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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 28th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last few days have been pretty warm to say the least. Unfortunately, it's not as hot as Paris so we won't be closing the school due to the heat! I hope you find this newsletter informative and please have an enjoyable weekend while the sun is still out.

SPORTS DAY

The annual Seaton Primary School Sports Day was a great success. Everyone had a fantastic time and the competition between the four houses was very keen indeed. Congratulations to the Green team who won the overall event. The parents' and staff races were also highly competitive. Miss Fleming learnt a hard lesson about celebrating too early!

HOUSES

In September we have a new cohort of children coming in and this year has seen numerous children join the school and a few move on. It is highly likely that we will need to re-order the houses in September otherwise we are going to have an imbalance of numbers and sporting abilities going into the new academic year. We will let the children know their new houses at the beginning of next term and I would like to reboot the house system with a number of events occurring across the year. Maybe we need to change the names of the houses? Red, Yellow, Blue and Green are not the most inspiring names (I think they were meant to relate to birds). I am sure the children will have some great suggestions.

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Following up from sports day and the news about the highly controversial football match between England and Cameroon I led several assemblies around the theme of 'winning' and 'losing'. Everyone wants to win and succeed; however losing and failure could well be the outcome too. In assembly we talked about the issues surrounding the idea that "Winning is everything"? If that is the goal then bad sportsmanship will quickly creep in and disrespect for the opponents, the referee and cheating can take place.

The staff and I are fully supportive of competitive sports in our school and we believe that there many reasons why everyone should participate in sport, including having fun, being healthy and building a sense of team spirit. There are plenty of examples of when winning at any cost has resulted in some shameful behaviour and we explored a few of these in the assemblies. The children listened very well and I will revisit the theme again



as we need our children to understand that it is fine to fail and lose as it's part of the journey to success! Here is an excellent quote for everyone to think about.....

"I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed." Michael Jordan

HEALTH AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION

Very recently the Government has brought out new, compulsory guidelines concerning health and relationship education in primary schools. Over the next academic year we will be writing a new policy, approach and curriculum to meet the new requirements. The focus of the curriculum will need to cover the following –

- Families and people who care for me
- Caring friendships
- Respectful relationships
- Online relationships
- Being safe

We also run a programme of sex education and this will also be reviewed by the Federation Governors.

WARM WEATHER DAYS IN SCHOOL

All pupils spend a fair bit of time outside at this time of year. We are fortunate that there are numerous shady spots on the playground but please remember the following –

- A sun hat - (available to purchase from the office for £4.50)
- Sun screen to be applied before school
- A bottle of water

LAST DAY OF TERM

Please note that we **finish school at 1pm on Wednesday 24th July** . Children will have an early lunch and leave after.

SCHOOL MEALS

The governors have been reviewing the cost of providing nutritious school meals for the children of our schools and due to an increase of food costs, we will be increasing the cost of our school meals. Over the remainder of the term we will be reviewing the school menu to further develop our meals using locally sourced fresh ingredients wherever possible and to ensure that we continue to provide a healthy balanced meal for our children.

It is with regret that with effect from the 3rd September meal prices will increase from £2.40 per day to £2.50 per day (cost per week £12.50). Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to qualify for Government's Universal Free School Meals scheme.

Once the Autumn term menu is finalised we will publicise this to you.



GARDENING CLUB

Gardening club has been thriving this term and the enthusiastic year 3 & 4 members have been working hard to nurture a myriad of fruit and vegetables. They are now harvesting some of the produce, including some fantastic blackcurrants this week.

Our garden revamp project is nearly complete. We would like to thank the local companies who have supported us. Bradford's and MKM Building Supplies donated the wood to re build the raised beds, Westcrete, Axminster delivered a free batch of concrete to create a greenhouse base, and Otter Nurseries gave us an unbelievable deal on a new greenhouse - they even delivered it free of charge!

Thanks to the generosity of these businesses and a few weekends of hard graft from Mrs Anning's husband and father in law, the garden has never looked better.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

Parents and carers of pupils in Year 6 are invited to attend the Year 6 leavers assembly on Wednesday 24th July at 9.30am-10.30am.

SUMMER FETE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In order to make the summer fete a huge success, we need volunteers throughout the day. If you are able to volunteer to help either set up before, clear up after or on an activity from 11-12:30 or 11:30-2:30, please email Sarah Lambert slam8483@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered. We have had a great response so far but still have some spaces to fill.

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 this 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.

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!



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.

NATIONAL PLAY DAY

Playday – the national day for play – takes place on the first Wednesday in August every year. It is a celebration of children's right to play, and a campaign that highlights the importance of play in children's lives. This year the event will take place on Wednesday 7th August and Seaton Town Council will be hosting an activity at Elizabeth Road playing fields in Seaton. Entry is free and there will be a bouncy castle, circus skills and many more events for children to participate in.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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
Thursday 18 th July	Year 5/6 Fun Day/Evening
Friday 19 th July	Natural Seaton Festival
Wednesday 24 th July	Year 6 leavers assembly 9.30am to 10.30am Break up for summer holidays

Best wishes,

Nic George

Head

