

October 2021

Monthly Head Teacher Newsletter

Dear Families,

What a brilliant first month we have had back this academic year. We have already had so much going on in school! Bikeability in Years 5 and 6, our first school trip as well as visitors and of course the return of assemblies.



We have all been incredibly impressed how the children have returned to a more 'normal' school environment.

It is so wonderful to see the children socialising and mixing with each other again, making new friendships and re-establishing those important life skills e.g. problem solving, conflict resolution, relationship building etc.

We have lots planned for the month of October during which we will celebrate all aspects of Diversity. We will end this with a 'Walking Exhibition' where parents will be able to collect their children from 2.45pm to walk around the exhibition together. Please see the email sent at the beginning of term for further details.

Extra Curricular Activities

There are still a few spaces left in **choir** for children in years 2-6. It's on a Monday from 3:15 – 4 and is free. There is also still some space if your child is interested in **guitar/ukulele or woodwind instrument lessons**. These are not provided by school staff so need to be paid for but if your child is entitled to free school meals the school would be able to pay part of the cost. Please contact the office for more details.



KEY DATES

October 2021

1st – Diversity Month Begins

1st - Y6 Bikeability Group 2

12th – Harvest Festival @ St Edyths 10am

13th – Full Governing Body Meeting 6pm

14th – PTFA Bingo 3.20pm

20th – Diversity Month Walking Exhibition
2.45pm (collect children from classrooms)

22nd –Half Term Begins

31st – Secondary School Applications Deadline

November 2021

1st – Term Begins

4th – Spooky Family Disco

4th to 9th – Diwali Festival

15th – Anti Bullying Week

16th – Parents Evening (arrangements TBC)

19th – Children in Need

24th – Parents Evening (arrangements TBC)

PTFA

Dear Parents, Teachers, Friends and all people who are a part of the Sea Mills primary community,

I am pleased to have taken up the position of chair of the trustees of the PTFA and look forward to building on the excellent work of my predecessors, to further our activities and their positive impact around the school. I'd like to thank the last two chairs Ruth and Jodi who have done a great job of delivering many popular events and the new Trym Trail at the school and have kept steward of the PTFA over the pandemic.

I am excited to introduce the new team of trustees for the PTFA. They are:

Chair - myself, Niles Newberry
Vice Chair – Jodi Dowse
Co Treasurers – Ben Packham and Beth Deverson
Secretary – Andrew Kinnear

We are seeking suggestions and ideas on what the PTFA should focus on moving forward and would love to hear from you. Please use the following links to share them with us.

Ideas for activities or events
<https://bit.ly/3AV6nes>
Ideas for funding causes:
<https://bit.ly/3CXxm9L>

In the short term, we are organising another bingo session for kids to practice with numbers and win prizes, so save the date – 14th October 3:15 to 4pm in the school hall! We have also begun planning for the Christmas Fayre.

We always welcome anyone who is willing to volunteer for a good cause. It's a great way to gain some experience or deploy your skills.

Please get in touch at seamillsprimary@bristol-schools.uk or say hello at the school if you are interested to learn more, we have opportunities large and small!
See you around.

Niles

Meal Manners

At lunchtime, we have noticed that some children are not using their cutlery correctly or at all. Can we ask parents to support us at home by reinforcing table manners and the use of cutlery – we will do our bit too!

Homework

Please ensure you are supporting your child at home with their homework. All children should be reading at home daily, practising their spellings and practising their number bonds or times tables. Please check your children's class newsletters and book bags for their latest homework.

Winter is coming...

As Autumn is now officially here please remember to send children in with warm/water proof coats and if wet a change of shoes. We will be sending children out to play in all weathers so please ensure they have some protection from the elements.

Names in Jumpers/Coats!

It would be a massive help if you could write names in jumpers and coats. Even just a first name on a label with a biro will do!

Spooky Family Disco

Come along for Music,
Games and FUN on
Thursday 4th Nov



5- 6.30PM

Adults Free £1 per child
(children must be supervised)

Refreshments from 50p

@ Sea Mills Primary

Family Fun Bingo

Thursday 14th
October

3.20 - 4.20 pm

50p per Bingo sheet
Children's prizes
Pay on the day cash or card
Refreshment from 50p