

Seabrook News

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Our Christian

Values

Respect

Peace

Forgiveness

Hope

Perseverance

Love

Awards

**Week ending
29th March**

Attendance

Rainbow Fish Class
100%

Punctuality

Rainbow Fish and
Starfish classes

Term 4

Attendance

Jellyfish Class
98.93%

Punctuality

Rainbow Fish Class

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 5. I hope everybody enjoyed the Easter Break and the children are rested and ready for the term ahead.

Dates for your diary

Monday 23rd April—After school clubs start

Tuesday 1st May—Olympic Roadshow for KS2

Monday 7th May—Bank Holiday—no school

Wednesday 9th May—Jellyfish Class Tri-Golf Festival

Year 5 'Instrument Performance' afternoon at HGS

Monday 14th May—SATS week for Year 6 children

Friday 25th May—Class Photographs

End of Term 5

Swordfish Class trip to Dungeness

Swordfish Class had a fantastic day this week at Dungeness Power Station where they learnt how electricity was made using nuclear energy, had a tour of the station and took part in a STEM workshop to create a robotic hand.



Author Visit

This week we were delighted to welcome the children's author Briony Dixon to school.

She shared her book 'Sleuths, Snoops and Surprises' with the whole school and the children had an opportunity to ask her questions about being an author.

Children in Rainbow Fish, Starfish and Jellyfish classes were able to take part in additional workshop activities with Briony during the morning.



What's on week beginning Monday 23rd April

Monday—KS1 ECO (4.15pm), KS2 Choir (4.15pm), KS1 Multi-skills (4.30pm), Year 6 Boosting

Tuesday—KS2 Bridge (4.30pm), After School Club (5.00pm)

Wednesday—Urban Saints (4.30pm), KS2 Gardening (4.15pm), KS2 Football (4.30pm)

Thursday—KS1 Singing (4.00pm), KS1 Art (4.15pm), KS2 Art (4.15pm),
KS2 Multi-Sports (4.30pm), Year 6 Boosting

Friday—KS2 Drama (4.30pm), KS1 Football (4.30pm)

Reminder of PE Arrangements for Terms 5 and 6

Reminder that the PE arrangements for Terms 5 and 6 will be as follows:

(Please note that some classes will have their PE on different days to previous terms.)

Monday - Starfish Class

Tuesday - Jellyfish Class

Wednesday - Rainbow Fish Class

Thursday - Swordfish Class

Friday - all classes will be taking part in a PE session during the day.

On class PE days the children can come to school dressed in their PE kits.

Letter from Anita Ellerby, Chair of Governors

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your children had an enjoyable Easter holiday.

This is a very busy time in our schools as we move towards the end of the school year. All our pupils will be taking part in their end of year assessments; for our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils it is of particular importance as they undertake their final Key Stage assessments. In July we shall be saying farewell to our Year 6 pupils as they come to the end of their primary school education and we wish them every success and enjoyment in the next stage of their education.

In July we will also be celebrating the first anniversary of the Federation of St. Martin's and Seabrook CEP Schools. For your information I have included at the end of my letter the mission statement and objectives of our Federation.

There is much to report when we review the progress made by the Federation so far. For our pupils there have been several opportunities to work and spend time together broadening their experiences. These have included taking part in the Young Voices concert at the)2 arena in London, visiting the Mission Aviation Fellowship plane and sharing 'fantastic creatures' as part of the national Book Week. For our staff arrangements are now in place for joint working to share expertise and good practice and this is raising the standard of teaching and learning across our schools.

As a Federation, although we have a single Governing Body, each of our schools receives and accounts for its budgets separately. There has been a lot of discussion in the national media about the new funding formula for schools that is being phased in over the next two years. For both our schools the new funding formula has a negative impact on our incomes. However, as a Federation, there are opportunities to share costs of resources, for example, staff training, enrichment activities for our pupils and, most importantly, the cost of our outstanding Executive Headteacher. Mrs Carter, supported by governors and her finance staff are working very hard to balance the budgets for the coming year but inevitably there will have to be reduction in resources, including some staffing, for each of our schools. Once the financial plan for the next three years has been agreed by governors in May Mrs Carter will advise parents and carers of the staffing arrangements from September.

In the meantime, if you wish to discuss any matters with me please contact me either by email: a.ellerby@seabrook.kent.sch.uk or by writing c/o the school office at either of our schools.

With very best wishes

Anita Ellerby

Chair of Governors

The mission and objectives of the Federation of St. Martin's and Seabrook CEP schools are:

Our mission is to provide a safe, secure, nurturing and Christian environment in which all our children will:

- Develop a thirst for learning immersed in rich and vibrant experiences
- Be empowered to take risks in their learning, promoting their curiosity and deepening their thinking and skills for life
- Strive to raise their aspirations to reach or exceed their full potential
- Understand what it means to be and the importance of being responsible citizens

Our mission will be achieved through our three objectives:

- Meet the needs of our children and the community we serve
 - To raise standards in all that we do
 - To work efficiently and effectively together