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SEELY PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Parents Meeting about Year 4 Residential: There will be a meeting to discuss the Year 4 Residential trip arrangements on 8th March, 3.45 in KS2 Hall. If your child is going on residential please do try to attend as important information will be discussed.

Attendance Advice / Info: Though we have a significant number of children whose attendance has remained very high since September, attendance overall is less good, at only 95 %. Some absences are unavoidable: if absence is forced by illness such as physical sickness or something more substantial/long-lasting, please contact school as early as possible on the first day and on each subsequent each day of absence, so class teachers may be alerted as soon as possible.. Other good practices include:

- Avoid taking your child out of school (even for short periods of time) for non-urgent medical or dental appointments;
- Remember to bring evidence such as reminder text message, referral letter or appointment card for school-time medical appointments; and
- Don't let an ordinary cold (including symptoms such as runny nose and slightly raised temperature) keep your child away from school – we will always contact parents/carers if a child is too ill to be in school.

Taking opportunities to improve attendance will benefit the whole school community.

Shelly the tortoise is looking for a weekend home: Our school tortoise Shelly is looking for weekend care from February half term until the summer. A great opportunity to experience animal keeping without a permanent commitment! Is anyone able to help?



He is very easy and entertaining to look after. He comes in a travel cage and full care instructions, but will need access to a plug for his heat lamp. *Ideally you would be able take him every weekend for half a term, but we would be happy consider any offers.*

Please come and have a chat with Mrs Smith in Hazel if you are interested (Mon, Tues, Weds) or email via admin@seely.nottingham.sch.uk with a contact number.



Light Night: 2019: We are looking forward to seeing you at the Robin Hood statue on Friday 8th February from 6pm to 9pm. Although we will have some lighting behind our artwork, it is essential to bring torches to see the detail in each panel. There will be a huge lit moon next to our installation and lots more happening around the city. We are hoping to have some event maps in school soon.

Painted stones for Ava: After the half term holiday, children will be invited to paint a stone for Ava's memorial sensory garden. These need to be about 8cm by 5cm so they have a smooth area for their design. Please bring these into school at the beginning of next half term with your child's name stuck to the bottom.

Food in the Family Home Questionnaire: Researchers from the University of Leeds are conducting a study to find out more about children's eating habits and food in the family home. In particular, they are interested in the views of parents of primary school aged children. They have developed an online questionnaire and are trying to get as many parents to fill this in. The questionnaire is anonymous and voluntary. *If you would like to participate please go to:* <https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/food-in-the-family-home-2018>

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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 4TH – 10TH FEBRUARY 2019: Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and we are trying to raise awareness of this issue. We will have some information available on Wednesday 6th February in the playground and at the Coffee Morning on Friday 8th February. For more information please visit www.ChildrensMentalHealthWeek.org.uk

SHERWOOD ROTARY CLUB SWIMATHON 2019 – Saturday March 2nd: Thanks to everyone who has signed up for the Swimathon. Seely School is entering 3 teams into this event. We have 16 children and 2 adults swimming to raise money for KS2 Outdoor Learning. Last year we raised over £1000! Now is your chance to support this initiative by sponsoring our Seely Swimmers! You can do so by going to the School Gateway and there is a "Seely Swimathon Sponsorship" category where you can donate if you wish. Thank you.

FOS FAMILY FILM NIGHT, MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 3.30 – 5.30 pm: Join us for **THE GREATEST SHOWMAN SING ALONG!** £1.50 per child – this includes popcorn and juice. All children must be accompanied by an adult with a maximum of 3 children per adult. Book your tickets by Monday 4th February via School Gateway – in the "Friends of Seely Fundraising" category and put your child's name and class in the comments section.

FAMILY LEARNING – All at School and FREE!!:

- **Family Cyberwise – Friday March 15th 9 – 11.30am** – This session is for parents to find out how to keep children safe online and gives some fantastic information and websites for children of all ages. You do not need to be computer savvy.
- **Cyber Heroes – Starting Friday May 3rd 1 – 3.30pm** – this is a 4 week course for parents and children. Children will join their parents for the last part of the session. This course will cover:- What skills are needed to be a cyber hero, building children's confidence and self esteem on and off line, what is online bullying and how to protect yourself and finally which sounds really exciting – make, edit and share a Cyber Hero video by making a short film and/or digital cartoons.
- **Family Fortunes Course – There is an Introductory Workshop on Wednesday February 13th 9.15 – 11.15 followed by a 5 week at the same time each Wednesday.** This course is for parents and will cover Family budgeting and ideas for saving money.

If you are interested in any of the courses please email me lorraine.boddy@seely.nottingham.sch.uk or call me on 07566733409.

Friends of Seely (FOS) CAKE SALE FOR A LOVED ONE: This is now in its 3rd year and will be taking place after school on **Wednesday 13th February**. We will be needing donations of cakes please. *Please note this is a change of date from the last newsletter.*

FRIDAY SWAPS – taking place at Coffee Morning: This is a new initiative!! From now until the end of the school year we will be doing a swapping session on the 1st Friday of each month. The chance to bring in some good quality items which you no longer use and hopefully go home with something you need! There will be books available at each session for a donation.

Friday 1st March – Toys Swap
Friday 3rd May – Clothes Swap
Friday 5th July – Uniform Swap

Friday 5th April – Games Swap
Friday 7th June – Toys and Games Swap

Just to remind you... we hold a Coffee Morning every Wednesday and Friday morning from 9am onwards in the KS1 Dining Hall. All welcome.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019

INSET DAY

Fri 15th February 2019

SPRING HALF TERM

Monday 18th February
to Fri 22nd February

EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 8th April to
Monday 22nd April

MAY DAY

Monday 6th May

SUMMER HALF TERM

Monday 27th to
Friday 31st May

INSET DAY

Monday 3rd June

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Monday 29th July to
Thursday 29th August

INSET DAY

Friday 30th August &
Monday 2nd Sept

**(SCHOOL OPENS on
Tues 3rd Sept 19)**

AUTUMN HALF TERM

Monday 21st Oct to
Friday 1st November

INSET DAY

Monday 4th November

CHRISTMAS HOLS 2019

Monday 23rd Dec to
Friday 3rd January 2020