



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

22nd June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a bit of a bumper issue of the newsletter this week but please take the time to go through it. Next week is looking like a scorcher according to the weather forecasts. We have plenty of shade in school but there are a few things that you need to help us with, though I'm sure you already are –

1. Make sure your child has a bottle of water with them
2. Apply sun cream before school (children can top up half way through the day so let the class teacher know if they need to do so – children need to be able to apply it themselves with the support of staff)
3. Bring a hat to school

It sounds obvious but it's going to get really warm according to the weather forecasters.

STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Taylor in Year 6 will be starting maternity leave in early October 2018. She will be covered by Miss Ovens. Miss Ovens will start teaching her new class at the start of the Autumn term and Mrs Taylor will help out in a number of classes until she departs. We are all looking forward to working with Miss Ovens and we wish Mrs Taylor the very best.

PE KIT AND UNIFORM

Very shortly you may well be looking to purchase new uniform for September. Here is a reminder of what is expected. Please note the PE requirements as well as the everyday uniform –

PE Kit – Red tee shirt (not a polo shirt), white, grey or black socks, black shorts and finally trainers (NOT plimsolls). In Winter – dark tracksuit bottoms and a change of sweat shirt.

Boys uniform – School red sweat shirt / jumper with or without logo, grey / black trousers or shorts, white or red polo shirt or school white shirt, black shoes NOT trainers, boots or heels.

Girls uniform – School red sweat shirt / jumper / cardigan with or without logo, grey / black trousers, skirt or pinafore or shorts, white or red polo shirt or school white shirt, black shoes NOT trainers, boots or heels. In the Summer the girls can wear the red school Summer dress. Grey or black tights. White, grey or black socks.

For both boys and girls, long hair should be tied back.

PARENTING PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

FAMILY SUPPORT PRESENTATIONS

WHAT CAUSES CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR AND STRATEGIES TO DEAL WITH IT!!!

With a growing number of parents struggling with children who are suffering extraordinary anxiety, dysregulation, often resulting in oppositional and challenging behaviour, we are offering the following workshops -

WEEK 1 – FRIDAY 6th July 9.30am to 12.00pm

123 Magic by American Psychologist and expert on ADHD and child discipline, Dr Thomas Phelan.

The Beacon Hall, Whitford Road, Kilminster EX13 7RF (Next door to Kilminster Village Hall)

WEEK 2 – FRIDAY 13th July 9.30am to 12.00pm

Encouraging Good behaviour, Independence and Self Esteem



These two sessions will be in the form of the 1,2,3 Magic parenting DVD followed by discussion
How to be an effective disciplinarian

WEEK 3

THURSDAY 19th July 1.00pm to 3.00pm – Seaton Primary School

Consolidation of the presentations

IF YOU CANNOT GET TO THE SESSIONS HELD AT KILMINGTON please also contact me as these are easy to re run at any of the other Axe Beacon Schools.

For any further information please call or email. GERRY FRY - 07496398656 g.fry@axebf.org.uk

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE WITH TECHNOLOGY

Mr Simon Lewis our ICT lead here at school has written an incredibly informative email to you regarding technology, gaming, the internet and so forth. Folks I have to be honest, we have seen a number of growing concerns in relation to children and the use of technology outside of school. These are particularly in relation to pupils playing games or watching videos that are NOT age appropriate. Also we are seeing pupils spending FAR TOO MUCH TIME on technology.

Technology can be great, with fantastic games to play and content to watch, but we are concerned for some of our pupils it has made their childhood quite 1-dimensional. Their enjoyment and pleasure is derived from only one source and we know that childhood should be a wonderful exploration of the varieties of experience this world has to offer. At times the content and use of technology leaves pupils upset or very tired. Please take the time to read the advice from Mr Lewis.

PE and SPORT

It has been another extremely busy week of sport. On Tuesday, Children from Year 6 attended the final Move, Make, Motivate! session at Axe Valley Academy, focusing on athletics and taking part in an Intra-school Virtual League. The children also learnt how to run the league back at their schools and we look forward to them hopefully delivering it to children in KS1 later this term. Also on Tuesday, two teams from Years 3 & 4 represented the school at the Colyton Grammar Quad Kids athletics. They took part in four athletic disciplines - standing long jump, vortex throw, sprint and a distance run. Congratulations go to all the children who were selected to take part and a special mention to Seaton Stars who came 2nd and qualified for the East Devon Finals at the Kings School.

After school for the past two Tuesdays, children from Years 5 & 6 have been taking part in High 5s netball training at Axe Valley Academy. They have learnt the core skills and tactics involved in netball, in preparation for the September tournament. Miss Crockett was approached by multiple adults to commend the children on their developing skills and teamwork, which gives us optimism for a successful event in the new academic year.

On Wednesday, 16 children from Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 travelled to Plymouth for the Summer School Games Finals, taking part in Tri-golf and Super 6s. It was a hugely enjoyable day which included an opening ceremony, main competition and taster sessions, such as Frisbee Golf. Yet again, we demonstrated excellent sporting ability at county level.

