

March 22

Monthly Head Teacher Newsletter

Dear Families,

We have had another brilliant term here at Sea Mills and the small period of warm weather has certainly picked everyone up. All classes made the most of the fine weather by taking their learning outdoors: children have read, drawn, solved maths problems and observed nature in the sun!

Every year we have a pair of ducks return to our pond; this year, I have built them their very own duck house, yes, I can be quite handy with a screwdriver! Some of our Year 4 children regularly check in on them – at a respectable distance of course. Maybe this year we will have ducklings.

Over the final 2 terms, we will be asking parents for their views on a number of school life aspects. Your responses will feed into the review of a number of important school policies. You will have received a questionnaire (please check book bags) about Equality and Diversity. We are currently reviewing our Equality objectives and your views and opinions are central to this. Spare copies can be obtained from the school's office. All views are anonymous and confidential. We asked for responses to be in by Friday 1st April but will extend this to the end of term 8th April.



KEY DATES

April

8th Term Ends

25th INSET DAY

27th Standards Governors

29th Class Newsletters out

May

2nd May Bank Holiday

3rd Term Begins

4th Resources Governors

5th Deaf Awareness

9th KS2 SATs Week

16th Y5/6 Camp

16th Walk to School Week

23rd Science Week

25th Sports Day

Attendance Figure of Term 4:
93% needs improving

(Local Authority Target is 95%)

Absences related to COVID are NOT
calculated in our figures

Updated attendance policy can be found on
the website

What is SEND?

Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) can affect a child or young person's ability to learn. They can affect their:

- behaviour or ability to socialise, for example, they struggle to make friends
- reading and writing, for example, because they have dyslexia
- ability to understand things
- concentration levels, for example, because they have ADHD
- physical ability

What support your child could receive (not an inclusive list):

- a special learning program
- extra help from a teacher or LSA (1:1)
- working in a smaller group
- observation in class or at break
- help taking part in-class activities
- extra encouragement in their learning, for example, to ask questions or to try something they find difficult
- help to communicate with other children
- support with physical or personal care difficulties, for example eating, getting around school safely or using the toilet

What does having a 1:1 or 1:1 time mean?

Having a 1:1 does not mean that a specifically named adult is solely responsible for your child or will be working with your child 100% of the time.

A 1:1's role is to encourage and support your child to grow in **independence**. This could mean encouraging them to work independently, leading groups with other children, taking a step back and observing, taking time to plan and prepare resources as well as working with other children completely.

Who is Miss Billingham?

Miss Billingham is our school SENCO she is responsible for overseeing the overall provision of all children with additional needs. **Your child's class teacher will always be your first point of call for any questions about what support is in place, what support has changed or ended. We operate on an open-door policy so if you would like an update or have any concerns please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or request to meet with the SENCO if you require more information.**

RED NOSE DAY

Thank you to our parents and children who all donated to Red Nose day and bought a fabulous Red Nose! A thank you to our School Learning Council who arranged the day!

We raised an amazing:

£249.45



Swimming Sensation

Our very own Thomas Franklin from Y6 has completed the ultimate challenge by swimming over 2650m in an hour and 10 minutes. He raised over £1000 for Sea Mills, which he will generously put towards our outdoor play equipment!

"I could have swum further but the time run out! I really enjoyed the challenge," Says Thomas! Thomas made the very special announcement with mum on Monday morning via our school tannoy system.

Well done Thomas! You are AMAZING!



School Uniform

We are consulting on our school uniform policy. We believe that school uniform plays a key role in:

- promoting the ethos of Sea Mills
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education

From autumn, schools are required to help keep costs down by taking steps to remove unnecessary branded items and allowing more high-street options, like supermarket own-brand uniforms.

We would welcome your views around the affordability and availability of uniform for our school.

Please visit the Padlet to share any comments you have.

[Click here for Padlet](#) or scan QR code



‘Meet your neighbours’ event

Wednesday 27 April at Sea Mills Library
Drop in from 5.30 – 7.30pm

Join us for the launch of the Community Plan. It’s also an exciting opportunity to find out more about the activities going on to make this area a thriving and friendly place to live. If you’re running clubs, businesses or events in the area, or you’re looking to join in with some community activities in future, please do come along, and let your neighbours know too!



www.seamillsandcoombedingle.com



Blaise Museum

WHAT'S COMING UP

Museum entry and events are all free – donations welcome

Big Blaise Open Day

Sat 2 Apr, 11am – 4pm

Storytelling, family crafts, house tours and much more!

Drop-in Easter Crafts

Wed 13 Apr, 11am – 3pm / Wed 20 Apr, 11am – 3pm

Get into the Easter spirit with crafty activities for the whole family.

Blaise Museum

Open 11am – 4pm Thursday to Sunday
(plus Tuesday and Wednesday during
Bristol school holidays)

bristolmuseums.org.uk

On the Blaise Estate

Blaise Community Gardens

Open Mon, Wed and Sat, 10am – 2pm

Blaise Plant Nursery Open every day, 10am – 4pm

Blaise Castle Sat 2 Apr, 2pm – 4pm

See friendsofblaise.co.uk for further opening times.



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Sea Mills Care currently has vacancies in Sea Mills, Shirehampton, Lawrence Weston, Henleaze, Avonmouth, Southmead, Westbury-on-Trym & surrounding areas.

Sea Mills Care are looking for motivated, caring individuals, who would like to make a positive impact by supporting people in their own homes.



The right candidate will be flexible, trustworthy, and passionate about delivering care to our clients. We are now looking to add new members to our teams and continue with our growth!

With new pay structures and an improved mileage rate, enquire today regarding a position! We are looking for Care Assistants to work starting from 7am – 10pm, with split shifts or full day shifts available 7 days a week.

You will have contracted hours from 8 hours - 40 hours per week.

Daily tasks of a Care Assistant:

- Personal Hygiene ~ Supporting individuals in their homes.
- Assisting with mobility ~ helping with daily exercise
- Manual Handling ~ with all aspects of transfers (full training provided)
- Medication ~ Overseeing the client with their medication (training will be provided)
- Household ~ General tidying of immediate areas, light duties, clothes washing etc.
- Meal Preparation ~ Breakfast, Lunch, Tea & Super, meeting client nutritional needs

The Position will offer:

- Full time/Part Time/Rolling Rotas/Flexible Working Hours
- Competitive hourly rates paid at £10 - £10.20 per hour.
- Additional hourly rate for travelling in between calls, so it is a Travel time payment at the same hourly rate of £10+ per hour.
- Mileage between calls paid at 32p per mile
- Teamwork – We promote the importance of working together
- QCF Qualification gain a qualification in care with our support & guidance
- Career Progression, progress with Sea Mills Care as we grow
- Supportive Management Team, always here to offer help and advice
- Pension Scheme
- Free Training
- Free DBS check
- Refer a friend bonus scheme.

Based on working a 40-hour week a care salary would equivalent to around £21000 - £23,000+ per annum.

Sea Mills Care will provide full training before starting to ensure that our Carers are fully up to date with the latest skills and requirements. This will ensure our Carers are fully equipped for their role. Additional training can be arranged to help with the progression of our staff.

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