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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 weather is all set to be a beautiful day tomorrow and another fantastic Summer Fete here at Seaton Primary School. We have a full range of stalls and entertainment lined up for you on our big fund raising day. Please bring along your family, relatives, neighbours and friends to join in the fun and games! The PTA are raising fantastic sums of money towards the school. This provides for reading books to playground equipment. The PTA are helping the school in all sorts of ways at present. Plans for future projects include electronic book readers, further development of our wonderful pool and maybe even a revamp of the library has been suggested. There are lots of projects in mind and without the support of the PTA the resources and opportunities for our pupils would be lesser for sure. So let's hear a big shout out for the Seaton Primary School PTA and give them plenty of support tomorrow. They do a fantastic job!

PLANNING AHEAD FOR SEPTEMBER

There are lots of things on my mind already for September and plans are afoot to hit the ground running then. Besides the induction of four new teachers next year we are having a revamp of our curriculum with greater emphasis on a full range of subjects not just Maths and English. We will be looking carefully at the provision and progress of all subjects and I know Mr Delfosse has already pencilled in some training dates for PE next term. Miss Crockett and Mr Lewis want to focus in on Personal, Social and Health Education and we are all undertaking some further training on making our classroom teaching provision even better.

FUTURE SCHOOLS FUNDING

School budgets are NOT getting any better I am afraid. Almost every school in the country is now facing serious financial deficits in 12 months' time and Seaton's / The Axe Beacon Federation's forecast is not exempt from these pressures. A vast majority of our outgoing costs lie within staffing (more than 80%) and this percentage is only on the increase as wages, pensions etc go up and less money or the same money comes in. We also have less children coming into Seaton Primary School next year as there are less 3-4 year olds in our community. Of course we must pay the bills, have money for repairs, furniture and resources but the only realistic way to manage costs is to reduce staffing levels. This in part is being accomplished by not re-employing Teaching Assistants when they move on to new posts or not replacing them when a contract runs out. Our pool of TAs has shrunk considerably over the last two years. I am hoping that our staffing levels will now settle in September but the reality of the situation in school is –



- We have less TAs to help manage special educational needs
- We have less TAs available to run intervention support sessions
- We have less TAs to help manage learning activities on the whole

We are very grateful to all volunteers who step forward and offer help to the school. This is really needed and if you can spare a few hours then the class teachers would love to hear from you!

Currently every political party and potential leader is 'bleating' on about how schools need better and fairer funding. This is a great noise to hear but now we need to see action on this front. But as Brexit rumbles on and sucks the life out of parliament, important decisions and developments are not getting through. I am a bit of an eternal optimist though and I do believe the tide will turn.... I just don't know when!

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTS

For years 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 your annual school report is due out today along with a note about your child's next teacher, their current attendance and a tear off feedback form for the school to receive back. The attendance average for the school is 96%, so please compare this with your own child's attendance.

NEW KS1 READING BOOKS

Miss Curnock and the rest of the KS1 and Reception team would like to thank the PTA for helping them to buy over 250 new reading scheme books to support reading at home and at school. They would also like to thank Lloyds bank for their match funding donation of £500 that made the purchase of so many new books possible. Lots of the current books are beginning to look a bit tired and old so the staff are really looking forward to reading the new books with the children in the next academic year.

We want our news books to last so please ensure your child has a school book bag from September to help keep the reading books in good condition. We are seeing far too many books being ruined by drinks bottles leaking onto them!

LAST DAY OF TERM

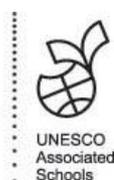
Please note that we **finish school at 1pm on Wednesday 24th July** . Children will have an early lunch and leave after.

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.



WEST COUNTRY SCHOOL MUSIC

West Country School Music provide musical instrument tuition on a variety of different instruments. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

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.

FAREWELL TO GERRY FRY

We would like to invite you in for coffee and cake to say goodbye to our excellent Parent Support Worker, Gerry Fry. We are having an informal gathering on Thursday 11th July from 2-3.15pm. Please drop in anytime to wish Gerry well in her next adventures. All schools in the Federation are invited and we will hold this in the Nurture Room at Seaton Primary School. Please come to the school office and you will be directed to the Nurture Room. Please see Mrs Kay if you have any questions.

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.

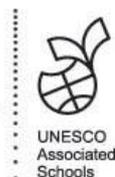
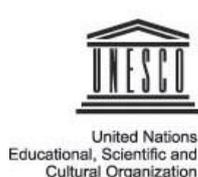
NUTS – ALL YEAR GROUPS May we respectfully ask parents NOT to provide their child with nuts for their mid-morning snack or lunch as some children have severe nut allergies.

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

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 at 1pm

Best wishes,

Nic George

Head

