



SEVENOAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Week beginning 22nd January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

One of my heroes was a man called Gerald. When I first met him, he was in his sixties and had recently retired from a highly successful job in the City.

Gerald was volunteering for Kent Volunteer Readers, now known by the more catchy title of Beanstalk. He visited the school a couple of times a week and was assigned to read with a number of children. Over the years he supported dozens of children and, although primarily supporting with their reading, he also helped with their social and emotional development.

Gerald made such an impact on the children and staff that he worked with. The progress in their reading was amazing, but it was equally lovely to see how they developed in confidence.

Sadly, Gerald passed away at a relatively young age. Speaking to Gerald and his family before this, it was clear how much he had enjoyed the time he spent at Sevenoaks Primary School and how rewarding he found working with the children and establishing such positive relationships. His working life was spent in the City, but it was the short time volunteering at SPS that had given him the most enjoyment and satisfaction.

We wanted to remember Gerald and ensure that we maintained a positive legacy from the time he spent at the school through the introduction of Gerald's Reading Army.



JANUARY/FEBRUARY DIARY DATES

Thursday 25th

2:00pm Parent Council meeting

Friday 26th

Antibullying Own Clothes Day. Wear colourful clothes with a voluntary monetary contribution (further details below...)

2:30pm 4B class assembly to parents

Monday 29th

Year 3 Ancient Egypt Day in main hall

Tuesday 30th

1A, 1B, 4A, 4B

Year 5 trip to Southwark Cathedral

Monday 5th February

3:30 – 5:00pm Football fixture vs Lady Boswell's at Knole Academy

Tuesday 6th

O2 Young Voices

SAFER INTERNET DAY

1A, 1B, 4A, 4B swimming

2:40pm Class 2C assembly to parents/carers

Wednesday 7th

Key Steps Gymnastics in Aylesford

Thursday 8th

Year 2 Fairytale Day

6:00 – 8:30pm Open Evening

Friday 9th

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Monday 19th

FIRST DAY OF TERM 4. CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

Tuesday 20th

1A, 1C, 4A, 4B swimming

Tuesday 27th

1A, 2C, 4A, 4C swimming

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The group consisted of parent volunteers, trained to help support children with their reading. The groups have been incredibly effective, with countless children benefitting from their support.

Sadly, over the years, the numbers in Gerald's Reading Army have dwindled, as parents have moved on when their own children have left the school, and we are now facing the danger of losing this precious group. This would be a devastating blow, not only to Gerald's legacy, but most importantly to the children, who will be missing out on such important support.

If you would like to become one of the new school heroes, please contact the school office and ask for Mrs Holmes, our Gerald's Reading Army Coordinator, for more information.

Many thanks

Alan Duffy

Healthy snacks

We would like to remind parents/carers to ensure that their child is bringing in healthy snacks for break times.

Increasing amounts of doughnuts, cakes, crisps, sweets and other items which are not appropriate are being brought in to school.

Please join us in encouraging the pupils to make healthy food choices, and remember that we operate a strict NO NUTS policy.

IMPORTANT

Many of the popular 'healthy' snack bars eg. Nakd Bars contain a high percentage of nuts such as walnuts, cashews and almonds, which poses a serious health risk to some of our pupils.

Please check the ingredients in healthy snacks and help us ensure that we remain a safe, NUT FREE school.

Thank you.

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Uniform Shop opening times 2:45 – 3:45pm

The uniform shop will be open as follows:

29th January

19th February

5th and 19th March

Years 4, 5 & 6 After School Biking Club



The Live Biking Club will be starting again on Tuesdays after February half term for 10 weekly sessions and is open to Years 4, 5 and 6.

Please follow this link for information and how to book:

[Years 4-6 After School Biking Club](#)

Spare Towels

Our PE Team would warmly welcome any spare towels for use during swimming lessons.

If you have any spare that you no longer need, please pass them to the main office. Thank you.

Update on Christmas collections

We were delighted to receive a letter this week from The Drive Methodist Church. Our Key Stage 2 choir once again sang at a Concert Band evening before Christmas.

The retiring collection raised an amazing £500 (plus £75 Gift Aid) for Demelza House.

Thank you to all who attended this wonderful event and contributed so generously.

Spare kitchen equipment

Looking to get rid of those old utensils and kitchen items?

Our Kids' Kitchen would gratefully receive any items suitable for use for cookery clubs and interventions. If you have anything in good condition that is no longer in use, please bring them to the main office.

Many thanks in advance for your generosity.



Our Antibullying Ambassadors asked Phases 2&3 children what they imagined Buddy Spots in the new playgrounds should look like. Our current Buddy Bench on the top field has been extremely successful and if anybody is in need of a friend, the Bench provides an ideal area for this purpose.

The children from Phases 2&3 voted to have rainbow coloured Buddy Bows in the playgrounds during their recent assembly in Term 2. Lucy, our 6B Ambassador, came up with the name for it. Thank you, Lucy!

The Ambassadors are holding a rainbow coloured home clothes day on **Friday 26th January 2018**. A 'fine' for participation is a voluntary monetary donation to raise money for these Buddy Bows, for both playgrounds.

Last year, our Ambassadors raised an incredible £370.

Please note that all donations are strictly voluntary and all children are welcome to participate.

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New yoga class

Sevenoaks Primary School

Tuesday evening @ 7.45pm - 8.45pm

Come and join me for an energising yoga practise to build strength & well-being, increase flexibility and reduce stress.....beginners welcome!

£5 first taster class

January Special - 5 week term £40

£10 drop in (if space available),

to book your space please contact Annabel

annabelhadfield@yahoo.co.uk, mob. 07957 227691
www.facebook.com/yogawithannabel/



Qualified yoga teacher - RYS500. Yin trained
Pre & post natal trained
1-2-1 classes also available

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mso MAIDSTONE
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107th
Season

Saturday 3 February 2018 at 7.30pm
Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre ME15 7RN

Berlioz

Overture, King Lear

Elgar

Cello Concerto

Dvořák

Symphony No.9

"From the New World"

Sheku Kanneh-Mason *cello*
(BBC Young Musician 2016)

Brian Wright *conductor*

Tickets: £26, £21, £12
Students £5, 18s & under FREE!

Cash & cheques: 07817 429143 or on the door
Card payments: 0333 666 3366 or
mso.ticketsource.co.uk

Pre-concert talk presented
by Steve Migden, 6.40-7.10pm

mso.org.uk   **TICKETSOURCE**

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**Harry Potter and Fantastic Beasts evening
event at Sevenoaks Library Tuesday 13th
February 6 – 8.30pm**

Test your wizarding skills. In celebration of the forthcoming
illustrated paperback edition of Fantastic Beasts and Where
To Find Them you are invited to an evening of craft
activities, games, quizzes and raffle.

Games will include: Sorting Hat activity, Treasure Hunt. Decorate a Wand, make
Harry Potter glasses and make a Mythical Beast.

Refreshments will be available.

This is a free event but booking essential as tickets are strictly limited.

This event is aimed for children aged 5 years and over.

Booking is essential and for more information please contact Sevenoaks library on 03000 41
3131 or email sevenoakslibrary@kent.gov.uk



For more information, follow us on Facebook and Twitter
@SevenoaksLibrary



Parent thank you

We would like to take the opportunity to thank one of
our Year 2 parents. Mr Podd has donated an invaluable
amount of excess paper products over the years from
his business, Podds Print, to help stock our art
cupboard.

Mr Podd yet again dropped by this week with further
paper, and we would just like to say a huge thank you.

All the children at school will benefit from his kindness
and generosity, particularly with budgets so tight in the
educational sector!

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