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We want to thank the Friends of Seely team, and Lorraine Boddy, for organising such a fabulous Christmas fayre last week. We raised an amazing £1,150. We had lots of positive comments from parents saying how they liked that it was spread out between both buildings, enabling them to have more space to get to all of the stalls. These kinds of events don't just happen- it takes a lot of organising (and agonising) weeks before to get this sort of event together. We would like to say a huge thank you to the team, who not only put the events together, as in the Christmas fayre, but for their dedication and commitment to the school to enhance the pupils' experiences here. We are very grateful for all that they do. Thank you. Thank you for your generous donations at the Christmas performances – the amount raised is in the region of £501. Half will go to the Sepsis Trust UK charity and half will go towards supporting the Arts in school. We thank you for your attendance at these events.

Snow Dragon

A small group of children from KS1 and KS2 were invited to Lakeside Arts Centre to watch a performance of the Snow Dragon and to see the art work provided by several Nottingham schools, Seely being one of them. We all enjoyed the day and the children were a credit to our school; earning compliments from other bus passengers on their excellent behaviour. Many thanks to staff involved, particularly Mrs Leighton who planned the event.



Music Hub Award

We are thrilled to announce that school has been awarded Music Hub Champion Status for our highly developed music curriculum and provision. The Headteachers and Music Lead Mrs Jeeves have attended a special awards ceremony at the Royal Concert Hall to receive the certificate from the Lord Mayor and Sheriff of Nottingham. This is fantastic recognition for all the hard work in the build up to this point by Mrs Jeeves, Mrs Schwanz and Miss Large who have led on music either now or in the recent past. Thanks also to Mr Hallett our music teacher who begins work with the very youngest children in school to begin their musical journey by teaching the recorder and running various choirs. The older children take advantage of the In Harmony service and learn to play a musical instrument.

Also a big well done to the Choir and Glockenspiel players who preformed yesterday for the elderly at Sycamore House.

Visitors to Seely

In November six visitors from Czech Republic – four teachers and two social workers - came to spend two days in school to look at our excellent inclusive practice. They were very impressed with the school and have taken back a lot of useful ideas to further their practice at home.



Attendance

All pupils who have achieved 100% attendance this term will be entered into a prize draw - there are four prizes of family cinema vouchers to be won. The same will apply for next term's hundred percenters.

Dear Parents and Carers,

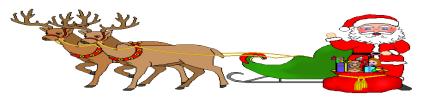
We held our first full governing body meeting of the year on the 26th November. We were pleased to welcome new parent governors Evaristus Mesue Epie and Samantha Sandiford, teacher governor Marvin Gyekye and co-opted governor Colin Barrett onto the governor board. We are looking forward to working with them over the coming years. We celebrated the start of a new school year by looking at the School visioning day which was held during the first inset day. Some members of the governing body attending the inset and during our meeting we spent time looking at how we can support the school and their vision moving forward. Having had very positive feedback about our governance from the local authority governor audit, we looked in detail at our strengths and areas to develop to continue our successful working partnership with school staff.

We also looked at the latest data results and are pleased that they are improving further. We'd like to thank all the staff and pupils for their continued hard work and you as parents for supporting the school. We wish you all a Happy Christmas and a healthy, happy new year. Thank you, Claudine Pavier, Vice Chair, December 2019

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SHERWOOD CHRISTMAS MARKET

This is taking place at Sherwood Shops on Saturday 14th December. FOS will be doing the Christmas Grotto at this event. Please go along, see Santa and support it if you can.



FOS CHRISTMAS FAIR – WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER

Friends of Seely PTA would like to say a massive `Thank You' to everybody who helped to make the fair happen this year – the parent helpers before, during and after the cake makers and the staff. We raised an amazing £1,150! For those of you who came we hope you had an enjoyable time – we'd love to hear feedback especially in relation to our new approaches ie. The use of all 3 of the halls/dining room, the Elves workshop and the ticketing system for Santa. Feedback can be sent to friendsof-seely@gmail.com.

FREE FAMILY TRAINING – FAMILY FORTUNES –Start the New Year with some Money Saving tips for the whole family.

We will be having a FREE training session for families with children age 7 to 11. This will start on Friday 8th January 1.30-3.30pm and will run for 4 weeks. This course will help you with budget planning, give you some great money saving ideas and meal planning. There will be booking forms available at reception. Ring me on 07566733409 for more information.

FOS CHRISTMAS / CELEBRATION CARDS

We are no longer taking any more orders at school for cards etc. If you have not ordered yet and would like too, you are able to order direct from Classfundraising but you will have to pay for postage. To do this go to www.classfundraising.co.uk, click on the 'Say Hello' tab on the left hand side of the screen and then click on 'Enter Short Code' (at the bottom of the list). You can then enter the code on the back of your Child's card and then go shopping. Seely School will still receive a percentage of money spent.

Lost and Found in the KS2 Hall

A pair of glasses have been found and a shopping bag. If either of these items belong to you then please contact the school office.

Donations

Could we please have more 2ltr plastic bottled please as we need to do another layer on the greenhouse!

Another request for any old CD's to be bought into school.

Usborne Books

Beginning in January 2020, an Usborne book fair will be visiting Friday coffee mornings. These will take place on the first Friday of each half term and will be for parents and carers to browse and buy from. Please pop along and browse the brand new books on offer! Dates are given below:

Friday 10th January Friday 28th February
Friday 17th April Friday 5th Jun

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019/20



CHRISTMAS HOLS 2019

Monday 23rd Dec to Friday 3rd January 2020



LIGHT NIGHT

Friday 7th February

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Monday 17th Feb to Friday 21st Feb

INDIVIDUAL CATCH UP PHOTOS

Mon 2nd March

CLASS PHOTOS

Wednesday 1st April

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April

MAY DAY (changed date)

Friday 8th May

