

First day of Spring Term, children return to school.