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# SEELY PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing you a very happy half-term break. We hope you have a happy and safe time and look forward to seeing your children back in school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

### **A message from our Eco Warriors**

A few staff and parents have noticed that at pick-up and drop-off times, stationary cars are still running. Children and adults are walking past these cars on a daily basis. We asked our Eco Warriors for a response:

"Please make sure you turn your engines off when you are waiting in your cars. Bad fumes are being emitted into our environment. These fumes are bad to breathe in and children are breathing them in when they are walking to and from school and when they are waiting at the zebra crossing. It is bad for everyone's health and bad for our environment. Please don't leave your engines on!"

### **After School Clubs - Picking up times**

Can we please remind parents/carers to be ready and waiting to pick up children who attend after school clubs. It can often be 15-20 mins after a club finishes when the last children are picked up which can cause problems for our staff. If your child attends an after school club / activity, please ensure you are aware of the correct time to pick up. Thank you.

### **Term Time Travel**

We have received a number of requests for leave of absence for the purpose of a holiday or travel abroad to see family. We are unable to authorise any absence unless there are exceptional circumstances and holidays and travel to see family do not fall under this category. Any absence of 5 days or more for the purpose of travel or a holiday will result in a referral to the Education Welfare Service who may issue a penalty notice as detailed below:

Penalty notices are issued per parent/carer, per child, and are set at £60 if paid by 21 days and £120 if paid between 22 and 28 days. If a penalty notice remains unpaid, any resultant legal proceedings would relate to section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996.

### **Nursery PM - change to start / end times**

To avoid delays in picking up children, for families with multiple children in school from after half term (21st Feb) afternoon nursery start time will now be 12.25pm and pick up time will be 3.25pm. This will allow families with children across multiple year groups to collect their children without further delays to the end of the day but still ensure they are accessing their 3 hours Nursery time.. Morning nursery hours remain the same.

### **Absence Reporting**

Please use the main school number, email [admin@seely.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@seely.nottingham.sch.uk) or the Arbor parent portal / messaging to report absences. This is to ensure that the office can log attendance accurately. Please do not report absences through Class Dojo directly to the class teacher. Thank you.

*Very best wishes, Mrs K Clifford*

**Arbor—ICT / Internet agreements:** All primary parents/guardians should have received an email last week asking to read and consent to the Guardian and Pupil ICT / Internet agreements here at Seely. You can consent via Arbor—there should be messages under your “Notices” section when you log in. If you can’t consent via Arbor please contact the school office at [admin@seely.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@seely.nottingham.sch.uk) to give consent so that we can update your details. We require ALL pupils and guardians to consent to these agreements for safeguarding purposes so your doing so asap would be much appreciated. Thank you.

**Playground / Site Access Hours:** A polite reminder to please ensure that you have left the school site by 3.40pm each day to enable our site staff to lock the school gates at 3.45pm. This is to ensure children attending after school provision are able to use the playground areas safely.

*Note: Use of the MUGA before / after school is not permitted unless for school clubs or the lime trees provision.*

**Emotion Coaching Workshop:** Please note that this has been rearranged for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 9-11. You should have received an e-mail about this if you were previously booked on to the workshop. Please let the school office know if you are unable to attend so that the place can be offered to another parent. Thank you

**Seely Swimathon 2024:** Thanks to everyone - adults and children who have signed up to do the Swimathon on Saturday March 2nd. We have now 17 people out of a possible 24 places booked so if you are still wondering whether to get involved please get back in touch as soon as possible. Letters and sponsorship forms have been sent home to all those who have registered so I hope you have all received them. Looking forward to a great event and the opportunity to raise some funds for our library resources.

**Ukraine Links:** You may have read the thank you letter in the last newsletter from Heidi Pawlus (Sherwood Sunrisers Rotary Club) thanking everyone for their fabulous donations of toys that were sent to Ukraine. The Rotary Club is again getting ready to send some more donations at the end of the month so if you have any more items such as cuddly toys, craft/model kits, rubiks cubes or similar small puzzle toys and colouring books these would be amazing. These do not need to be new items so if you're having a clear out over half term please consider bringing them here to school. The deadline to bring these in is Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Heidi will be coming into an assembly after half term to thank the children and share some messages from children in Ukraine. Thanks

**Cake Sale - February 9<sup>th</sup>:** Many thanks to everyone who brought in cakes for this.

**Local Information:** Co-op and Barnardo's are working to bring local communities together to support young people across the UK. This ambitious partnership will aim to raise £5m over the next two years and work to influence positive change for young people. We aim to support 750,000 young people to access basic needs like food, improve their mental wellbeing, and create better opportunities for their future. Sherwood Co op are holding a tombola outside the store on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 11-1 and all money raised will go towards Barnardo's target of £5 million. Anyone bringing along a Blue Heart will receive a sweet.

**Have a great half term!**

**SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023 /**

**2024**

**Mon 12th Feb -**

**Fri 16th Feb 24**

*Half Term*

**Wednesday 21st**

**February.**

Sibling School Photos  
(Please note this is only for children that attend Seely)

**Fri 29th March -**

**Fri 12th April 24**

*Easter Half Term*

**Mon 6th May**

*Bank Holiday*

**Mon 27th May -**

**Fri 31st May 24**

*Half Term*

**Fri 21st June 24**

*Inset Day*

**Fri 26th July 24**

*Last day of summer term*

**Midday Supervisor Vacancy:**

We still have a midday supervisor position available - please follow [THIS LINK](#) to the website advert for more information and details of how to apply.

**Painting shirts:**

We would like a year group set of painting shirts so please can you send in any large shirts that children can wear during practical art / creative sessions. This would be very much appreciated. There will be a collection point in the main school office for these.



# Volunteers needed

Home-Start volunteers support families with young children aged between 0-8 years old with individual one-to-one home visiting.

We support families in Nottingham City, Ashfield, Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe.

## Courses running this year:

Chilwell - February  
Eastwood - February  
Sherwood - February  
Arnold - March  
Hucknall - April  
Rushcliffe - April  
Kirkby in Ashfield - May  
Bulwell - June

For more information about volunteering and to book onto one of the courses above please

email: [info@hsn.org.uk](mailto:info@hsn.org.uk)  
or telephone 0115 962 4262







# February Holiday Clubs

## Westdale Junior School, Mapperley

**Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February**

**Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years**

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



**Cost:** £22 per day  
All childcare vouchers accepted

**Timings:** 8am-5pm

To find out more or to book visit  
[www.rattleandrollperformance.com](http://www.rattleandrollperformance.com)  
or call 07722 014301





## FRIENDS OF SEELY SCHOOL DISCO COMING SOON!

ARE YOU WILLING TO SHARE YOUR TIME,  
KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO MAKE THIS  
MEMORABLE FOR OUR CHILDREN?

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE  
THIS POSSIBLE



WE ARE SPECIFICALLY LOOKING FOR:

MUSICIANS ★ AV EQUIPMENT / SUPPORT ★ HOST  
★ PEOPLE WILLING TO DJ (ADULT OR CHILD) ★  
DECORATIONS TEAM ★ FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

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