



## 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

15th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Half term is upon us! I hope you have a good break and get out down the beach, take a stroll in the countryside, catch up with family members or whatever. I'm looking forward to seeing my own family in Wales and taking in a professional netball match with my daughter who is a keen player herself and Wasps supporter.

### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

School has been incredibly busy of late. Twelve children from Year 6 worked with the artist Robert Mountjoy at the Thelma Hulbert Gallery in Honiton recently, Year 5 pupils took part in a hockey event and yesterday we had the annual Roman Day workshop for Year 3 pupils with Celts V Romans re-enactment..... The Romans always come out on top!

This week we have had the special theme of RESILIENCE in assembly in the song 'Incy Winy Spider' and 'The Hare and The Tortoise'. The stories were really well received and we managed to explore them in greater depth.

In singing assembly yesterday the children have supported the deaf health charity SignHealth with their 'SIGN2SING' activities. All week the children have been learning sign language and the activities culminated in a big sing with accompanying sign language. A very successful charity cake sale was held yesterday too which raised over £300. Many thanks to Miss Crockett for organising this event on behalf of the charity. For more information check out their website. <http://sign2sing.org.uk/> The song the children learnt can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rz6Y8oSIZoM>

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

This week in school all teachers have been reviewing how we provide for and support different groups of learners in every class. All children have different strengths, learning styles, abilities and interests. The challenge the staff have to meet is how we make sure every child reaches their full potential and how we successfully organise teaching to meet this.

### PRAISE Initiative

Every class is rolling out a new idea to support the self-esteem of each pupil. Each week a class focuses on one or two of the children and thinks of a positive complement about them. The teacher types these compliments up and the child receives a special print out for them to take home and cherish. The teacher also holds a file in the class for pupils to look back upon whenever they like. How simple and how great is that?



## **AUTISM AND ADDITIONAL NEEDS SESSIONS**

A soft play area in Honiton has agreed to do a special autism & additional needs session where the whole place will only be open for these children.

The session will be once a fortnight at Playdome in Honiton which has a large soft play area and sensory room. It is a chance for children to attend something they might not usually be able to and also for parents to meet others and gain much needed support.

The first session is starting this weekend Saturday February 16th from 9am til 10am.

There is a Facebook group with all details and further dates written which is called "Autism & Additional needs group- Honiton"

## **PTA – BOOK FUND DONATION**

The PTA has donated £500 towards reading books..... a big thankyou to them and I know Miss Curnock has already ear marked the money to buy a large selection of books to support the various teaching programmes across the school.

## **PARKING**

Some members of the public have recently been in touch with Devon County Council and a Parking Enforcement Officer recently paid a visit to see that parents were parking in a responsible manner on the roads near the school. Please remember the zig zag means this is a 'no stopping area' and double yellow lines mean no parking. The parking officer is due to return.

## **NEW BABY!**

Congratulations to Mrs Fontes and her husband who are the proud parents of George. He was born on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February weighing 7lb 8oz.

## **WORLD BOOK DAY**

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March. This year we invite children and staff to dress up as any character from a book.

## **RED NOSE DAY DANCE-ATHON FOR COMIC RELIEF**

Comic Relief takes place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March (Not February as advertised last week!) We will be holding an all-day Dance-athon with each class having a dance slot throughout the day and a whole school dance party at the end. A letter and sponsorship form has been sent home this week with further details.

## **TESCO TOKENS!**

There are just a few days left for you to donate your Tesco blue tokens towards Seaton Primary. 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.

## **BEACH CLEAN**

On Saturday 16th from 10.am till 12 there will be a Beach clean at Fisherman's Gap in Seaton. This event is organized by the Plastic Free Seaton Devon group, supported by the Surfers against Sewage, who are working towards the reduction of plastic use within our community. Registration will take place at Pebbles Coffee House from 9.30am. Grab sticks and bags will be provided and gloves for those who do not bring any. Peter Burrows, community leader, is looking forward to seeing everyone interested in improving the environment in Seaton and following the group on Facebook.

## **THELMA HULBERT GALLERY**

Join us at THG in Honiton for a family workshop this Half Term! 'Painting with Felt'.

Come and find out how you can paint with felt with accomplished textile artist Gill Burbidge. Book onto one of four 45 minute sessions: 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm

Each slot will offer the opportunity to create a felted picture using finest coloured Merino and local hand dyed fleece, embellishing with silk and cotton fibres and threads. The effect is almost as though you are painting with the textiles. Suitable for all ages and abilities. £4 per participant. Booking essential - call 01404 45006 / info@thelmahulbert.com



### AUTISM COURSE

Colyton Caterpillars are holding training on Autism: Making sense of sensory – This is a detailed insight in to the sensory world of children and young people with autism.

Date: Thursday 14th March 2019

Time: 10.00am – 2.00pm

Where: Colyton Caterpillars, Reece Strawbridge Centre, Coly Road, Colyton, Devon EX24 6PU

Price: £20 (or 2 for £30) – Parents/Carers – FREE

Call 01297 552567 for more information

### STAFF VACANCY

Rupert's under 5's Preschool are currently recruiting for a part time member of staff to join their team. The ideal applicant will hold a Level 2 or Level 3 qualification but we will also consider someone unqualified for the right person for our team and training will be provided. If interested please call Kay on 01297 625621 for further details and please leave a message if we are unavailable. Please note we are also shut next week for the half-term.

### GRIZZLY JUNIOR RUNNING EVENTS

Various running events for children are taking place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

### STAMPS

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

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupils return to school after half-term.
	Year 6 PGL trip
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 5 & 6 Parent's evening
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school Parent's evening
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school Parent's evening
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day Danceathon



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Break up for Easter holiday (normal time).

Best wishes,  
**Nic George**

