



# Newsletter

8/12/14

**Theme of the month: Sacrifice (Chaar Sahibzaade)/nativity/seva (service)**

*Dear parents,*

*The last week has been a very exciting week for us all! We have had many Professional colleagues in and around Coventry who have visited us and been most impressed with the work that is going on at Seva School. We are very proud of what has been achieved in a very short space of time and the progress that the pupils are making. The School is making rapid progress as a whole and we do feel confident that what has been said to parents will be delivered. We celebrate what has been achieved but we are not complacent! We know that there is still a lot of work to do. If you have any concerns or would like to share your views then do contact the School and make an appointment to speak to Mr Riat.*

*From January we have arranged for the Performing arts service to work with us and develop the plans for Music in the curriculum. Therefore all pupils will learn a Musical Instrument. Pupils in Reception will learn percussion instruments alongside developing an understanding of rhythm and co-ordination. All pupils in Year 1 will learn to play the recorder, all pupils in Year 2 will learn the violin and all pupils in Year 3 will learn to play the clarinet. Alongside this we have plans for additional music to be taught in the form of world percussion and a school choir. We are working on plans for other enrichment activities such as horse riding, archery, fencing and wrestling to take place in the very near future!*

*Moving the School forward to this point has not been easy, but we remain undeterred and focused upon obtaining the best possible outcomes for all the pupils at Seva School.*

*Thank you for your continued support.*

#### **Forthcoming Events:**

- **IPC celebration assemblies & Parent workshops:**

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December Year 3 at 9am
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December Year 2 at 9am
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December Year 1 at 9am
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December Reception at 9am

- **Parent's evening: 17th/18th December 5pm-7.30pm (Year 2 on Monday 15th December)**
- **Year 3 trip to the Think Tank on Thursday 18th December**
- **The first Seva School Diwan - performance by pupils of hymns and poetry at 12.00pm Preceded by a Prayer service of Sukhmani Sahib Ji (prayers of peace) at 10am. Everyone welcome! Please ask your family and friends to attend. We can now confirm that this will take place at Guru Nanak Prakash Gurdwara.**
- **On Monday 15th December we have our Breakfast Langar between 8.30am and 10.30am - all families welcome. Come and enjoy being served by the pupils of Seva School!**

# Seva School Toy appeal



Dear parents, during this festive Christmas time we wish to promote that Christmas is a time of giving. Therefore as a School rooted in Seva, we are taking this opportunity to give to those who have less than us. We will be sending our presents to our local hospital's "pack an extra toy appeal." Please can we ask that all parents donate a toy for us to place under our Christmas tree for the children to understand that Christmas isn't about receiving presents but a time for giving to those less fortunate. If children/families wish to attach cards to give, then they are welcome to do so. The staff do not wish to receive any gifts from families and children, instead we would all like to contribute to this.

**Please, please donate a toy to this wonderful appeal and help promote this cause!**

## Safeguarding information for Parents

**'Our school recognises our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils. We will endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued. We will be alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and will follow our procedures to ensure that the children receive effective support, protection and justice'**

We ensure that we have an up to date child protection policy at Seva School and the following procedures are followed...

- Have other safeguarding policies, such as Anti Bullying and internet safety
- Checking the suitability of all our staff to work with children
- Encouraging pupils to tell us if something is wrong
- Adhering to Health and Safety regulations
- Training all our staff to recognise and respond to child welfare concerns
- Appointing a designated person who has additional training in child protection
- Working in partnership with parents and carers
- Sharing information with appropriate agencies if we have concerns
- Managing and supporting our staff team.

***If you would like any further information, please call the School and ask to speak to Mrs Bagri.***