



Sedley's Church of England Primary School

Love to Learn – Learn to Love

Sedley's Christian Values
LOVE - FAITH IN GOD - FORGIVENESS - SHARING & CARING - HONESTY

November 2022

We are working our way towards the festive season with just three weeks until the end of term, but it is sure to be a busy time with lots of learning and special events to enjoy! Please ensure you keep an eye on emails and the Facebook page, as well as letters etc so that you are fully up to date and know what is happening in school in the coming days.

Maths workshop 1st December 6pm



There will be a maths workshop held in school on 1st December at 6pm that is designed to give parents ideas and lots of useful inform to help with teaching strategies for maths, so if you feel you would benefit from finding out a bit more about how children learn in this subject, and what you can do to support them, then come along and join us! There will be opportunities to try out the ideas with your child, so please bring them along too!

Oak' Remembrance Worship



On 11th November Oaks class led a Collective Worship for the pupils and their parents, and did a fantastic job at getting everyone to reflect and consider the importance of Remembrance Day, linking it to local history and members of Southfleet village that lost their lives in WWI and II. It was also wonderful to see our children come together for the Act of Remembrance and the two minute silence, showing respect and awareness of such a significant event. All of the children made me very proud as they took time to think and give thanks. A huge thank you also to everyone who bought a poppy and contributed to the British Legion fundraising appeal.

Toy service at St Nicholas



As part of our ongoing links with St Nicholas' church, we are inviting families to come along to the toy service on **Sunday 4th December at 10:30am**. You are invited to bring a new toy wrapped up with the exact details of the contents and suitable age group attached to the package. These are to be given to the Salvation Army for distribution to families in need.

Parents evening

A big thank you to all parents that came along to parent's evening last week to find out how your children are progressing and getting on in school. If you have not yet had a conversation with your child's teacher they will contact you to follow up and book in a convenient date/time.



Choir at Bluewater

Our school choir will be singing in Bluewater on Tuesday 29th November from 4:30pm. We are a small group, so it would be lovely to have support for them as they perform their Christmas songs for the shoppers!

After school clubs

After school clubs finish on Friday 9th December and will restart after the holidays. There will be a new letter coming out in January with details of the clubs on offer for Terms 3 and 4 so look out for this as there may be some changes to the activities provided.

Curriculum update

Term 2 has been full of learning and children have been developing skills and knowledge in a wide range of subjects. A Virtual Reality workshop has been in school for some children, helping them to learn about space and the solar system. We have also benefitted from a visiting artist working with children for the Festival of Light that took place on Friday 25th November – thank you to those that came along! Our curriculum offer also incorporates opportunities for children to learn about equality, diversity and disability which we have considered through such things as our Children in Need day and Remembrance Day. Here at Sedley's we are continuing to develop our curriculum offer so that children are able to access meaningful learning opportunities that progress through from Reception to Year 6.



Children in Need

We raised over £100 for Children in Need this year – a massive thank you!



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Christmas tree dressing

We shall be having our Christmas tree dressing worship on Thursday 1st December that will officially launch Christmas for us in school! You have been emailed details of the decoration making task.....it would be great if every child had a decoration to put on the tree and we had some fantastic items last year! I look forward to seeing them coming into school this week in time for this special event.

Midday Supervisor role

We are currently looking for a midday supervisor here at Sedley's, so if you know of anyone then please tell them to get in touch. Ms Rutledge, who was only with us a short time, secured a Teaching Assistant post in another school, so we are once again looking for someone.

Pupil Premium funding

Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium funding? Pupil Premium is funding given to schools by the government to enhance learning & opportunities for students. Schools publish a statement on their website of how Pupil Premium funding is used over the academic year & the impact it has had. Spending is also regulated by Ofsted.

Your child may be eligible if you receive:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (If a household is earning less than £7,400 per year)
- Joint income of £16,190 or less

Applying is simple and quick. Remember, even though your child automatically is entitled to receive Free School Meals up until the end of Year 2, still apply for Pupil Premium as the school will receive additional funding that will be beneficial.

How to apply

Visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

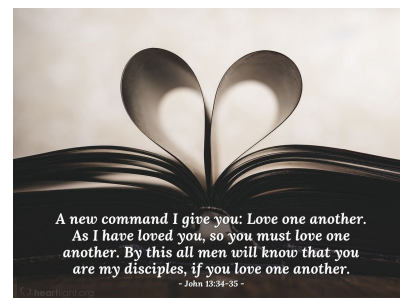
You need your child's details, plus your own National Insurance number.

Uniform

Please can I remind parents that children need to have their long hair tied up when in school please. Thank you for your support with this.

Some upcoming dates for your diary.....

Tuesday 29 th Nov	Choir singing at Bluewater at 4:30pm
Thursday 1 st Dec	Christmas tree dressing – remember to send in decorations!
Thursday 1 st Dec	6pm – Parent workshop – Maths teaching strategies – bring your child along!
Sunday 4 th Dec	Toy service at St Nicholas'
Monday 5 th Dec	Last week of clubs
Tuesday 6 th Dec	Saplings DT workshop for parents
Thursday 8 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day – donations for Save the Children
Thursday 8 th Dec	Christmas dinner!
Friday 9 th Dec	PFA Christmas Craft afternoon
Monday 12 th Dec	PFA Hot Dog Club after school – info to come
Wednesday 14 th Dec	Year R/1/2 nativity at St Nicholas'. Parents invited.
Thursday 15 th Dec	Christmas service at St Nicholas' for whole school – parents invited.
Tuesday 3 rd Jan 2023	Inset Day – no children to attend
Wednesday 4 th Jan 2023	Term 3 begins



It is sure to be a fun filled few weeks for everyone here at Sedley's as we head towards this special time of year!
Best wishes
Miss Field