



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

Friday 21st June

Dear Parents and Carers

The Summer Solstice is upon us today and sports day too. Last year our biggest concern for the event was adequate shade, hydration and sun cream! This year we have been hoping for a gap in the sky so sports day could take place..... and it has been touch and go! What a contrast from a year ago.

There are a few updates for you on in this newsletter. There is some further information about the pool from the staff running it. They have had some technical issues this week but we are still on course with the lessons for the year.

Preparations for the end of the year as well as September are well in hand. We are in the middle of by far the busiest time within the school year and teachers have the annual report deadline looming plus end of year assessments to finalise.

BUILDINGS UPDATE

Recently a number of Axe Beacon Staff and I met with Devon County Council to discuss the proposals for the use of our capital buildings grant. Top of the list is the Year 5 / 6 block. Plans from County are now being presented on how this project will look. It is likely that the three blocks will become one large one with a generous shared area and new toilets etc. We are also looking at the possibility of investing some of the money in the pool (towards heating / lighting) so it can become an all year round facility. If the money can stretch far enough we could also look at updating the music room / Happy Hawks block and re-arranging the internal space within school to create a further classroom. We are at present, relying on others to lead this project and we are aiming to have the new 5 / 6 block in place for September 2020. It needs to be a summer holidays project otherwise we will end up with four classes being taught in the hall! This venture will be long and drawn out unfortunately and it is now in the hands of others but the outcome will be well worth it in the end.



SCHOOL ASSESSMENT AND EXTERNAL MODERATION

Over the last few weeks the teachers in Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 have been externally moderated to check on whether their end of year judgements are accurate and to see if there is a strong evidence base in regard to pupils' work. We had a resounding thumbs up from our external moderators. They stated that our teachers know the children very well, speak with confidence and knowledge about the work and know exactly where they are with their learning. Well done to the teachers. I know it has been a testing time and they have come through very well.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

At the end of the academic year I see a few instances of school uniform starting to slip. I do understand that with only a few weeks to go, you are unlikely to buy replacement items especially as your child might shoot up over the summer break. However, September is a fresh start so please think very carefully in regard to your future purchases! The school web site clearly outlines the expectations for uniform and PE kit. When your child first enters school there is an information sheet about this and it includes advice on tying back hair and extreme haircuts / styles. I will be adding this to the website very shortly.

ATTENDANCE

If your child has a late morning or an afternoon appointment then it is definitely worth sending them in first thing or keeping them here until morning / afternoon register has been taken. They get a 'present' mark and it looks better for your child's and school's overall attendance figures.

SWIMMING UPDATE

It has been an unfortunate few days for swimming lessons and we have been unable to run many lessons. We have worked incredibly hard to rectify a chemical imbalance in the water as there has been an issue with the pool heating system. As you can imagine this has been very annoying and we have put a measure in place to hopefully prevent this from happening again.

We endeavour to ensure our dosing levels are both appropriate and safe and we have to get it right. Fingers crossed normal business will resume next week and we can get back to doing what we love most and having all the children back in the water.

Thank you all for your understanding .

Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Broderick

YEAR 6 PARENTS AND CARERS – TASTER DAYS

If your child is attending a taster day at their new secondary school please ensure you have informed the school office in advance. Although we have a list of the schools that pupils will be attending in September and the dates for taster days, we cannot assume, when your child is absent on a taster day, that that is where they are. Older children often come to school by themselves so for safety reasons we need to know that you are intending to take them to the taster day. You can let us know by writing a short note, phoning 20922, sending a Parentmail absence message or an email. (admin@seatonprimary.org.uk). Many thanks.



GOLF CONGRATULATIONS

Very well done to the Year 6 pupils who represented Seaton Primary at the Devon Summer School Games this week. We competed against 16 schools and came 2nd overall. A fantastic achievement.

BIS-NET PARENT AND PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS IN EXETER THIS JULY

Caring for a child with behaviour support needs can be challenging and at times isolating. Bis-net courses give parents and professionals a chance to learn strategies and techniques that have been used in professional practice and in the home with success. As well as group activities allowing you to meet others going through similar experiences and share ideas and support.

Supporting a Young Person with Challenging Behaviour

Thursday 4th July & Friday 5th July

Supporting an Autistic Young Person

Monday 8th July & Tuesday 9th July

Understanding Autistic individuals with Demand Avoidance [PDA] & Strategies to support them

Thursday 11th July & Friday 12th July

Understanding & Supporting young people with ADHD/ADD and developing Executive Functioning

Monday 15th July & Tuesday 16th July

All courses run from 9:30am until 2:30pm . There's a fee to attend. You can find out more and book here:https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/ceda-6400231187?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignInhttps://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/special-educational-needs-and-disability-send-local-offer/the-disability-network

THE MAX CARD

The Max Card has been funded by Devon County Council and is free to families with children aged 0-25 who have SEN and / or a disability. It allows the eligible child or young person free or discounted admission to more than 800 attractions nationwide, over 60 of which are in Devon and Cornwall.

The easiest and quickest way of registering is by completing the online registration form which can be found in the link above. Alternatively, you can download the form and complete it, then post to the address below or telephone and ask to be sent a copy in the post to complete.

Telephone: 01392 383249

Email: business.disabilitynetworkregister-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

Postal address:

The Disability Network (Max Card)

Devon County Council

Second Floor



The Annexe
County Hall
Topsham Road
Exeter
EX2 4QD

If you need help with this please contact Mrs Kay.

MERLIN'S MAGIC WAND FOR PUPILS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Merlin theme parks offer family tickets free of charge for children with additional needs.

They offer a one off opportunity for tickets to a Merlin attraction for entry for 1 day for immediate family only (Parents or guardians and siblings).

They can also assist with a limited amount towards a travel contribution to get you and your family to the attraction.

To apply you have to register online via the link.

<https://www.merlinsmagicwand.org/apply-for-a-day-out/making-an-application.aspx>

NOTIFYING THE SCHOOL OF ILLNESS

There are three main ways of notifying the school if your child is not coming to school.

1. Telephone the school – 01297 20922 – Leave a message
2. Parentmail message.
3. Email the school – admin@seatonprimary.org.uk

We require you to notify us by **9:00am** if your child is not attending school that day. Office staff are wasting valuable time in the morning chasing parents to find out where children are. If they are unsuccessful in making contact then we have to make a home visit and if that is unsuccessful we have to contact the police! Please everyone, be on the ball with this matter!

BOTTLES WANTED

Children are invited to wear non-uniform on Thursday 27th June in return for a bottle for the Summer Fete tombola. Any bottles accepted – fizzy pop, ketchup, bubble bath, wine.... Please bring your donations to your class teacher on the day.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AFTERSCHOOL

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.

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. Children must not swim for 2 weeks after an episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea.

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 27th June	Non Uniform in return for a bottle for the Fete
Thursday 4 th July	Transition Day for Axe Valley Academy Year 6 pupils. (Please inform office if you intend to take your child)
Friday 5 th July	School Reports distributed.
Saturday 6 th July	School Summer Fete
Thursday 11 th July	Parent information meeting for new Reception parents 2.30pm & 5.30pm
Monday 15 th July	Meet your new teacher afternoon.
Tues 16 th & Wed 17 th July	Year 6 Production (details to follow)
Thursday 18 th July	Year 5/6 Fun Day/Evening
Friday 19 th July	Natural Seaton Festival
Wednesday 24 th July	Break up for summer holidays

Best wishes,

Nic George

Head

