

December 2021



## Monthly Head Teacher Newsletter

Dear Families,

We are well into our busiest term and dare I say it the Christmas season preparations are well underway: nativities, Christmas markets etc...

Learning is still our main priority and children will be well into their latest Curious City Enquiries becoming scientists, mathematicians, artists etc!

Year 4 had their Ancient Civilisation dress up a couple of weeks ago to launch their latest enquiry; it was quite a shock being confronted first thing by a tall bearded Viking aka Mr Johnston! The children are very excited about the learning and exploration to come.

Our Eco Council have been making great progress working towards the prestigious 'Green Flag' award. I was quizzed on the 12/11 about how staff got to work, who provides our water and a number of other things - my answers as well as their other information gathering will feed into their action plan! Mrs Hodnett has taken over the leadership of our Eco Council and is working on some real exciting ideas. Keep an eye on our pupil voice page on the website for more news.

In other exciting news some of our Year 3 children were on the local radio! James Hanson from BBC Radio Bristol come in on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and asked our Year 3 children for their views on some of the local news stories. If you missed it a recording of it can be found here: [Events: 2021-22 - Sea Mills Primary School](#). I thought they gave some very sensible and adorable responses 😊



### KEY DATES

#### December 2021

1<sup>st</sup> – Y6 Height and Weight Checks with school nurse

1<sup>st</sup> – Reception Nativity @ St Edyths

6<sup>th</sup> – Y3/4 Christmas Trail

6<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Graffiti Workshop

8<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Outdoor Christmas Market

8<sup>th</sup> – 6pm Full Governing Body Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> – Wear Christmas Jumper to school (£1.00 donation)

13<sup>th</sup> – Festive Biscuits Day (Chartwells event)

15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner Day – (see flyer at end of newsletter)

17<sup>th</sup> – End of Term

#### January 2022

3<sup>rd</sup> – Bank Holiday

4<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day – no children

5<sup>th</sup> – Term Begins for children

21<sup>st</sup> – INSET Day – no children

Attendance Figure of the Term:  
**94% needs improving**

(Local Authority Target is 95%)

## Safeguarding Notices

### Emergency Contacts

We require at least 2 emergency contacts for all children.

Please ensure you have provided at least 2 emergency contact details and check your contact information is up to date to ensure you do not miss out on any important information and updates.

### Prevent

It's never easy to start a serious conversation with a child about extremism and racial hate. Choose a place your child feels at ease and make it a time when you're unlikely to be interrupted. A good time to raise the subject is when it's relevant, perhaps when you both see something on TV about extremism. Use this [EAH Parents-Booklet](#) and/or website <https://educateagainsthate.com/parents> to help support you to have those conversations

### School of Sanctuary

We are very proud to say that we are working towards the School of Sanctuary status. A School of Sanctuary is a school that is committed to being a safe and welcoming place for all, especially those seeking sanctuary. This could be people whose lives were in danger in their own country, who have troubles at home or are just looking for a space of safety.

A School of Sanctuary is a school that helps its children, staff and wider community understand what it means to be seeking sanctuary and to extend a welcome to everyone as equal, valued members of the school community. It is a school that is proud to be a place of safety and inclusion for all.

## School Learning Council (SLC)

This year so far, School Learning Council reps have stood in front of their classes to be voted into their positions. Once the vote was complete, we have discussed the ideas on what we would like to fundraise for. We decided that we would like some new board games and wet play games in our classrooms!

In our most recent meeting, we have thought of some fundraising ideas. In term 3, we are actually going to start the fundraising! We will see how much we need then we will raise the money by doing lots of different events. We can't wait to get started!



## Support for SEND

Please have a look at our new Inclusion Padlet - It contains lots of resources, videos and advice on supporting different areas of need, including information about services in Bristol. Do check back regularly for updates and please contact the SENDCo, Kat Billingham, if you have any suggestions for us to add. Click the link below or visit the SEND section of the school website.

