



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”

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the end of another busy week here at Seaton Primary School! The turn out for the annual Open Day was really good yesterday. The tour started with a talk led by myself then a group of Year 6 pupils took a number of the prospective parents on a comprehensive tour of the school. Many thanks to those volunteer tour guides – they spoke with confidence and enthusiasm.

THE ACQUISITION OF KNOWLEDGE!

On Wednesday I attended an excellent briefing by OFSTED all about the importance of developing a really outstanding curriculum for pupils. There was a great deal to take in and reflect upon. Seaton Primary School provides a great curriculum right the way from Reception through to year 6. Teachers and support staff are constantly considering how we promote proactive thinking, the best way to sequence activities and how these all support gaining knowledge.

Having a broad vocabulary definitely makes you smarter! Speaking, listening and reading a range of literature supports this. We need a broad curriculum to promote this and a wide range of experiences. We need clear intent behind what we teach and a way of implementing ideas to our young minds which results in a positive impact of knowledge. If we have a deeper understanding of knowledge then we are able to manage more complex ideas! Good knowledge is transferable into a wide range of situations. We often talk about skills and these are inseparable from knowledge. Our capacity to analyse, evaluate, problem solve, create and be independent rests on knowledge and language!

So how does this relate to the everyday lives of the pupils and you as parents?! Well..... it all stems back to the power of conversation and experiences we encounter. This equals great knowledge!

CO-OP DONATION TO THE SCHOOL

The Co-Op on Harepath Road have been donating 1% of their takings on Co-Op branded products to the school over the last 12 months. The year is up and they will be donating just under £7000 towards the school which will be spent on improving the outdoor facilities. A huge thank you to Peter and Andy (Manager and Deputy Manager at the branch) for working with the PTA to set this up. A group of pupils will be visiting the Co-Op on Friday 23rd November at 11:15am to say a formal thank you.

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

'Spotacular' it certainly is today. We've had a great turn out of spots in all sorts of shapes and forms from both pupils and staff! Lots of money has been raised for Children In Need which is a really worthy cause and we will let you know how much we have raised once it's all been counted.

NON-UNIFORM NEXT FRIDAY (23RD)

Children can wear non-uniform next Friday in return for a chocolate item for the Christmas Bazaar. Please give your donations to the class teacher on Friday.

PARKING AT THE DOCTOR'S SURGERY / PHARMACY

I have been asked by the surgery to remind everyone please that parking at the doctor's surgery is for patients and users of Lloyd's pharmacy ONLY.



HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CHECKS FOR RECEPTION AND YEAR 6 PUPILS - MONDAY

Parents of pupils in Reception and Year 6 will have received an email at the beginning of term regarding height and weight checks. These take place on Monday. Please read the email carefully and return the reply slip if you do NOT want your child to be checked.

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones have their uses of course but we have recently been inundated with requests from older pupils to look after their phones in the front office each day. Mobile phones are **NOT** allowed in school. The office has looked after the odd one in the past due to a special request from a parent but the general rule is..... please keep them at home!

DATA PROCESSING CONSENT

As a school, under GDPR, we need to have clear consent to use your child's personal information in ways that fall outside our legal obligations. You may give and update your consent at any time by completing this short form: <https://www.axebf.org.uk/information/privacy-policy/consent-form/>

Should access to this form online be difficult, paper copies are available from the school office.

NATIVITY

Information regarding how to apply for Nativity tickets for Reception and KS1 families will be circulated on Friday 23rd November. You will receive an email through Parentmail **and** a paper copy of the letter will also be sent home on that day. Tickets are free and very popular so as in previous years we will be using an email ordering system that will go live on that date.

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Last week we sent red coloured letters home regarding the whole school Christmas lunch which takes place on Wednesday 19th December. Please return it as soon as possible even if your child does not want a lunch that day. Many thanks.

BINGO NIGHT

Rupert's Under 5's are holding a Bingo Night in Seaton Primary school hall on Friday 23rd November. Doors open at 7pm and eyes down at 7.30pm. £4 entry which includes the first game of Bingo, snacks, a raffle ticket and one drink. Raffle tickets available from Ruperts, on the night or by phoning 01297 625621.

COFFEE MORNING AND TABLE TOP SALE

The Brownies and Rainbows are holding a Coffee Morning and Table Top sale on Saturday 24th November at Seaton Methodist Church. 9.30am til 12.30pm. If you would like to book a table please contact Linda on 01297 792571.

