



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

29th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the end of another very busy week here at Seaton Primary School. I hope you find this newsletter informative and I wish you all a restful weekend.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY – YEAR 1

There was a brilliant turn out for the Year 1 Parent Involvement Day. The children designed and made model homes inspired by those during the time of the Great Fire of London in 1666. They will all be now gathered together very soon and set alight on the playground to replicate that infamous day on Sunday 2nd December which destroyed 13,200 houses, 87 churches, The Royal Exchange, The Guildhall and St Paul's Cathedral.

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/museum/history-and-stories/the-great-fire-of-london/>

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AFTER SCHOOL

At the end of school, please could all parents and children vacate the school site. Children should NOT be on the play equipment at all. I have mentioned this before but I hear things are starting to slip!

SWIMMING LESSONS

The pool is just about ready for lessons to begin after the Easter Holidays. Two of our teaching assistants Mrs Broderick and Mrs Lawrence have recently undergone the STA Level 2 Award in Teaching Swimming and the level 2 Award in Safety for Teachers. They will be leading all the sessions together.

JUNIOR CUB RUN SATURDAY 19th March 2019

The results from the Saturday race are now in. Congratulations to all the Seaton pupils who got involved in the races. There are too many of you to mention but very well done to the following to pupils who made it into the top 25 out of 129 entries –

Harrison W 2nd

Jenson M 8th

Michael 9th

Jude T 13th

Thomas S 15th



Jayden R 22nd

Reuben L 25th

FUN RUN POSITIONS 19th March

Again very well done to these top 25 finishers –

Ray L 3rd

Joshua T 10th

Savannah B 12th

Poppy H 15th

Hudson W 16th

Daisy H 17th

Amelia W 20th

Noah S 21st

Alfie H 22nd

Harry S 23rd

ATTENDANCE

School attendance as I mentioned is up at 96.2% which is great. Last year we were 95.4%. Currently we are above the national average for school attendance. Just remember folks ARE NOT ALLOWED AUTHORISE HOLIDAY IN TERM TIME UNLESS THERE ARE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES! Being 'cheaper' does NOT come under that category!

On another note it is SO IMPORTANT to notify the office by 9.30am if your child is not in attendance that day. The office, pastoral team and I have had to waste a lot of time of late chasing up absent children which is really frustrating. School policy states that if we cannot establish contact by 10:30am then we then have to conduct a home welfare check. If that proves inconclusive then we have to call the police.

BUG HOTELS

The Bug Hotels near the old pond now have a roof on each one with more layers to follow!

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

The local Christian group 'OPEN THE BOOK' have taken assembly this week with the story of King David. Next week continue to focus on Easter and it is 'Autism Awareness Week' and Mrs Kay will be leading a special assembly about this on Monday.

SCHOOL DISCO

A week today sees the first school disco. I will be wearing my ear plugs! Tickets have been selling very well indeed and many thanks to the PTA who have worked hard to put on this event for the children.

WEBSITE FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

A new website for parents on children's mental health problems launched today! Funded by Health Education England, HappyMaps is designed to help parents find useful resources on behaviour and mental health for their children - from babies to young adults.



We hope this will be really useful for parents whose children don't meet the specialist referral thresholds or are perhaps on the waiting list. There is good general information (national) and also local information on counselling, charities, local CAMHS and parenting groups for the SouthWest. The website name is www.happymaps.co.uk

CANCER RESEARCH UK CAKE SALE & NON UNIFORM DAY

Louise Burridge (one of our pupil's Mums) is running the Virgin London Marathon in April in aid of Cancer Research UK.

She will be holding a cake sale on **Thursday 4th April @ 3:20pm** in the school hall. Please come and support this and any donations of cakes will be gratefully received.

We will also be having a non-uniform day that day for a suggested donation of £1.

ALL STARS CRICKET

All Stars Cricket is back at Seaton Cricket Club this summer. Great fun in the sun for 5-8 year olds and their adults.

Come along to Court Lane from 4.15pm to 5pm on Fridays from May 10th to June 28th. Sign up at <https://allstarscricket.co.uk/seaton> or contact Stephen Pritchard on the school run most mornings or by email steve.pritchard@devoncricket.co.uk for further information.

NETBALL

Netball : New year 4 and 5 session starting 23 April 2019

Every Tuesday, 4.10pm to 5.10pm

Axminster LED Sports Centre

£2.00 per session (payable in advance for the half term : £10.00)

Contact : love2playnetball@gmail.com

EASTER ACTIVITIES

Looking for something fun and active for your kids at Easter? Look no further, Mark Bailey (Sporting Chance) is running one of his really popular holiday courses as usual at Seaton Primary. Multi sports days include all your child's favourite games from dodgeball, right the way through to capture the flag, hockey, football, tag rugby and basketball! There are prizes and trophies up for grabs for every child. If football is their thing, the Wednesday is dedicated to just football with games, drills and matches all day or why not try our forest school morning. Kids will learn survival skills, shelter building, fire lighting and many other great new skills in a safe and supervised environment!"

Telephone: 07881 628205

Email: mark@sportingchance-sw.co.uk

THELMA HULBERT GALLERY HONITON

Join us at THG for two free family workshops this Easter Holidays!

Inspired by the theme of paper from our current exhibition, we will be creating origami flowers and Easter boxes.

· Thursday 11 April – Origami Flower workshop

· Wednesday 17 April –Easter Box workshop

Drop in anytime between 11am and 3pm. All ages/abilities welcome. Free, suggested donation £2/child. thelmahulbert.com

Thelma Hulbert Gallery (THG), Dowell Street, Honiton EX14 1LX

ZUMBA

In March the super shining Seaton Little & Junior Starz supported 'Wear A Hat Day' and donated money towards Brain Tumour Research. The children all successfully achieved the challenge of wearing a hat throughout their energetic Zumba session!! Huge thanks to all involved. As a reminder, new children are welcome to join Johanna's ZumbaKids class after the Easter break. These classes will recommence on Monday 29th April as follows:

Every Monday

3.30pm - 4.15pm Seaton Little Starz* (4 - 7 year olds) - MAIN HALL

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

Summer Term Class Dates: April 29th, May 13th, 20th, June 10th, 17th, 24th, July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd.



Summer Term Class Fee: £40 (£4 per class x 10 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 For further details on all JM DanceFit Adult and Children's Zumba and FitSteps classes held in Seaton, Sidford, Sidmouth Beer, Newton Poppleford, and Exeter please visit www.jmdancefit.co.uk

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.

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

Thursday 4 th April	Cake sale and non-uniform day for Cancer Research UK EYFS & KS1 Easter assembly 9.15am
Friday 5 th April	Break up for Easter holiday (normal time).
Wednesday 24 th April	Children return to school.
Monday 6 th May	No School. Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 17 th May	Ashley Wood Photos (class photos)

Best wishes,

Nic George

Head

