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# SEELY PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term seems to have gone so quickly. We have had Year 2 and Year 6 SATs, a trip to White Post Farm and a fabulous Eid Fayre.

Our children have been very calm during this assessment period and many visitors continue to comment on the calm and friendly atmosphere in school.

As activities resume, such as school trips and after school clubs, we really feel that we are getting back to normal after such a long time.

Year 2, 4 and 6 children are very excited about their residential get-aways which start next week for Year 6.

Can we extend a huge thank you to all those involved in setting up the Eid fayre; it was wonderful to see the playground so busy after such a long time. It had been so well-organised and everyone had a fantastic time. One little boy who was only about three years old said "This is the best day of my whole life"! How lovely.

We held our Special Person day last Friday and the children were so thoughtful in the gifts they chose. One little boy had chosen a pencil and rubber set for his big sister "as she needs these for school as she has run out".

You may have seen Mrs Clifford, the new headteacher, at the fayre. She also commented on the atmosphere in and around school and of the fayre itself. Mrs Clifford will be in school regularly over next half term so that we can liaise with her, so do say hello to her if you see her. She is very much looking forward to seeing you all.

We have had a number of reports from parents that many of our children are using WhatsApp to say hurtful comments to other children. This is sometimes brought into school, and if we are aware of it we can deal with it.

There are a number of groups that the children are involved in and we know that many would not dream of saying things to another child in person, but the "power of the collective" can sometimes lead them to do and say things that they otherwise wouldn't.

Please can you talk with your children about the use of social media, how to use it safely please. We always advise parents to check what their children are doing on-line and on social media.

We have been talking with the older children on how to stand up for their friends and pupils who they see being targeted in these forums. We have stressed that they can be seen as being complicit, just by being in the group and not even speaking out.

If you have any concerns about what is being said in these forums, please encourage your children to tell you, to leave the groups and come and report it to us if you believe it is being followed up in school.

Just a reminder that tomorrow is our INSET training day. Children will then return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June following the Jubilee weekend.

We wish you all a lovely half term and hope that you enjoy any celebrations that you may be attending.

Thank you

Yours Sincerely, Mrs Newton and Mrs Pearce

**Special Person Day:** Last Friday saw the return of our Special Person Day which has not taken place since May 2019. It was a fantastic day seeing the children bring in their beautifully decorated bags and then making some very hard choices about what gift to choose for their 'Special Person'. It was great to hear some of the reasons they had for choosing their gift and who it was for - if any of you out there were lucky enough to be on the receiving end, we hope that you liked your gift. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who donated items and to all of the amazing parents who helped to sort and wrap the gifts.

We raised an incredible **£468**. From this £268 will go towards enrichment activities for our children and we have decided to donate £200 to a local family who are trying to raise money to get treatment for their daughter Winnie who is nearly 2 and has leukaemia. Their best option at this stage to try and find a cure is to fund treatment abroad. We felt it was very fitting to try and help this very special little girl. You can read more about their story by visiting <https://www.gofundme.com/f/my-beautiful-girl-needs-lifesaving-treatment> / <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-nottinghamshire-61410518>

**Friends of Seely (PTA) Summer Fair:** This will be taking place on Wednesday 13th July and again is a long-awaited event in our calendar.

If anyone would like to book a stall or is able to help with getting some raffle prizes, please email [friendsofseely@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofseely@gmail.com) or contact Lorraine on 07566733409. We are also looking for a group of people to help with running the barbecue at this event - this food stall always goes down well but it is something that takes a lot of organisation and time on the day - any help would be greatly appreciated. ***If you are interested in getting involved in organising the event and/or joining Friends of Seely please see below for details of the next meeting.***

**Friends of Seely (FOS) PTA:** The Chair of FOS Louise Henley is stepping down from her position at the end of this term. We would like to thank her for her help with the PTA over the last few years. If you are interested in getting involved and taking on a position within this group, please get in touch with [friendsofseely@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofseely@gmail.com) or [lorraine.boddy@seely.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:lorraine.boddy@seely.nottingham.sch.uk)

The next FOS meeting will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 9am where the focus will be planning for the Summer Fair.

**Free training for parents and carers - RTSE Right Track Social Enterprise:** We have recently linked up with this organisation and hope to provide some training to parents and carers in the following areas:- Mindfulness, Employment, Maths, English, Money management and Mental Health. If you are interested in training in these subjects or others please email [lorraine.boddy@seely.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:lorraine.boddy@seely.nottingham.sch.uk)

The following is some information from RTSE..... 'We are a local social enterprise who provide free and accredited training for parents and carers, **no catches**. To add to this, we see daily as a social enterprise the impact the rising costs are having so anyone enrolling on a course up until the 31<sup>st</sup> May will receive a £50 supermarket voucher.

We have a range of courses and programmes which are delivered through flexible part time learning and we support people into work, also these courses are accessible to those on low income, again free and accredited.