PTA FUNDRAISING

Seaton Primary PTA is a registered charity and is now linked to [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). This means anyone who signs up for an account with [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and chooses Seaton Primary School PTA as a cause, can raise funds when they shop, with no extra cost to themselves. Please use the link below to sign up for an account. It's very quick and easy and could raise a lot of money for resources and equipment for the school. Through the website you can shop at most online retailers such as Amazon, Ebay, Argos, Asos, Tesco and many more. You can also compare deals on car insurance, energy and broadband etc and earn us donations that way. If you download the easyfundraising app to your phone, it makes it even easier so please do sign up!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/seatonprimarieschoolpta/>

WAITROSE CHARITY GREEN CHIP TOKENS

PLEASE VOTE FOR SEATON PRIMARY USING THE GREEN TOKENS GIVEN TO YOU AT THE CHECKOUT. During November (30/10/18-27/11/18) we have been chosen for the Community Matters Programme in the Sidmouth branch of Waitrose. At the end of the month, Waitrose will donate a proportion of £1000 to Seaton Primary School, based on the proportion of votes their customers cast for us and the two other good causes. Customers cast their votes by placing a green chip in one of the 3 boxes available, each one representing a charity or organisation. Please vote for us! We would like to purchase more resources for our Nurture Room.



NEW PHONES

We have a new phone system across the Axe Beacon Federation so it should be easier for you to contact the school office. If you call the office to report an absence you will need to press 1 and leave the details of your child's name, class and reason for absence. If they are unwell please give a brief description of their illness rather than simply saying that they are ill. This helps us to monitor if there are any specific illnesses that we need to know about. You can also report absences by emailing the school (admin@seatonprimary.org.uk) or by using Parentmail. Please be assured, we will always contact you if we don't hear from you but we ask you to please contact us by 9.30am. If you are ringing to say that your child is going to be late due to a medical appointment or for any other reason please remember to tell us if they will need a cooked lunch.

STAMPS

Don't forget we collect used postage stamps at school for the Children's Hospice South West. The box is on the shelf outside the office. Thank you.

NON UNIFORM DAY – FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

Children are invited to wear non-uniform on Friday 23rd November. We are asking for chocolate items to be brought in that day for the chocolate tombola at the Christmas Bazaar.

SINGING LESSONS

Singing lessons are available in school with Mrs Elliott on Friday afternoons. Please call 01297 624019 for further details.

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.

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

We cannot authorise holidays in term times unless there 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 across the academic year. 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.

Unauthorised absences due to holidays is a concern for the school – please AVOID taking them!

PUPIL PREMIUM

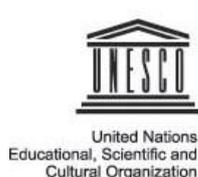
To qualify for Pupil Premium (the old free school meals) parents need to be in receipt of certain benefits. Not only will your child benefit from a dinner each day (if they want it) but the school receives £1320 towards supporting your child's education. The money is primarily spent on our academic and pastoral support staff but each pupil is allocated **£80 per term** towards a variety of costs to support families e.g. subsidy of school uniform and trips. To see if you are entitled please log onto the Devon County Council Citizen Portal.

NUTS

ALL YEAR GROUPS.... 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

Monday 19 th November	Height and Weight checks for Reception and Year 6 pupils
Friday 23 rd November	Non-uniform day in return for chocolate items. Information relating to Nativity Tickets sent out today. Ticket email goes live.
Friday 30 th November	Christmas Bazaar in the evening
Tuesday 11 th December	Carol Service for KS2 at 6.30pm (Ticket allocations nearer the time)



Wednesday 12 th December	Carol Service for KS2 at 2.30pm and 6.30pm (Ticket allocations nearer the time)
Monday 17 th December	KS1 Nativity 2pm & 6pm (Ticket allocations 23 rd Nov onwards)
Tuesday 18 th December	KS1 Nativity 9.30am & 6pm (Ticket allocations 23 rd Nov onwards)
Wednesday 19 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch. Please return red reply slip ASAP
Friday 21 st December	Last day of term (School finishes at 1pm after an early lunch).
Monday 7 th January	Training Day
Tuesday 8 th January	Pupils return to school

Mr Nic George HEADTEACHER

