

Head Teacher Newsletter February 2019

Homework = Home Learning

Thank you to all parents who took part in the homework questionnaire that went out last term. We had a huge response! All of the responses as well as views taken from the children and staff has helped us form our new home learning procedure which can be found in the policy section on the school website.

From T4 children will be having the following weekly home learning:

Reception: Daily reading, letters of the week, suggested activities for learning at home

Year 1 and 2: Daily reading, number bonds/ times table practice, spelling

Year 3 and 4: Daily reading, times table practice, spelling

Year 5 and 6: Daily reading, times table practice, spelling (and specific SATs revision for Y6)

Children in Years 1-6 will be given 8-10 spellings per week and a specific times table they will need to be focusing on.



GOING PAPERLESS REMINDER

Just a reminder to all parents that from **T4** Sea Mills Primary will be going **totally paperless!** This means all letters and newsletters will be sent via email unless paper copies are requested.

You may have already been receiving emails from the school, if not it may mean your email address is not working or emails have bounced back. If this is the case, please double check with the office and update your email address.

Payments and consent for trips: This can all be done via the school gateway app which can be downloaded for free from any app store.

Website: The school website contains a wealth of information from dates to policies. Please check the website regularly for up to date information.
www.seamillsprimary.org.uk



Important Dates

February

25th—INSET DAY

26TH- TERM BEGINS FOR CHILDREN

28th- COW Day (8.45 - 9.15 and 2.45- 3.15)

March

1st March—Y6 Life Skills Trip

4th—2pm PTFA Meeting

6th—Parents evening
3.20pm—6.00pm

7th—World Book Day
(Dress up as a book character)

11th -ECO Week

12th—Parents Evening
3.20pm—7.00pm

13th—6pm Standards Gobs

14th— PTFA Cake Sale

15th—Comic Relief (Wear something funny for money 50p)

18th—RSE Week

25th—Staff Well Being Week

28th- Mother's Day Lunch

Snug

Last week our new amazing playground equipment was delivered!

This week the children have all been playing with our new Snug playground kit which will transform our playground further into a creative, social space for play and learning.

Have a look at what the children have already been up to using the new kit!



 **Join us for Mother's Day Lunch!**

We would like to invite all Mothers, Grandmothers and Guardians to join your children for a Mothers Day Lunch on

Thursday 28th March.

If you wish to join us, RSVP by

Thursday 28th Feb



This term we have reached our school attendance target!

Thank you all for your support, lets make sure we stay on target!



Attendance

Polite Notices

Aggressive behavior: Sadly we have had a couple of incidents of aggressive behavior towards staff and other parents in the playground. We just want to remind parents that this is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Any incidents of aggressive behavior will result in a school site ban.

Not sure what to do when you child is unwell?

The HANDi Paediatric app gives up-to-date advice about common childhood illnesses and how to treat them.



Governor Development Day

A note from our chair Jenny Winfield...

This term the Governing Body held its annual governor day in school. From our arrival at 8am, we were fortunate enough to talk to pupils, parents/carers and staff as well as witnessing classroom experiences from the children's perspective from Early Years to Yr6

The information we obtained from the day will give us a better understanding of how the school operates on a daily basis, so that we can better support Mrs Randall and our fantastic staff team to better achieve improved outcomes for all our community. It will also help us improve our practice as governors and have more of an impact on the school through our meetings.

Thanks to all of you who took the time to talk to us and to the school for hosting us for the day - we thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of the experience.

Staff feedback from the day - all are excited about the new curriculum and very positive about working in our school with our children.

Family feedback from the conversations we had - vast majority agreed that their children are happy here and felt safe. Vast majority of families would recommend our school to another family.

From being in the school we saw excellent behavior from our pupils, both in and out of classes. All children were happy and engaged in their learning.



PTFA Update

With funds raised from Christmas Fayre, we are delighted to announce that we have just **donated £800** to the school, to buy new reading books for every class, and new books and toys for the Nursery. We are also continuing to focus our efforts on raising money for more outdoor play equipment through grant funding. We are part of the co-op fund, and **YOU** can help raise money for our school **NOW** by signing up as a co-op member and voting for our school to increase the percentage of donations we receive!

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/30892>

We had a very popular cake-sale 2 weeks ago which **raised £82** - thanks to all the parents who baked, and to those who have pledged to bake for our **next cake sale on Thursday 14th March**.



All are welcome to our **next PTFA meeting Monday 4th March 2-3pm** in the meetings' room, to plan our upcoming Easter Extravaganza...



Stay in touch via the PTFA Sea Mills Primary facebook group, or email seamills.ptfa@bristol-schools.uk to join our mailing list.