



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

20th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a great week in school with an awful lot going on. Classes are busy getting out and about, new projects have begun and both children and staff have settled into their routines! I hope you find this Newsletter informative and it does contain a few reminders to keep you all on your toes.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

I need to start with a reminder to all parents ... SCHOOL DOES NOT OPEN UNTIL 8:40am! I know you are all eager beavers but we are not ready to receive children before that time.

PARKING

Please DON'T PARK ON THE ZIGZAGS or DOUBLE YELLOW lines outside of the school (Unless you have a blue badge) and certainly not in the hospital / medical centre car parks unless you have business there. I understand you may have to park further away but the safety of the school pupils is paramount. Please also consider residents in the local area when parking opposite their driveways and allow access.

SCOOTERS and BIKES

I know there is no law currently to say helmets are compulsory on these modes of transport but if your children are coming to school on a bike or scooter then please could they wear a helmet. I am a keen cyclist myself and wearing a helmet has saved me from serious injury on at least two occasions!

SCHOOL DINNERS

In the near future we are likely to be moving to an electronic system so individual parents can manage the school dinner themselves. This includes menu choices etc. I am hoping this will be a much easier and straight forward system in the long run and relieve teachers and support staff of this very time consuming daily task.

Currently Reception, Year 1 and 2 teachers send a list to the office daily and have the three week block of meals sorted in advance. This will continue until further notice.

In Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children tell the teacher what they want to eat that day. From Monday teachers in these classes will give the children 4 options and it is imperative that the children know what they are having that day. The four options are

1. Normal dinner option
2. Packed lunch
3. Vegetarian option
4. Baked potato



SWIMMING

Swimming has started. **Key Stage 1 will start swimming on 23.9.19.**

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Parents and carers of pupils in KS1 are invited to join us for our Harvest Festival. This will take place on Friday 11th October at 10am in St Gregory's Church.

BOOKS

Big Book Boost is The Book People's brand new fundraising scheme. Every time you place an order with them over £10, they will donate £1 to a school of your choice for them to spend on books! Seaton Primary is now registered.

<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost>

3D CHILD

Children across our schools are becoming more familiar with 3DChild and its facets of: create, energise, explore, imagine, relax and socialise. We are currently focussing on explore in our schools. Next week, is our 3DChild week meaning that we are suspending homework to allow space for children and families to enjoy other activities at home. Ideas of what you could do are on the 3DChild website.

It may be that you might together explore our local area and in doing so might come across 3DChild. If you are able to visit Seaton or Colyton library, the Owl & Pyramid bookshop in Seaton or the Community Waffle House in Axminster, children will be able to receive a 3DChild sticker. We hope to make further links in our community, so keep exploring and keep an eye out for the 3DChild logo.

AXE VALLEY ACADEMY OPEN DAY AND EVENING

Axe Valley Academy are holding a Year 6 Open Day and Evening on Thursday 26th 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 26th September from 9.30am to 12.30pm. **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.**

SIDMOUTH COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Sidmouth College are holding their open day on Wednesday 25th 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. **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.**

NEW DRAMA CLUB AT THE LIBRARY

A new drama group is starting at the library every Thursday 16.00-17.00 for 6-11 year olds. It's free and there's no need to book. Just turn up.

CHANGE OF BANK HOLIDAY 2020

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

DOGS

Please do not bring dogs onto the school grounds. This includes the pathway up to Ruperts Pre-School.



COLYTON CATERPILLARS AUTISM COURSE

Please see the attached flyer for information.

AXE VALLEY ACADEMY RUNNING EVENT

The Minster Challenge running race takes place at Axe Valley Academy on Sunday 6th October and they would like to invite you and your child/ren to come along and take part in the 1 mile Fun Run around the school fields.

There will be a prize for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd girl and boy plus a trophy for the fastest overall primary school. Also, every child taking part will receive a medal.

The Fun Run will start at 10.15am and costs £2 to enter. It is fine to enter on the day but if your child/ren would like to enter in advance, the form can be downloaded from the Axe Valley Academy website (shown below) and returned to the school reception along with the £2 entry fee. <http://axevalley.devon.sch.uk/community/minster-challenge/>

For any adults who like running there is the opportunity to run in the 5km or 12km multi-terrain race which also begins and ends at Axe Valley Academy. You can sign up for this online at: <https://www.fullonsport.com/event/mc2019/profile>

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.

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR TEACHERS, TA'S, PARENTS, CARERS AND CHILDMINDERS

Withycombe Raleigh Church of England Primary are running a course covering Working Memory and Auditory Processing with retired Educational Psychologist Jon Maxell-Batten. Friday 20th September 1.30pm to 5pm. Free. To book a place or for more information call 01395 263397 ext 2.

KILMINGTON JUMBLE SALE

Kilmington Primary PTFA are organising a jumble sale on Saturday 5th October from 9am to 12pm. Entry is free.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Botanica Gallery at 30 Queen Street, Seaton, Devon, EX12 2RB have a childrens art exhibition on over the October half term, Mon 21st - Sat 26th. If your child would like to get involved pop in to pick up an application form. Prizes will be awarded for a number of categories and visitors will be able to visit and view over half term.

Kerri-Ann, resident artist at Botanica Gallery will also be doing art 'Q & A' sessions for children, a chance to ask about art materials and techniques whilst also watching some demonstrations. Join her on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 11am - 12pm. Participants can have a go with some of the materials too. Pre-booking is advised to reserve a seat - contact Kerri-Ann via botanicagallery@hotmail.com, pop into 30 Queen Street or text 07772148702.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A Macmillan Coffee Morning will be taking place on Saturday 28th September from 10 til 12.30pm at Seaton Cricket Club. Please come and support the event. Lots of children's activities all morning. Donations of cakes welcome. Please see Gail Welsh or call 07956 255130.

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

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| Monday 21 st Oct-25 th Oct | Half Term |
| W/C 28 th October | Parents' evenings. Further details to follow. |
| Thursday 7 th November | Flu Vaccinations. Further details to follow. |
| Tuesday 12 th November | School Photographer to take individual pupil photos |
| Wednesday 20 th November | Year 5 to Fleet Air Arm Museum (details to follow) |
| Friday 22 nd November | Non-Pupil Day |
| Friday 29 th November | PTFA Christmas Bazaar |
| Mon 16 th Dec 2pm & 6pm | R & KS1 Nativity (Ticket details available nearer the time) |
| Tues 17 th Dec 9.30am & 6pm | As above |
| Friday 20 th Dec 1pm | Break up for Christmas Holiday at 1pm. |
| Monday 6 th January | No pupils in school (Training Day) |
| Tuesday 7 th January | Pupils return to school. |

Best wishes,
Nic George

Head

