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On behalf of all staff and governors we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all your support this year. The partnership we share with you is invaluable to your children. Have a peaceful break.

Co head teachers, Mrs Pearce and Mrs Newton

Primary School League Tables: As you might be aware from the news, the primary school league tables were released yesterday with the official SATs results from 2018.

You can view them at: <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk>

If you then search by local authority, you can compare Seely's results to the other 92 Nottingham city schools with Key Stage 2 pupils. It is worth mentioning that when compared we were:

- 50th out of 92 schools for the percentage of pupils achieving reading + writing + maths at the expected standard
- 19th out of 92 schools for the percentage of pupils achieving reading + writing + maths at the higher standard
- 12th out of 92 schools for progress in reading (reading progress is labelled as above average)
- 38th out of 92 schools for progress in writing (writing progress is labelled as average)
- 3rd out of 92 schools for progress in maths (maths progress is labelled as well above average)
- Above the national results for the percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard in reading and maths
- Above the national results for the percentage of pupils achieving the higher standard in reading, writing and maths

We are really pleased with these results as they reflect the hard work from all staff in school to ensure that children leave at the end of Key Stage 2 having made good progress from their starting points. We are continuing to work hard to embed the good practices which enabled us to achieve these results.

School Punctuality: Though most children have achieved good punctuality since the start of term (including many arriving on time every day), there has been a very significant number of late arrivals, with some children arriving late several times (and more than thirty arriving late on occasion!).

Good time-keeping is essential in allowing children to achieve their full potential at school. Those who arrive even a few minutes late start the day at a disadvantage: they suffer the discomfort of joining an activity which has already started, losing some of their own learning time.

Timely arrival can of course be a challenge at times, particularly where there may be more than one child for a family to consider (sometimes at different schools) and where parents may also have work commitments; but do continue to aim high with punctuality – a modest change to the morning routine to help eliminate those 'just lates' (including a slightly earlier start if you travel by car and wet weather brings its predictable increase in traffic) will soon pay dividends. From next term we will be looking at opportunities to reward those with the best punctuality.

Foundation Stage Playhouse Performance: Foundation Stage are having a visit from the Nottingham Playhouse Performance of 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' on Wednesday 16th January. You can pay for this either via the school app or by using a paypoint voucher.

School Milk: If your child turns 5 years of age this coming term you will need to register and pay for their milk via the secure website www.schoolmilk.co.uk. Once you have paid and the order has been authorised, their milk will be delivered to the school on a daily basis. If you have any questions please contact School Milk UK on 01924 908499 or by email at admin@schoolmilkuk.co.uk.

Please help us by saving Christmas wrappings for LIGHT NIGHT art! We would like to use recycled materials as much as possible for our SPACE themed art so we need the following:- Cellophane, tissue, ribbons, coloured plastic, glitter, sequins, coloured sparkles, old tinsel & foil decorations. Please take these to your class teacher or Mrs. Schwanz in 2S. Thanks

Parent Liaison Worker: Lorraine Boddy 07566 733409

CHRISTMAS FAIR: It was busy!! Due to rain unfortunately we had to have everything inside which meant the congestion inside was increased – apologies for this. We did raise approximately £850 which is fantastic. Thank you to everyone who came – we hope you enjoyed it. We would like to thank everyone for making cakes, and their donations for the tombola and coloured hampers which looked amazing. Events like this take a lot of time to organise and run on the day – we would like to say a massive ‘Thank you’ to all of those volunteers who have wrapped, stuffed, sorted raffle prizes, sold raffle tickets, folded tombola and raffle tickets, counted money, set up and cleared up on the day. This wouldn’t have taken place without you – you are truly a dedicated bunch of people who do an amazing job for the school and make it the place it is. We are always needing people to help with school events so if you would like to get involved please email me at lorraine.boddy@seely.nottingham.sch.uk or ring me on 07566733409.

FOS CHRISTMAS / CELEBRATION CARDS: Again another mammoth undertaking for 2 of our volunteers – this year approximately £700 has been raised by Seely taking part in this initiative. We hope you and your family and friends all loved your cards, mugs, bags and tea towels. Thank you to everyone who supported this project.

SHERWOOD ROTARY CLUB SWIMATHON: Seely School has again signed up for this exciting event which will take place on Saturday March 2nd. Is anyone – children and adults - interested in taking part in this event. Last year we had 4 teams of 6 swimmers taking part and we had a one hour timeslot and raised over £1000! If you are interested in taking part this year please email me at lorraine.boddy@seely.nottingham.sch.uk or ring me on 07566733409. Thanks

Date for your diary: On the morning of Saturday 19th January we will be running a family workshop at Djanogly Gallery Lakeside Arts Centre. We will be doing some art activities around the Harold Gilman exhibition. <https://www.lakesidearts.org.uk/exhibitions/event/3872/harold-gilman-beyond-camden-town.html>

I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas. Lorraine x



Our pupils in KS2 choir & Area Band thoroughly enjoyed performing at the Nottingham music hub's celebration called Christmas in the City. They watched solo & group performances and were inspired to keep singing and playing their instruments. This sell out event was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Year 5 and 6 concert – carols on the yard: Tues 18th Dec – 3.10 to approx. 4.00pm. Feel free to come and go before and after picking up your other children.

Monday 17th December

Year 3 Christmas Party

Tuesday 18th December

Year 4 Christmas Party

UKS2 Christmas Carols on the Playground 3.10pm

Wednesday 19th December

**Year 5 Christmas Party
FS/KS1 Christmas Party**

Thursday 20th December

Year 6 Christmas Party



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018

UKS2 CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Tues 18th December



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Mon 24th December—
Thurs 3rd January 2109

INSET DAY

Fri 4th January 2019

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Fri 15th February 2019

HALF TERM

Mon 18th February—

Fri 22nd February

EASTER HOLIDAY

Mon 8th April—Mon
22nd April

MAY DAY

Mon 6th May

HALF TERM

Mon 27TH—Fri 31st
May

INSET

Mon 3rd June

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Mon 29th July—Mon
2nd September