



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

25th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Another week has flown by here at Seaton Primary School. Last week's newsletter had an element of me moaning so I am going to keep this one nice and upbeat! However, the issues arising in relation to 'screen time' / over use of technology, poor attendance by a small minority and dinner money debts are really important issues to address and need to be sorted straight away.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Mrs Kay and I spent an entire morning this week observing the staff in Reception, Year 1 and 2. Our focus was on how staff are catering for children of different abilities. We observed both Teachers and Teaching Assistants at work, went through a range of books and checked in on planning / recording files. All staff have a high level of awareness of pupils' needs and cater well for their varying abilities through intervention schemes and a flexible approach for planning a range of activities. Mrs Kay and I have put together some more uniformed ways of arranging / recording progress and these are now in place. This will help with evaluations and planning of future work.

Mrs Eriksson and Miss Broom are leading maths across the school at present. Yesterday they spent the morning at Shiphay Learning Academy to observe two Chinese teachers who were taking part in the Shanghai Maths Exchange. This was held by the Jurassic Maths Hub and CODE with around 100 attendees. It was an excellent experience to observe the different maths approaches and styles of teaching. We look forward to learning more about it and taking on the ideas to enhance our lessons!

BUILDING AND PROJECTS

I now have three quotes for our proposed new adventure playground for younger pupils. There are some really exciting, fun ideas to help the children's physical and overall development. The work will take 2 or 3 days to complete and the ground needs to be firm in order for the large work vehicles to safely cross the field without making a mess of it. We are hoping that this project will be finished by the Easter holidays, if not sooner (weather dependent). The same applies to our new PE storage facilities that will take the form of four clad, shipping containers. Some pretty big vehicles will need to come across the playground! All is in hand but we need a spell of finer weather before we can go ahead.

PE REPORT

We have had another busy week of sport across the school. Despite the chilly conditions, children in Year 5 have been taking part in their Bikeability Level 1 & 2; learning how to safely and competently control their bike and ride on the road. The children have shown excellent resilience and enthusiasm throughout the week.



This Wednesday, we had children from Years 1 and 3 offsite at Axe Valley Academy and Colyton Grammar School taking part in 2 festivals. Year 3 went to Colyton Grammar school to take part in the gymnastics festival, which introduced the children to a challenge they will prepare for throughout this term and perform later in the year. Year 1 took part in the dance festival, working in groups learning different dance skills and activities.

On Thursday, we took part in Exeter City Community Trust's Kids Cup, a football competition bringing together 30 schools from across Devon. This was our first time attending the event and we performed superbly, coming in 3rd position and losing to the eventual winners in the semi-final.

These events showcase Seaton Primary's sporting talents outside of the Axe Valley area, with a number of children impressing Exeter FC Academy scouts. Thank you to all the members of staff and volunteer parents who make these inspirational and hugely memorable experiences possible for the children.

Thank you to Mr Delfosse for this report. He really puts in a great effort to organise a full range of activities for the pupils at Seaton primary School.

PARKING ON LYDGATES ROAD

We have received another complaint from residents in Lydgates Road. Cars are being parked opposite people's driveways and this does not leave enough space for them to drive out. A local resident asked a driver to move their car but was met with a tirade of foul language which is not acceptable. It is perfectly OK to park in between driveways but please consider the people who live in Lydgates Road and do not park opposite their driveways.

ONLINE SAFETY PARENT'S SESSIONS

As part of our annual Online Safety Week, Axe Beacon Federation would like to invite you to a parents' session at Seaton Primary School at 9.30am on Friday 8th February. Simon Lewis, our Computing lead teacher will be exploring a range of online safety advice and information to help you support and encourage your child in the online world. Parents who have previously attended are very welcome, as are new parents, as this will explore different aspects from meetings in previous years. Part of the meeting will share examples of what pupils are doing across the Federation in their online safety education. There will be resources and advice that you can take away and previous meetings in the past have proved very informative and helpful for parents. Refreshments will be available from 8.45am with the meeting starting at 9.30am to help parents from across the Federation to attend. It will finish by 10.30am. For those travelling from outside Seaton, we have permission to use Seaton Methodist Church's car park, which is only a short walk away from the school.

CLUBS

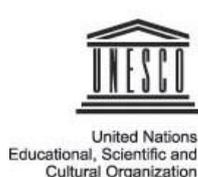
A list of clubs will be sent out on Monday and most clubs will begin during the week commencing 4th February. If you would like your child to attend Zumba please contact Johanna Morgan direct (contact details on the clubs list) and if you would like to reserve a Forest School place please send your payment to the school office for safe keeping. School staff who run clubs will send out information about their individual clubs for you to sign up online.

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.

GRIZZLY JUNIOR RUNNING EVENTS

Various running events for children are taking place on Saturday 9th March. If you would like an entry form please come to the office.



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.

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 15 th February	Break up for half-term (normal time)
Monday 25 th February	Pupils return to school after half-term.
Monday 4 th March	Years 5 & 6 Parent's evening
Tuesday 5 th March	Whole school Parent's evening
Wednesday 6 th March	Whole school Parent's evening
Friday 5 th April	Break up for Easter holiday (normal time).

Best wishes,
Nic George

