



Newsletter

24/11/14

Theme of the month: Sacrifice

We need your help!

Between now and end of term we wish to enhance our pupil's understanding about the sacrifices of the 'Chaar Sahibzaade' - the beloved sons of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, who gave their lives to save their faith. This event is most important in the Sikh calendar which takes place on or around the 26th December.

This real life event set a precedence in Sikh history (and perhaps also in world history) as one of martyrdom, courage and true bravery of unparalleled heroism. We have a number of events taking place to commemorate this event (more details to follow.) We would like to invite any parents that have a good knowledge base and understanding about this story or any other story which promotes courage, bravery and heroism in their own faith to share during an assembly with our pupils. If you would like to come in and speak to the children then please ring the school office (02477 672300) and leave your contact details for the attention of Mrs Bagri and I will get in touch with you to arrange this.

Our pupils will be learning about Christmas and the nativity story in RE for the rest of this term and learn about why Christmas is such an important celebration for Christians and celebrated in this country and worldwide. We will be focusing on this celebration being a time for giving, peace and goodwill. More details to follow!

Special Educational Needs/Additional Needs:

I wanted to make parents aware that my role as inclusion leader covers a wide range of additional needs. It is essential that as teachers and parents we are paying careful attention to the barriers in learning that may present which hinder children's learning. There are many reasons as to why children may not achieve and often these barriers can stem from an emotional need or a lack of confidence. If you are a parent of a child with Special Needs or are concerned about your child's learning, for any reason, then please call the School and make an appointment to see Mrs Bagri. She is available to see Parents in this capacity on Tuesday Mornings.

Reminders!

Parents please can you ensure that all School uniform items are labelled. This is an absolute must - we are unable to justify items going missing when parents have spent so much money on purchasing the uniform.

Also, can you please make sure that when you are reporting a child's absence you are only using the School phone number: 02477 672300.

We raised £231.60 pence for Children in need thanks to your kind and generous donations.

Thank you everyone! The day was a great success!

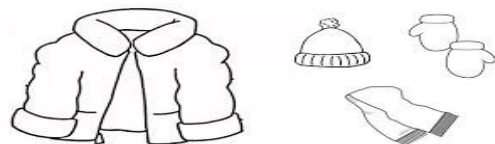


Forthcoming Events:

- Commemorating the 'Chaar Sahibzaade' (4 beloved sons of Guru Gobind Singh Ji)
- School Photographs-Monday 1st December
- IPC celebration assemblies & Parent workshops:
 - Monday 8th December Year 3 at 9am
 - Tuesday 9th December Year 2 at 9am
 - Wednesday 10th December Year 1 at 9am
 - Thursday 11th December Reception at 9am
- Parent's evening: 17th/18th December 5pm-7.30pm
- The first Seva School Diwan -performance of hymns and poetry at the Gurdwara (dates and details to follow)

Polite request!

The Weather has changed dramatically and it is very, very cold! There are many children coming into school without coats. Whilst we understand that wearing blazers under coats is bulky-we must insist that coats, gloves, hats, scarves are worn by children everyday.



“Khushy club” Breakfast and after school provision at Seva School

Our before and after School provision is currently running very successfully. Mrs Jaspal Kaur and Mrs Manik Kaur Saroya provide this service to parents and pupils from 7.30am –8.30am at a cost of £2.50 every morning and for the afternoon session 4.15-6pm at a cost of £4.00 per session.

We are also able to offer school holiday clubs during the School year if there is a demand for this.

If you are interested in these sessions then please can you contact the school office and leave your details with Julia to pass on to our staff members.

* A note to current parents using this service, please can you ensure that payments are made directly to Mrs Jaspal Kaur.

Swimming

We are pleased to announce that swimming lessons will commence from January for our Year 3 pupils for half a term. Years 2 in the Spring term and Year 1 and Reception in the Summer term. More information about this will follow nearer the time.



School photographs have been organised for Monday 1st December. Please can you ensure that the children have their School uniforms on in full and are their usual smart selves! The photographs will be taken of Seva School pupils only on this occasion (no pre-school siblings unfortunately.) We will arrange for siblings in School to be photographed together. We hope you will be very pleased with the photographs. We have given the photographs a lot of thought and been in lengthy discussions



Punjabi classes

At Seva school we have a very aspirational vision about how we would like Panjabi to be learnt as a language with accreditation. This is work in progress and we will review and refine this over time. To begin with we would like to offer our pupils the opportunity to take part in some Panjabi classes on a Tuesday and Wednesday after School,

from 4.15-5.15 at a cost of £2.00 per session

It will be necessary to collect your child from School at the end as it will impact upon School Transport. If you are interested then please would you send in the reply slip below by Friday 5th December.

I would like my child (name): _____

Class _____

To take part in an after school Panjabi class on Tuesday/Wednesday (please delete as appropriate)

Parent name and contact number: _____