



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

11th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the start of the new school term and year! I hope you had a restful and enjoyable festive season. The waters off Exmouth Beach where I live were certainly ‘bracing’ on Christmas morning this year for the annual swim and a warm mince pie was very welcome afterwards!

We have had a very busy start to the year already commencing with a non-pupil training day here at Seaton on Monday involving all the staff from across the Axe Beacon Federation. The day was led by a local Maths Adviser who explored the idea of reasoning within maths so... Consider how you would work out the following

83-79

83-6

Or $4 \times 3 = 12$ and $8 \times 3 = 24$

What do you notice about the numbers? What is the relationship between the numbers and how does that help you work through or know the answer?

What about this one? Could you use the top sum to work out the answers? Can you reason how you could do that?

$33,630 = 354 \times 95$

$354 \times 9.5 = ?$

$3,540 \times 95 = ?$

$3,363 \div 95 = ?$

Food for thought eh! But it is essential that pupils at all stages of their education not only have a strong knowledge in arithmetic but are able to reason answers especially when the conclusion is not straight forward. Fluency in maths is far more than memorisation of facts. You need to apply and reason with this knowledge.

At the end of January we have some visitors from Shanghai to demonstrate their amazing maths teaching skills to us. It should be really inspiring!

Also on the non-pupil day we erected 4 brand new display cases in the hall and corridor. These will be used to showcase the best of writing from Reception to year 6. We are really keen on promoting and celebrating children’s writing and inspiring everyone to reach their potential.

PANTO TIME!

On Tuesday 15th January we have a professional theatre company visiting us with their pantomime Robin Hood. The company M and M productions visit Seaton Primary School every year and put on a great show. It



would be much appreciated if every child could make a donation of £1 towards the show which is excellent value for money. Please hand the money into the class teacher on Tuesday morning.

BUILDINGS

Quotes for new storage systems for the playground are in hand and I am gathering the final quotes for a new adventure playground. We will need to make sure that the field is fairly dry before carrying out the work as some large, heavy vehicles need to access the rear of the school.

TESCO TOKENS!

From Tuesday 1st January to Thursday 28th February we have been chosen for the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme. At the end of February, the project with the highest number of votes across the stores' region will receive £4,000, the second placed project £2,000, and the third placed project £1,000. Customers cast their votes by placing a blue 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. The stores in which you can vote for us are our local Tesco store here in Seaton and on the High Street in Sidmouth.

PLAY DOUGH TOOLS NEEDED

Reception are looking for donations of play dough tools and play sets. If you have anything that you'd like to donate please drop them off to the Reception teachers before or after school, or at the main office. Thanks

GREAT SEATON BOOK SWAP

Don't forget it's the Great Seaton Book Swap next Thursday after school. Books can be brought into school from Monday.

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.

FREE COURSES FOR PARENTS/CARERS

The Exmouth Academic Learning Community is offering various courses this term at Withycombe Raleigh Church of England Primary School. Topics include "Attachment and Challenging behaviour", "Sibling Rivalry" and "Language Development". For further information or to book a free place please call 01395 263397 Ext 2.

HONITON RUGBY CLUB

Honiton Rugby Club is offering taster sessions for U7's and U8's on Sunday 13th January from 10am to 11.30am. For more information please contact Adam Tennant 07795 287502.

SIDMOUTH GIRLS RUGBY

Sidmouth Rugby Club invite girls (U10's and upwards) to go along and give rugby a try on Sunday 20th January from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Check out the website for more information.



AXE VALE NETBALL CLUB

Axe Vale Netball Club, based at the LED Sports Centre in Axminster are starting a new netball session aimed at year 6 girls. Starts Tuesday 22nd January. 4.10pm to 5.10pm at LED Axminster Sports Hall. For further details contact love2playnetball@gmail.com

IMAGINE DESIGN CREATE - Imagine Design Create donated several prizes at the Christmas Bazaar and have many creative workshops for adults and children available during 2019. Please remember to book in advance as spaces are limited. Anyone who won a FREE workshop voucher you'll need to make sure you book in and use your voucher before the end of March 2019.

POETRY COMPETITION**Valentine's Poetry Competition**

Imagine Design Create are looking for poems with a 'love' theme, they can be about your love for your friends, family, pets or for extra points why you love Seaton!

There will be 3 age brackets:

Under 8yrs : Prize will be chocolate & sweets

8 – 17yrs : Prize will be chocolate & sweets

18yrs and over : Prize will be bubbly & chocolate

Poems will go on display and winners will be announced at the free to enter 'Love Seaton' event held at

The Gateway on Saturday 9th February 10am – 2pm where prizes will be given out as well as certificates for those highly commended by the judges.

Typed or clearly handwritten entries must be submitted with entry fee by Friday 1st February together with the completed slip found on the poster (this can be picked up from Imagine Design Create or found online) Kerri-Ann Briggs – Imagine Design Create, 30 Queen Street, Seaton, Devon, EX12 2RB – Contact Kerri-Ann with any questions 01297 624246 50p per poem entry (to go towards the prizes!)

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.

STAMPS

Please bring your used postage stamps to the office. We collect on behalf of the Children's Hospice South West. Many thanks

ZUMBA

JM DanceFit ZumbaKids Classes – Book NOW for SPRING TERM 2019

KIDS HAVE FUN & IMPROVE FITNESS & CONFIDENCE LEVELS

New children are welcome to join these termly classes after the Christmas break, which are open to all children whether they attend the school or not.

*Every Monday*3.30 pm - 4 .15pm Seaton Little Starz* (4 - 7 year olds) - MAIN HALL

4.15pm - 5.15pm Seaton Junior Starz* (7-12 year olds) - MAIN HALL

Spring Term Class Dates: January 14th, 21st, 28th, February 4th, 11th, 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st

Total Spring Term Class Fee: £44 (£4 per class x 11 classes) Cash payments to be provided in a named, sealed envelope no later than the child's first class.

If you would like to book your child a place, please contact Johanna directly on 07739518587 or at johanna@jmdancefit.co.uk

MUSICSEEDS

Parent and child music sessions - songs, movement, instruments, fun!

Thursday mornings - The Reece Strawbridge Centre, Colyton

9.30 – Over 4's 10.10 – Under 4's

Book your FREE trial session by contacting Leah Stonex

07850 157520

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 15th January

Thursday 17th January

Friday 15th February

Monday 25th February

Monday 4th March

Tuesday 5th March

Wednesday 6th March

M & M Productions present "Robin Hood". £1 donation requested.

Book Swap in the school hall – 3.15pm to 3.55pm.

Break up for half-term (normal time)

Pupils return to school after half-term.

Years 5 & 6 Parent's evening

Whole school Parent's evening

Whole school Parent's evening



Friday 5th April

Break up for Easter holiday (normal time).

Best wishes,
Nic George