Yesterday, children from Year 6 also travelled to Plymouth with Mrs Harris from Colyton Grammar School to take part in the Summer Ability Games. They took part in a range of events and earned a number of 'Spirit of the Games' rewards for teamwork, sportsmanship and determination. They also met inspirational speaker and performance coach, Mark Ormrod, the UK's first triple amputee to survive the Afghanistan conflict. I would like to thank all the children for being exceptional ambassadors for our school and to the staff and parents for your continuing support, which ensures these fantastic events take place.

A huge thank you to Seaton Canoe and Kayak Club for hosting lessons for our Year 6 pupils at the harbour throughout the week. They had a fantastic time along with the teachers!

Many thanks,
Mr Delfosse

SPORTS DAY – FRIDAY 29TH 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.



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.

CLASS PHOTOS

Class photo orders have now been collected by the photographer. If you missed the deadline and still wish to order, please do so online.

SUMMER FETE – HELPERS NEEDED URGENTLY!

The Summer Fete is fast approaching and the PTA needs your help to make the event a success. Last year we raised over £4,000 and this year we hope it will be even bigger. A volunteer sign-up sheet is available at the school office. If you can help in any way please sign up or email Michelle - michelle@vealglobal.com. We have various time slots per stall so that you will still have plenty of time to enjoy the fete with your family. A variety of help is needed, from bouncy castle, games, dressing up as a dinosaur, glitter tattoos, popcorn, fruit kebabs, food and bar. Your support is greatly appreciated and you will also receive a free food voucher as a thank you!

NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR BOTTLE TOMBOLA

On Thursday 28th June we are holding a non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle for the bottle tombola at the Summer Fete. All types of bottles are welcome - e.g. soft drinks, alcoholic drinks, toiletries, sauces, etc.

REFRESHMENTS AT SPORTS DAY

The PTA will be serving refreshments on Sports Day in exchange for cash donations so please bring along some change. Freshly filtered coffee will be available from local artisan roaster, Coffee Factory.

DEVON COUNTY JUNIOR CHOIR

Do you enjoy singing? Are you aged between 7-13? The Devon County Junior Choir meets on Saturdays in term time in Exeter to sing, learn about music, make friends and have fun. The Choir gives lots of concerts and performs regularly in Exeter Cathedral. For more information, take a look at the Choir's website www.dccj.org.uk where you can also find an application form.

SEATON WETLANDS SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

This takes place from Monday 20th August to Friday 24th August between 10am and 4pm. £25 per child per day, 5 days for £112. 10% discount for siblings. To book please call 01395 517557 or email countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk

FLOODS EXHIBITION

The Environment Agency, together with Sid Vale Association, is commemorating the awful floods of July 1968. They are holding a free exhibition of historic flood photographs and maps. The event will be held during the weekend of 7th & 8th July 2018 at Kennaway House, Sidmouth, EX10 8NG. Open times are from 10.30am to 4pm each day.

This is one of the biggest floods we have recorded in Devon. Many communities that we work with were affected. *"We would like as many people to come along and see the free exhibition whether they are a local resident or on holiday. We know there are individuals and communities who may have photographs. We would love them to come and share any memories and photographs they may have"*.

The impacts were immense including the loss of the main A30 bridge at Fenny Bridge as well as bridges at Tipton St John and Upottery being affected. Sidmouth, Colyton, Honiton, Newton Poppleford, East Budleigh and Ottery St Mary all had significant flood damage. The Otterhead reservoir was also washed away.

Unfortunately a number of people lost their lives.

"We hope as many people will come along and enjoy the exhibition. "



CAR BOOT, TABLE TOP, COFFEE MORNING

Seaton Brownies and Rainbows are holding a Car Boot, Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning on Saturday 14th July at Seaton Methodist Church. Car Boot and Table top £5 for sellers. Children's activities, raffle and cakes. Contact 01297 792571 or 792277 for further details.

MUNCHKINS MINIATURE SHETLAND RESCUE

Munchkins are holding a Summer Fayre on Sunday 5th August from 11am to 4pm at Munchkins Barn, Colyton EX24 6HU. Dog show at 2pm, Cream Teas, trade stalls, meet the ponies, live music and BBQ. £2 adult entry. Children free. Please email munchkinshetlandrescue@hotmail.com for more info.

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.

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. 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.

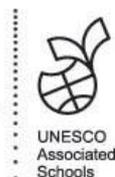
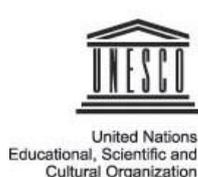
FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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 26th June	Colyton Grammar Induction Day for Year 6 pupils
Thursday 28 th June	Non-Uniform Day in return for a bottle for the bottle tombola.
Friday 29 th June	Sports Day – KS1 am & KS2 pm
Monday 2nd July to 4th July	Sidmouth College New Intake Days for Year 6 pupils *Last week of clubs
Monday 2 nd /Tuesday 3 rd July	Year 4 trip to Escot
Thursday 5 th July	Meeting for new Reception parents (pupils starting in Sept 18) 2pm & 5pm.
Saturday 7th July	Summer Fete 11am to 2.30PM
Monday 16 th July	Open Evening 3.30pm to 6pm
Tuesday 17 th July	Year 6 Show “Porridge” 6pm (Tickets available nearer the time)
Wednesday 18 th July	Year 6 Show “Porridge” 9.30am & 6pm (Tickets available nearer the time)
Friday 27th 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

