



Seaton Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

29th September 2017

Dear Parents & Carers

Start of the Day

Many thanks to everyone in regard to my request to **not come to school before 8:40am** as we are not officially open then and nobody is on playground duty. Somebody asked me to confirm the start of school time and it still remains that register is taken at 8:55am with the bell going a few minutes before hand.

Steps and Zig Zags

Both children and parents need to use the two sets of steps and the zig zag rather than the grassy banks to reach the school building from the main playground. Parts are starting to wear and they need time to recover.

Lost Property

The build up of lost property is nothing far short of bonkers I'm afraid to say. Two weeks ago I cleared all 3 boxes and now they are full again. Items with children's names on them will normally find their way back however un-named items are a trickier to find the new owners of to say the least. We don't have room to keep everything for long periods of time so after two weeks they will need to be sorted into items for sale or items for the clothes bank.

Cross - Country Congratulations!

23 Children from Years 3 - 6 took part at Colyton Grammar's Cross Country Competition. The children raced in mixed year groups, 3/4 and 5/6. Our pupils were up against a selection of schools from across the Axe Valley, covering distances of between 800-1200 metres. Despite the on and off rain and windy conditions, every child lined up at the start line with anxious enthusiasm. Every runner showed excellent determination and resilience, pushing themselves to their limits in order to achieve the best position for their teams. More importantly, we were particularly proud to witness the passionate support from the children not running, often running alongside their other teammates after they had completed their event! Clearly the children's efforts on the Daily Mile have paid off.

Our final results showed we were –

3rd in the Year 3/4 Boys

1st in the 3/4 Girls

1st 5/6 Boys

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We are also took home the overall 3/4 team shield and 5/6 team shield (a new event for this season). A huge congratulation to the team, with 3 groups qualifying for the East Devon finals at Bicton College in November! I must also say thank you to Mr Delfosse our PE co-ordinator for organising the pupils and inspiring them to do their very best. Well done!

DOGS

We love dogs but **please ensure they stay off** school premises. This includes **the woods near the school car park** that are part of school grounds.

SWIMMING

If your child has a verrucae please ensure they were a protective plastic sock when swimming. These are available from most good pharmacies.

ART CLUB

There are still a few spaces available for Mrs Hambi-Hilder's art club on Mondays and Tuesdays. If you would like your child to attend, please contact the office.

PTFA AGM - Tuesday 3rd October 3:30pm

Everyone is welcome to attend the PTFA's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 3rd October at 3:30pm in the school staffroom (please sign in via reception).

We have had a fantastic year so please come along to find out what we have been up to and how you can get involved going forward. Tea, coffee & refreshments will be available and the teaching staff have kindly offered to look after children during the meeting so parents can relax.

This year we have an ambitious fundraising vision in collaboration with the school and need the help & support from parents to maximise the amount of money we can raise for the benefit of the children. Recent projects we have supported include; the reading challenge, a sheltered play area for Y1/2 courtyard, Y6 leaver hoodies, a new sound system for the hall, science equipment and fun days.

We pride ourselves on being an inclusive PTFA and always welcome new members and ideas. We look forward to seeing lots of new and old faces! Contact us: seatonptfa@gmail.com or join our Facebook group "Seaton Primary PTA"

Parent Coffee & Pastry Morning - Monday 16th October 9am

All parents and carers are welcome for coffee, pastries and chat in the school hall on Monday 16th October from 9am - 10am. This is an informal social event organised by members of the PTFA.

Christmas Bazaar - Friday 24th November 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Please put the date in your diaries for our much anticipated annual Christmas Bazaar which will take place in school. This is a family-fun event organised by the PTFA to get you into the festive spirit with a mix of stalls, games, raffle prizes, Santa's Grotto, mulled wine and hot food. All money raised on the evening will go towards the PTFA fundraising target.

SEATON READS!

"I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading!" Jane Austen says on the new £10 notes and Jenny Eagles, owner of the Owl and Pyramid Bookshop and Pene Davis, Library Supervisor at Seaton Library couldn't agree more. To celebrate Bookshop Day (Saturday 7 October) and Libraries' Week (Monday 9 to Saturday 14 October), the bookshop and library have joined forces to host five exciting events showcasing local authors which will appeal to readers of all ages.

Thursday 5 October

Open Book Group with Laurence Anholt discussing his young adult novel *The Hypnotist* at 7pm in Seaton Library. The event is suitable for ages 13+. Price £3

Saturday 7 October

Poetry Walk with Sarah Acton: currently Jurassic Coast poet in residence, Sarah will lead a walk finishing at Pebbles Café, pausing to enjoy poetry on the way. Suitable for adults. Mostly flat walking. Price £3.50

10.30am Jurassic Tales with Tony Lambert. Suitable for ages 5 to 11 (and parents). Inspired by our fantastic Jurassic landscape, Tony will be talking about and reading from his short stories for children. Price £2

2pm Amazing Brains and Time Travel with Barbara Spencer. Barbara will be talking about her novels for teenagers. Suitable for ages 11+. Price £2

3pm Storytime and Craft session for under 5s at Pebbles Café with Jenny Eagles. Jenny will introduce younger readers to Pip and Posy and other animal stories. Price £3 (includes a goody bag)

More information and tickets for all these events are available from Seaton Library and The Owl and Pyramid Bookshop.

TERM TIME FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES AT SEATON JURASSIC

Stay & Play - Every Thursday 9.30am – 12.30pm

Enjoy a catch up with friends and let your little ones play with toys in our café area. Free drop in session.

