



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

19th July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers –

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The end of term is almost upon us and this is the last newsletter of the school year. We finish school at 1:00pm on Wednesday 24th July. The children return to school on Tuesday 3rd September 2019.

The open evening proved to be a great success on Monday with many of you turning up to see the classrooms, the work set out and to have a final catch up with your child's class teacher and of course meet the new one!

STAFFING UPDATE

Miss Wright is moving at the end of this term. She has been covering the maternity leave of Mrs Fontes who is due back in the Spring term. We are very grateful to Miss Wright for all her contributions to school and I wish her the very best of luck in her pursuit of a career in special school education. Mrs Bennett takes over from her for the Autumn term and Mrs Clode is stepping in to share a class with Mrs Eriksson when she is undertaking her Assistant Head duties.

Mrs Christine Lovett our Kitchen Manager is hanging up her apron at the end of this term. Christine has been the Head Cook for a number of years and I wish her the best for the future. Our resources manager is hoping to take on a new kitchen assistant over the holidays. Please email premises@axebf.org.uk for further details.

SCHOOL DINNERS

We have some fantastic news - we have listened to feedback from pupils and parents and changed the school menu for the start of the next term.

We are looking to use even more locally sourced products, the use of fresh seasonal ingredients and offer a greater variety. We will be offering a winter menu and summer menu to replace the current menu change every term. In addition, we will be exploring creative ways to help children enjoy and appreciate the food they eat, making links with aspects of the curriculum and school culture.

In order to do this it has meant a delay in getting the menu out to parents. Apologies for this but it will be sent out in paper form next week. I hope that you will find the menu appealing and will encourage your children to try it.. This is an exciting move forward for the kitchen and we are hoping to have a big uptake of school dinners in September. All children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free dinner every day plus those pupils in receipt of Free School Meals. If you work it



out that is a great financial incentive for any family! To see if you are entitled to Free School Meals please log onto the Devon County Council Citizen Portal.

PTA FETE

This year's Summer Fete made just over £4000! Wow! Very well done to our PTA and all the volunteers.

GARDENING CLUB

Our Gardening Club scooped up two excellent awards at the recent Sidmouth Rotary Club Gardening Award for schools. We won 'biggest beetroot' and "best overall vegetables". Our school garden is superb and this is down to the dedication of the boys and girls who regularly tend it and our two Teaching Assistants, (Mrs Anning and Mrs Wood) for the time and dedication they put into the club. Congratulations everyone!

THE SCHOOL MAZE GARDEN

A huge thank you to Kings Garden Centre, Sidmouth for donating a large array of plants towards our School and Maze Garden. A special mention must go the Seaton Baptist Church Members who not only replanted the Maze Garden but renovated the seating all around it. What a fantastic piece of community support and involvement towards the school.

START OF NEXT TERM

The diary for next term is quickly filling up. We have a number of events already booked in; starting with the annual whole class parents meeting. Please make a note of these dates. Here are the dates / times we have set aside and this is an excellent opportunity to find out about what is in store for your child this coming academic year.

Thursday 5th September, YEAR 4 – 3:30pm until 4:00pm (Mr Hunt's Class Room)

Monday 9th September, YEAR 6 – 3:30pm until 4:00pm (Mr Delfosse's Class Room)

Tuesday 10th September, YEAR 5 – 2:45pm until 3:15pm (Main Hall)

Wednesday 11th September, YEAR 1 – 2:45pm until 3:15pm (Main Hall)

Thursday 12th September, YEAR 2 – 2:45pm until 3:15pm (Main Hall)

Friday 13th September, YEAR 3 – 2:45pm until 3:15pm (Main Hall)

KEY STAGE 2 FUN DAY

Yesterday, KS2 had their Fun Day/Evening. The event was a great success, with a range of activities taking place throughout the day and after school. This day could not happen without the support and hard work from a number of people. We want to say thank you to Mrs Broderick and Mrs Lawrence for providing the fun swimming sessions, the kitchen staff for cooking a delicious fun day meal and the PTA for organising and paying for the inflatable obstacle course and bouncy castle. In addition, we want to extend a special thank you to the Colyton Grammar School Sport Leaders who volunteered to run activities throughout the school day and ensured all the children were engaged and encouraged.

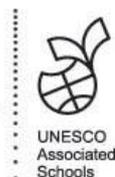
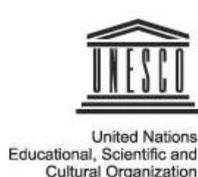
Mr Delfosse

Year 5 Teacher & PE Coordinator

FINAL MESSAGE

Lastly my very best wishes firstly go to our Year 6 who are moving on to secondary school. They have had a fantastic year and made the best of the opportunities that have been presented to them. I hope their memories of Seaton Primary School stick with them for many, many years to come. We have the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly next Wednesday and I look forward to seeing parents and carers as we celebrate their achievements.

To those staff moving on, I wish them too all the best for the future ahead and a huge thank you for all their contributions towards Seaton Primary School.



Many thanks for supporting the school over the last year. Have a restful summer and I look forward to seeing pupils back in school on Tuesday 3rd September, bright eyed and bushy tailed.

Nic George

Head

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.

PARKING IN ST GREGORY'S COURT

Please do not park in St Gregory's Court. Residents of St Gregory's Court are disabled or elderly and there are clear signs saying "no unauthorised parking". A local resident was verbally abused by a parent from our school when she tried to access her home. This is completely unacceptable. Please park responsibly and consider our neighbours.

CHANGE OF BANK HOLIDAY 2020

Please note there has been a change to the Bank Holidays in May 2020. Instead of Monday May 4th, the Bank Holiday has been moved to Friday 8th May.

SWIMMING POOL OPENING TIMES

We are pleased to announce that the swimming pool will be open from 6th to 31st August. Sessions will run on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am to 4pm. The pool will close for lunch from 12 til 1pm. On Thursday mornings there will be an adults only session from 8am to 9.30am.

£4 per adult (16 years and over) £2 per child. Under 2's free.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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.

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.

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.

WILD EAST DEVON 2019 HOLIDAY EVENTS

There are lots of exciting activities taking place during the summer organised by Wild East Devon. These include Family Explorer Days at Holyford Woods, Rockpool Rambles, Orienteering for beginners and Bug Hunts. For more information and to book please visit www.eastdevon.gov.uk/countryside/our-events

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

Wednesday 24th July

Year 6 leavers assembly 9.30am to 10.30am

5th to 13th September

Break up for summer holidays at **1pm**

Whole class parents evenings (see above).

Best wishes,

Nic George

Head

