



## 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

13th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Week two is almost at an end! I hope you find this newsletter informative as there are a number of things of interest within it.

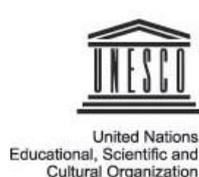
Firstly, well done to all the pupils and staff in the school who went on the Escot residential visit. Everyone came back in a great mood, though a little tired e.g. Miss Broom! Staff at Escot House delivered a fantastic experience for the pupils and they will remember that swamp walk for the rest of their lives. A huge thank you to all the Seaton School staff who went the extra mile to make this great event happen. Your efforts and dedication are much appreciated. The trip was a fantastic way to kick start the Year 4 history project and inspire future learning.

### Leadership Update

I have had a very, very busy week getting on top of a number of things this week. Ms Redwood and I, (my Co-Executive Headteacher), have been busy looking at each of the school's priorities for the term ahead. OFSTED could well be pending for all of our schools so it is imperative that we have a number of key documents in place in readiness for a potential inspection. Seaton was last inspected in 2012 which in many terms is a very long time ago. Legislation will be soon going through Parliament (as long as it stays open!) to ensure all schools, regardless of their grading are inspected every three years. I believe this is a good move. The new OFSTED framework is an interesting one with the focus on –

1. The quality of education
2. Behaviour and attitudes
3. Personal development
4. Leadership and management
5. Reception / Early Years

At the end of last year we were externally moderated for all areas and we received some really positive comments from the staff in charge and some excellent tips on how to get even more children to the expected standard. We have much work to do this year to keep all our pupils moving forward and everyone is keen to do their best. With your support at home we will get there.



## Class Meetings

Many thanks to all parents who came along to support and listen to the presentations led by the class teachers about the term and year ahead. I hope you found them informative and the booklets useful. At the start of every term, the teachers will now send out a new booklet outlining the curriculum ahead.

## School Dinners

The kitchen is producing really tasty meals this term. Food is being cooked from scratch with fresh ingredients. This includes fresh vegetables, fruit and meat which are being delivered on a daily basis to the kitchen. Older pupils in particular are really enjoying the food but I did notice that some of the younger ones yesterday seemed unsure of a cottage pie and when it comes to trying new foods a bit hesitant. The cottage pie was absolutely DELICIOUS, full of flavour and substance! Keep encouraging your children to have school dinners everyone. The kitchen is central to our school.

## HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

There is a simple message – AVOID AT ALL COSTS please. The absence goes down as unauthorised, I get a hard time from Devon County Council and we cannot catch up on your child's education. Families whose pupils' who attain up to 5 days of unauthorised absence in a year are being fined and this has been on the news of late.

## SWIMMING

Swimming starts again next week. Children in Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 1 will alternate on a weekly basis. **Key Stage 2 will start on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September** and Key Stage 1 the following week. They will then alternate until half-term.

## AXE VALLEY ACADEMY OPEN DAY AND EVENING

Axe Valley Academy are holding a Year 6 Open Day and Evening on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9am, 11.30am and 6.30pm. There will be a presentation by the Headteacher followed by tours of the Academy. At 6.30pm there will also be the opportunity to meet subject teachers. To attend, simply arrive at main reception (Chard Street entrance). Tours take approximately 45 minutes. If you intend to take your child to the Open Day please inform our school office so that we are aware of the reason for their absence in advance.

## WOODROFFE OPEN DAY

Woodroffe School are holding an open day on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30am to 12.30pm. All welcome.

## SIDMOUTH COLLEGE OPEN DAY

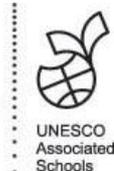
Sidmouth College are holding their open day on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30am to 11.30am and later with talks at 5pm and 6pm. Please note there is building work taking place at the college so please allow extra time to park. Please check their school website for further details.

## CHANGE OF BANK HOLIDAY 2020

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

## SHUTE FESTIVAL

Shute Festival takes place this weekend. The Festival is completely free for children 16 and under and there is a wonderful programme of activities for children from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday including land art, ceramics, film-making, wild activities and bush craft. Little Orchard Alpacas in Shute are also opening their doors on Saturday and Sunday with an open day and entry to that is free to families with an adult ticket for Shute Festival. They are also offering parking for the Festival to those who come to their open day. All details of the Shute Festival programme online at [www.shutefest.org.uk](http://www.shutefest.org.uk) and [www.littleorchardalpacas.co.uk](http://www.littleorchardalpacas.co.uk) It's all in a great cause - profits are going to the outdoor spaces at Shute Primary and for the maintenance and fabric of Shute Church.



## SINGING LESSONS

Would you like your child to have singing lessons at school? Mrs Elliott has vacancies on a Friday afternoon for pupils in Year 2 and above. Please call 07400 159032 for further information/cost etc.

## 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!

## 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

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 trip to Charmouth.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Jeans for Genes Day. Wear your jeans or something else denim for a suggested 50p donation.
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct-25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term
W/C 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' evenings. Further details to follow.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations. Further details to follow.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photographer to take individual pupil photos
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 to Fleet Air Museum (details to follow)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Non-Pupil Day
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm & 6pm	R & KS1 Nativity (Ticket details available nearer the time)
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am & 6pm	As above
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1pm	Break up for Christmas Holiday at 1pm.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	No pupils in school (Training Day)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupils return to school.

Best wishes,  
Nic George

Head