Flapjack Fridays – After school Every Friday 3:45-5pm

Join us every Friday after school for some fun cooking lessons! We'll be making a different tasty treat every week for kids to take home and eat.

Sessions will be held in the café from, and will cost £3 per child. Bring your own aprons!

Booking is essential.

Crafty Nature – Every Saturday 9.30 – 11.30am

Come along to our drop in nature inspired craft sessions every Saturday morning from and get creative. Just £2 per child.

Guided Family Walks – Every Sunday 9.30 – 11.30am.

Perfect for families who enjoy the outdoors and want to inspire children to have an interest in nature and local wildlife. Cost is £3 per child. Booking is essential.

Visit www.seatonjurassic.org for dates, booking and event details or call 01297 300 390.

SEATON BROWNIES AND RAINBOWS COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 7th October at Seaton Methodist Hall. 9.30am to 12pm. 20p entry. Raffle £1 a strip. All proceeds will be split between Brownie, Rainbows and Macmillan Cancer. Table top sale £5 per table (to book a table call 01297 792571)

ACTIVATE EXETER – SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER

As you already know, a group of 17 runners (9 staff members, 4 relatives of staff and 4 parents) will be representing Seaton Primary School in the Great West Run Half Marathon on Sunday 15th October.

During the half marathon weekend a brand new event will be taking place on **Saturday 14th at Exeter Arena** from 12 noon until 5pm. There will be a variety of sporting attractions and activities for everyone to have a go at with the highlight of the day being the 2.5km and 5km challenges that take place from 3pm. These runs are open to all adults and children – no matter what your current ability is. Go along and get moving...run, jog or walk. The route takes you around the Exeter Arena, surrounding streets and back for a stadium finish. If you'd like to get involved and run alongside double Olympian James Cracknell, go to the Great West Run website and register. Use the code ACT2017 to receive a 10% discount. Online entries close on Monday 9th October but entries will be accepted on the day – just arrive in plenty of time to register. It would be great to see a large group of children from Seaton Primary taking part and we have a limited number of Seaton Primary t-shirts that you might like to wear to represent the school. If you register to take part and would like to borrow one please contact the office.

The team taking part in the Half Marathon the following day need all the support they can get around the 13.1 mile course and would love to see lots of supporters from Seaton Primary to cheer them on. The full route can be found on the GWR website so why not come along on Sunday morning, hold up a placard, bang a drum, hand out jelly babies and give us a shout.

FAMILY PHOTOS

The school photographer is visiting on Tuesday 14th November to take individual pupil photographs. From 3.15pm onwards he will be available for family group photos. These make ideal Christmas presents! If you would like to book a slot please contact the school office.

JEANS FOR GENES

Thank you for all your donations towards JeansforGenes last Friday. We collected £193.17 so well done and thank you.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival takes place on **Thursday 5th October**. The children will be going to St Gregory's church to celebrate. Unfortunately due to the size of the church and the large number of pupils in our school we cannot accommodate parents and carers. We would like to ask for donations towards the Seaton food bank and below is a list of suggested items.

Long life milk – whole (for children), semi-skimmed, soya and dried milk,
Sponge puddings,
Squash
Fruit juice
Savoury biscuits
Tins of meat
Tins of fruit
Tins of sweetcorn
Tins and dried potatoes
Tins of Soup
Long grain rice
Gluten free basic foods
Savoury rice and noodles
Toilet rolls

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

We cannot authorise holidays in term times unless these are exceptional circumstances. (e.g parents of forces children). Devon County Council are now tightening their rules on this issue and fines are again being issued for 5 or more days absence. I totally understand some of the circumstances on the request forms, however, rarely can a holiday be authorised. Any time off school must be requested via the absence request form available from the office.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

To qualify for free school meals parents need to be receipt of one of the following –

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

If you qualify then please, please see the office. They will help you with the application process. Not only will your child will benefit from a dinner each day but the school receives **£1320** towards supporting your child's education!

NUTS – ALL YEAR GROUPS May we respectfully ask parents NOT to provide their child with nuts for their mid-morning snack or lunch as some children have severe nut allergies.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 5 th October	Harvest Festival at St Gregory's Church 10am. (Sorry due to the size of the church we cannot accommodate parents). Donations towards the food bank please.
Monday 16 th October	PTFA Social Coffee Morning 9 to 10am.
Friday 20 th October	Break up for half term Flu vaccinations in school for R,1,2,3 & 4
Monday 30 th October	Children return to school.
Monday 4 th November	Last week for clubs led by teachers and Seaton Primary staff.
Tuesday 14 th November	School Photographer in school to take individual photos. Family group photos slots are available from 3.15pm onwards. Please contact the office to book a slot.
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Day. Further details to follow.
Friday 24 th November	PTFA Christmas Bazaar. 5.30pm to 7.30pm.
Tuesday 5 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at the Methodist Church (ticket arrangements will be announced nearer the time).
Wednesday 6 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at the Methodist Church (ticket arrangements will be announced nearer the time)
Monday 11 th December	2pm & 6pm Foundation and KS1 Nativity Play (ticket arrangements will be announced nearer the time)
Tuesday 12 th December	9.30am & 6pm Foundation and KS1 Nativity Play (ticket arrangements will be announced nearer the time)
Friday 15 th December	Break up for Christmas holidays.
Wednesday 3 rd January	Children return to school.
Friday 18 th May 2018	School Photographer in school to take class group photos

Best wishes,
Nic George
Head