[Sea Mills Inclusion Padlet](#)

***Children in Need:  
We raised £412.83!  
THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR  
DONATIONS!***



# Maths Week 8/11/21 to 12/11/21



## Anti-Bullying Week

In the second week of November we celebrated **Anti Bullying Week** in support of the [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#). Many of our children and staff wore odd socks to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November to help spread awareness. During this week all classes had a specific focus on learning about all aspects of bullying, the consequences of bullying and how you can find help and support if you are being bullied and how we deal with bullying at Sea Mills.

'Bullying is behavior by an individual or group, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally. Bullying can take many forms (for instance, cyber-bullying via text messages, social media or gaming, which can include the use of images and video) and is often motivated by prejudice against particular groups, for example on grounds of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, special educational needs or disabilities, or because a child is adopted, in care or has caring responsibilities. It might be motivated by actual differences between children, or perceived differences.'

Unfortunately, like all schools we do sometime have bullying, BUT we ensure that bullying is tackled swiftly, support given and with a zero tolerance approach. A copy of our most recent Anti Bullying Policy can be found on our schools website [Anti-Bullying-Policy-March-2021.pdf \(seamillsprimary.org.uk\)](#).

We regularly conference our children on how they feel at school so we can continue to improve our school environment. Last term we conducted a school life questionnaire. Here are some of our findings:

I feel safe when I am at school: +90%

There is an adult I can talk to if something is worrying me: +95%

Behavior in my lessons is good: +90%

Teachers help me do my best: +95%

I enjoy learning at Sea Mills: +95%

Teachers listen to what I have to say: +90%

School helps us look after our mental health, physical health: +90%

School encourages me to be respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally: +95%

I think you'll agree that this is an extremely positive picture especially with the disruption of the last 2 years. Parent's sharing a positive picture of education and school life really helps children get the most out of their education. If you speak positively about school then so will your little ones!



# Christmas Market

At Sea Mills Primary School

Sea Mills Primary School PTFA  
invites you to join us for festive  
fun, including Santa's Grotto, Elf  
Trail and much more.

**Date: Wednesday 8th December**

**Time: 3:15 - 4:30pm**

**Where: School Playground**





# Christmas Raffle

**Loads of prizes to be won.**

The Draw will be held at the Christmas Market on the 8th December. Buy your tickets at the school office! Top prizes include:



Meal at The Hideaway (£50)



Woods Family Butcher Voucher



Entry for 4 at Ninja Warrior (£54)



Taster at Back2Basics Forest School (£16)



Slimbridge Wetlands Ctr Entry: 2 Children (£17)

As well as: Rock Climbing, Go Karting, Dominoes Pizza, Sunday Lunch at Mill House, Massage at Collistear...

... and so many more!



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## CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Avonmouth Projects Group are selling trees ranging from 5ft - 8ft to help raise money for our annual Santa Tour! All money raised goes towards the running costs of the event, as we are all volunteers! Pre-order your tree on our website, or come down and buy on the night! We take cash and card, and can arrange to deliver locally.

**Reasonably priced at £30 - £40!**



## WINTER WONDERLAND

We've created our very own Inflatable Winter Wonderland in Avonmouth, which we'd love you to all come and see. We'll be selling our Christmas Trees by our festive display, so please do come and have a look! Opening hours will be confirmed on our Facebook, but expect us to be there every evening and weekend from 27 November - 17 December!

We are located on our plot of land along the Portway, at BS11 9NX, nearby to Avonmouth Football Club. Easy access for both pedestrians and vehicles on the main road.

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## SANTA TOUR 2021

**AVONMOUTH: 17 DECEMBER**

**SHIREHAMPTON: 18 DECEMBER**

**LAWRENCE WESTON: 18 DECEMBER**

**SEA MILLS & COOMBE DINGLE: 19 DECEMBER**

**Check our Facebook and Website for route details!**





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**COME AND  
JOIN US FOR  
A TASTY  
FESTIVE  
MENU!**



We have whipped up  
some super yummy  
treats in the kitchen -

join us on

**15/12/21**

Ensure you  
order by 6/12/21  
via email

**DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL  
PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 OR YEAR 2.**

**PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE  
INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP TODAY!**