Don't take our word for the work we do, please have a look at our website and recent article: <https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/nottingham-news/organisation-been-quietly-turning-peoples-7115915>

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**2021/22**

***INSET DAY***

*Fri 27th May*

***MAY HALF TERM***

*31st May to 1st June*

***BANK HOLIDAY***

*Thurs 2nd and Fri 3rd  
June*

***INSET DAY***

*Mon 4th July*

***LAST DAY OF SUMMER  
TERM***

*Weds 27th July*

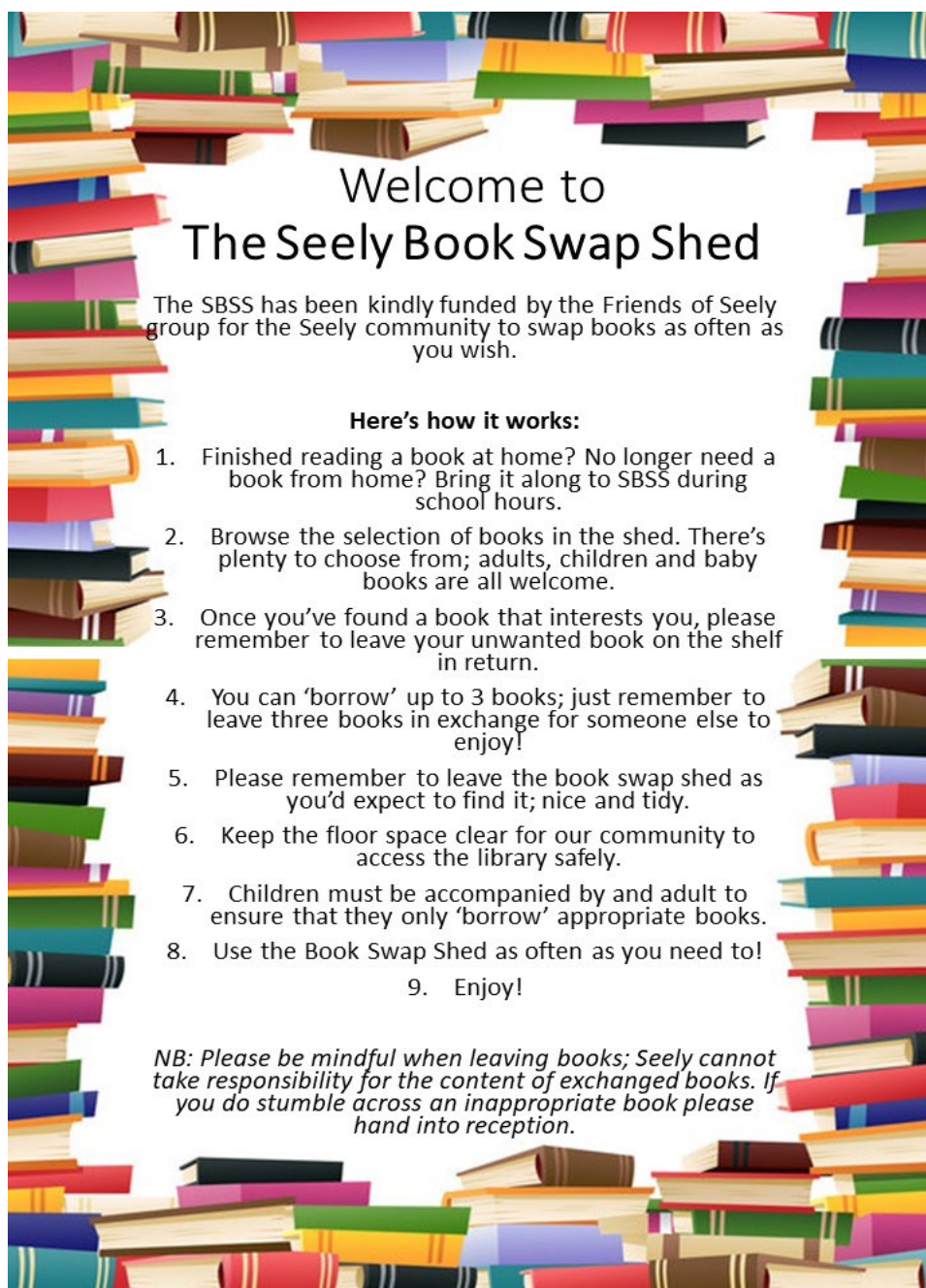
***HAVE A GREAT  
HALF TERM AND  
JUBILEE BANK  
HOLIDAY!***

*Stay up to date with  
upcoming events /  
Important dates in  
school via the  
[School Calendar](#).*

**Seely Book Swap Shed:** We are so excited that this is now open. If you haven't seen already, it is situated on the right of reception in the KS2 playground. We are still to decide on the exact name for this shed. The money for this project was donated by Friends of Seely. The shed is full of children's and adult books and the idea is that you can bring a book in and swap it for another. The full list of how it works can be seen below.

**Help with Food:** We would like to make families aware of a couple of organisations who provide free home cooked meals for people who are struggling with food poverty. You can just turn up at both these places during the opening times. They are:

- Nourish Sherwood based at St Martin's Church, Trevoze Gardens NG5 3FU - open Mondays 3.15-4.15pm.
- The Open Kitchen - Muslim Hands - 207 Mansfield Road NG1 3FS - open 11-2pm every day including weekends and 11-1 on Fridays
- Ask Lion also has a list of all [FOOD BANKS](#)



**Welcome to  
The Seely Book Swap Shed**

The SBSS has been kindly funded by the Friends of Seely group for the Seely community to swap books as often as you wish.

**Here's how it works:**

1. Finished reading a book at home? No longer need a book from home? Bring it along to SBSS during school hours.
2. Browse the selection of books in the shed. There's plenty to choose from; adults, children and baby books are all welcome.
3. Once you've found a book that interests you, please remember to leave your unwanted book on the shelf in return.
4. You can 'borrow' up to 3 books; just remember to leave three books in exchange for someone else to enjoy!
5. Please remember to leave the book swap shed as you'd expect to find it; nice and tidy.
6. Keep the floor space clear for our community to access the library safely.
7. Children must be accompanied by an adult to ensure that they only 'borrow' appropriate books.
8. Use the Book Swap Shed as often as you need to!
9. Enjoy!

*NB: Please be mindful when leaving books; Seely cannot take responsibility for the content of exchanged books. If you do stumble across an inappropriate book please hand into reception.*