



## Seaton Primary School

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*“Caring now, for the future of our community, those in need, our lifestyles, one another, our education and the future itself”*

# NEWSLETTER

15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parents & Carers

What another beautiful week for weather we have had. Last Saturday we had a 'staff team building event' here at school followed by a staff BBQ which Mr Delfosse kindly organised. What I thought was a light hearted event turned into a fairly gruelling challenge which even now I ache from! It was great fun though and it was a delight to see so many of the Seaton and other Federation staff there.

Plans are well afoot for Sports Day and the School Fete. Staff are currently finalising the end of year reports and assessments. These take a great deal of time well beyond the school day.

There is a lot of correspondence going out at the moment via Parentmail and in the form of letters. Please take the time to read them carefully and check your child's bag for information that is being sent home.

### OPEN EVENING

On Monday 16th July we will be holding an Open Evening here at school. It starts at 3:30pm and finishes at 6pm. This is a great opportunity for you to come in, see what your child has been up to of late and catch up with the teacher. This is an informal evening so no appointments are necessary.

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

This term I have been visiting a number of schools in Exeter with the Reception teachers to view practice elsewhere. These visits have given us a good idea of how we would like to develop our own classrooms further in terms of layout and resourcing.

Over the last few months we have had a number of presentations by companies who supply interactive boards for classrooms. We are hoping that in the very near future we will have new boards in every room which will be a fantastic resource for teachers to use.

### GAMES AND VIDEOS

Technology, gaming and videos for children is an ongoing topic not just here at Seaton Primary School but at every school up and down the country. Mr Lewis (our Technology Specialist) is putting together an article for parents that will be ready for next week's newsletter. I know this article will be giving you some BLUNT facts about how parents can and SHOULD be keeping your children safe around technology. Please everyone, take time to read it.

### YEAR 1 and 2 TOILETS

We too have noticed a peculiar smell around this area! We have had a plumber in to investigate and a handyman. If any parent is a plumber or knowledgeable in this area then please come and see me. We are doing our very best to resolve this issue ASAP.



## SPORTS DAY – FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

This year's Sports Day will follow previous year's format with KS1 events in the morning, KS2 in the afternoon and the opportunity to have a picnic lunch with your children. More details will come from your child's teacher.

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to all parents and helpers who volunteered in blizzard conditions to marshal at The Grizzly earlier this year. We are delighted to have received a generous donation of £600 towards PTA funds which will go towards our plans to improve the outdoor learning facilities.

## CLASS PHOTOS

Your child should have brought home a photo pack with a proof of their class photo. Please return any orders to the school office by **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at the very latest**. Alternatively you may like to order online which is very quick and easy to do.

## YEAR 6 FUNNY GROUP PHOTO

As well as the normal "formal" group photo, Year 6 also had a fun group photo taken with the whole of Year 6 and year 6 staff in it. This is on display at the office and if you would like to order one please fill out the order form that is next to the displayed photo. Payment must accompany any orders so please place cash or a cheque (made out to Ashley Wood Studios) in a clearly labelled envelope with your child's name and class (6JT or 6PJ) plus the amount enclosed and size of photo you require. 7" x 5" in a mount costs £8, 8" x 6" in a mount is £9.25, 10" x 7" in a mount is £10.75 and 11" x 14" in a mount is £22. 11" x 14" in gold framed moulding is £30.50 and 20" x 16" un-mounted is £36.

## JOB VACANCY

We are looking for a motivated and experienced individual to join our friendly and hard-working federation premises team to assist with cleaning duties primarily at Colyton but also to support and oversee the cleaning at Shute Primary School.

For a further discussion on this post please contact Bhavna Chandra (Premises Manager) on 01297 20922. Job details and application form are available from the Federation website [[www.axebeaconfederation.co.uk](http://www.axebeaconfederation.co.uk)]. Please email completed applications to Natalie Markham, Federation HR Administrator at [recruit@axebf.org.uk](mailto:recruit@axebf.org.uk).

## WIN £5000 OF BOOK TOKENS FOR OUR SCHOOL

National Book Tokens are running a competition for a school to win £5000 of Book Tokens. Please take a few moments to log into [www.nationalbooktokens.com](http://www.nationalbooktokens.com) to enter the competition so that we might have a chance of winning.

## CHANGE OF DATE

The non-pupil day on the 23rd of November 2018 has been moved to 4th September 2018. This means we have two non-pupil days on the Monday 3rd September and Tuesday 4th September at the start of the term. The Autumn Term for pupils starts on Wednesday 5th September 2018. Updated information regarding term dates for the entire year has already been sent out and the website is being updated ASAP.

## NEW RECEPTION ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2018

Letters and information packs have been sent to parents of pupils who are due to start here in September. Please ensure you return your completed forms to the school office **as soon as possible and bring along your child's FULL birth certificate for us to take a copy. If you have not received your information pack please contact the school office as soon as possible.**

## NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR BOTTLE TOMBOLA

On Thursday 28th June we will be having a non-school uniform day in exchange for a bottle for the bottle tombola at the summer fete. All different types of bottles accepted including; soft drinks, toiletries, alcoholic drinks and sauces."

## ABSENCES

Parents and carers are reminded to contact the school by 9.30am if their child is going to be absent from school due to illness. **PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL EVERY DAY THAT YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT.** Please use the Parentmail app, leave a message on the answerphone (01297 20922) or email [admin@seatonprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@seatonprimary.org.uk). If your child has an appointment that you know about in advance, please ensure you have informed the office. Please do not rely on children to pass on messages - instead please write a short note to the office staff or let us know by phone or in person at the counter. The school has a duty



of care to know the whereabouts of children and when we have not been informed of the reason for a child's absence the office staff have had to spend a great deal of time phoning various contact numbers to find out why a child is missing from school.

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We have a significant number of families who are entitled to free school meals. If you fit the criteria then not only will your child receive a free school meal but the school gains a whopping £1320 towards supporting your child's education. This can also help pay towards trips, uniform, clubs etc and many families have seen the benefits of it. If you think you may be entitled then please log on to the Devon County Council Citizen Portal.

### SICKNESS & DIARRHOEA

If your child suffers with sickness and diarrhoea please remember to keep them off school for 48 hours after the last incident to prevent the spread of the infection.

**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

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Parent involvement morning
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Photo orders to be returned by today. Woodroffe Induction Day for Year 6 pupils
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Colyton Grammar Induction Day for Year 6 pupils
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-Uniform Day in return for a bottle for the bottle tombola.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – KS1 am & KS2 pm
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July to 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Sidmouth College New Intake Days for Year 6 pupils Last week of clubs
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> /Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 4 trip to Escot
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Meeting for new Reception parents (pupils starting in Sept 18) 2pm & 5pm.
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fete 11am to 2.30PM
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Evening 3.30pm to 6pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Show "Porridge" 6pm (Tickets available nearer the time)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Show "Porridge" 9.30am & 6pm (Tickets available nearer the time)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly (parents of Year 6 pupils invited to attend) 9.15am for approximately 1 hour.  Break up for summer holidays at 1pm

Best wishes,

Nic George

