



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 7th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just when I was feeling that summer was here, it has decided to bucket it down! Well it's really good for the school gardens and they are looking super. The crops are growing really quickly and yesterday we had our first crops of strawberries that were super tasty!

There are a number of important updates within today's newsletter so please have a good read through them.

STAFFING UPDATE

Mr Rae will be leaving at the end of the academic year. He is a very popular member of staff and we wish him the very best for the future. I am pretty sure though that we will see him again in the future taking classes when we need some cover. Mr Rae currently teaches in Year 3 so we needed to find a replacement for him as soon as possible. Mrs Sue Bateman interviewed here at Seaton Primary School and she will be replacing Mr Rae. She is currently a senior teacher working in Buckingham and is relocating to this part of the world. She has a wealth of experience and is looking forward to starting with us in September.

Just before half term Miss Fleming and Miss Ovens were both successful at interview in gaining new, permanent teaching posts within Devon. They both start their new roles in September. We wish them the very best too for the future and for all their contributions to Seaton Primary School.

We will now have four new teachers starting in September –

Key Stage 1 – Miss Melanie Sloan (newly qualified teacher)

Lower Key Stage 2 – Miss Becky Smith (currently teaching in Bridport)

Lower Key Stage 2 – Mrs Sue Bateman (currently teaching in Buckingham)

Upper Key Stage 2 – Miss Jenna Banat (currently teaching in Exeter)



I am really looking forward to working with all these new teachers. They will offer a great deal to our school community and they are excited about the prospect of coming to work with us. All the new teachers will be invited to come in after half term to meet the staff, pupils and their new class classes. I wish them the very best for their future careers with us.

In September we are not for seeing too much change in relation to where current class teachers are placed but we will keep you informed once a final decision has been made as to where teachers will be.

Shortly the teachers will be deciding which classes their current pupils will be moving to. Sometimes classes are mixed up and sometimes they move up altogether. Teachers reflect very carefully on the year-group in making this decision. We will notify you of your child's next teacher when the school reports go out on Friday 5th July. Children will be meeting and spending time with their new teacher on Monday 15th July.

SWIMMING POOL

Swimming lessons are going really well. Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Broderick are doing a super job and the children are getting stuck into their learning. Other schools are now starting to use the pool which brings in valuable income and this ensures the facility is being used to its full potential. We are urgently considering how best to raise the necessary funds to turn the pool into an all year round facility as it needs lights and a heating system. There are some firm proposals in hand in terms of what these new facilities need to be and now we are working on the issue of funding this potentially amazing project!

NEW CURRICULUM

A quick reminder from the previous newsletter that we are revamping / refreshing the school curriculum here at Seaton Primary School. The main curriculum drivers for us are going to be –

'Heath and Well Being'

'The Locality'

'Global Citizenship'

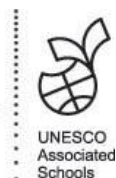
Teachers have had quite a bit of time already to start planning the Autumn term and next week all teachers from across the Axe Beacon Federation will be considering how children need to progress in each subject.

TAKE A TALE WEEK

This week we started off with a very funny and well portrayed play by the teachers of 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and Mr Hunt was type cast as the Big Bad Wolf! Miss Wright was unceremoniously turned into the house of straw with a large bundle of straw being dumped on her head! Well done to the staff for going the extra mile this week and for being such good sports.

Report from Miss Wilkinson and Miss Curnock

The children and teachers have had a wonderful week exploring the classic fairy tale 'The Three Little Pigs'. Throughout the week there have been lots of fun activities going on around the school including 'Pin the Tail on the Pig', colouring competitions and a Three Little Pigs house hunt in the woods. There has been lots of great work produced in the classrooms that has been shared across the school. We would like to thank all parents and carers for your help with creating and preparing such wonderful costumes for all of the children today, they look fantastic! We would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Lovett the rest of the kitchen staff for the lovely Three Little Pigs themed cakes that they have made for all of the children today.



NOTIFYING THE SCHOOL OF ILLNESS

There are three main ways of notifying the school of your child 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!

WANTED

We are hoping to enhance some of the activities we carry out with the children and we are seeking the following resources. If you have any of these things that you can donate to school we would be extremely grateful.

Bubble machines

Lego

Jigsaw puzzles

Remote control cars

Wind-up toys

Marble runs

Duplo / Mega Blocks

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.

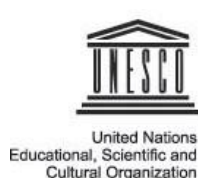
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AFTERSCHOOL

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.

OPEN FARM SUNDAY

Why not go along to the Open Farm Sunday this weekend, from 11-4 at Gatcombe Farm (on the top road just past Tower Services towards Sidmouth) Come along for a free day out!

COLYTON THEATRE GROUP PRESENT SNOW WHITE AND THE 8 DWARVES



Would you like to be a part of the pantomime in December? Come to the Reece Strawbridge Centre in Colyton on Thursday 4th July at 7pm for a read through. Auditions take place on Thursday 11th July at 7pm. All ages welcome. Contact Brian on 01297 552317 for further information.

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.

ACT DANCE SING

Colyton Theatre Group and Theatre Kidz are offering a 3-day workshop during the school summer break for students between the ages of 7 and 16 years. From Monday 19th August to Wednesday 21st August. For further information contact Marie 07870 296670 or email info@theatrekidz.co.uk

SUMMER FETE IN AID OF SEATON FRIENDS HOSPISCARE@HOME

Saturday 8th June 9.30am to 1pm in Windsor Gardens, Seaton Cultural Quarter, Cross Street
Lots of stalls including Fun Dog Show, BBQ, Crafts, Plants, Cakes, Books and Health Stand.
For further information please contact: 01297 20143

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 17 th June	Year 3 Fossil Trip
Wednesday 19 th June	Woodroffe Taster Day (Year 6 pupils who have places at Woodroffe)
Friday 21 st June	Whole School Sports Day
Thursday 27 th June	Non Uniform in return for a bottle for the Fete
Friday 28 th June	Reserve Date for Sports Day if bad weather on 21 st .
Thursday 4 th July	Transition Day for Axe Valley Academy Year 6 pupils.
Saturday 6 th July	School Summer Fete
Thursday 11 th July	Parent information meeting for new Reception parents 2.30pm & 5.30pm
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

