



## 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

27th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to the end of another very busy week in school. I hope you find this newsletter both useful and informative. We are now at the end of the third week full week and the pupils have now had chance to get used to their new teachers and the expectations they are setting for the year ahead. We often find that pupils in Year 3 find this time an interesting challenge as they have now entered the Juniors / Key Stage 2. There is an increased expectation for independence and for them to apply themselves for more sustained periods of time!

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

This week we have been focusing on a series of ‘learning walks’ around the school. Each of the phase leaders and the English Leaders (Miss Curnock and Mrs Bateman) have had time to look carefully at the teaching and learning going on across the school especially in terms of how see staff are settling in with their new classes, how pupils are responding to new teaching projects and to make sure we have a consistent / high quality approach between classes. I am pleased to report that we have got off to a great start and our new teachers are doing really well and being supported really well by their fellow colleagues.

Today I will start to set new objectives for the teachers and this will continue into next week. We have set ourselves a number of ambitious targets for the year and everyone is is up for the challenge.

### SWIMMING

I sent a parent mail out yesterday to update you about swimming. Currently both our teachers are currently unwell and I am hoping to have them back very soon. Pupils due to have swimming next week (KS2) should bring their kits as per normal. I will update you as soon as I have more news. We aim to catch up with lessons as the term continues. **PTA**

### NEWS

On Monday I attended the annual Seaton Primary School PTA Meeting in School. Last year the fundraising efforts by the PTA were exceptional to say the least! Very well done to the PTA for all their efforts. They do an exceptional job at not only raising money but bring our school community together. They have plenty of great ideas for the year ahead and are always on the lookout for new members to join them! Please check out and follow their face book page.

### OPEN DAY

We are holding an open day on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October for any prospective parents, carers and pupils. If you know someone who is looking for a primary school place please encourage them to come along. Tours of the school will take place at 9.45am and 2pm. There’s no need to book. Everyone welcome.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Parents and carers of pupils in KS1 are invited to join us for our Harvest Festival. This will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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>

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> has been moved to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

## DOGS

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

## 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.

## KILMINGTON JUMBLE SALE

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

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A Macmillan Coffee Morning will be taking place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@seatonprimary.org.uk)

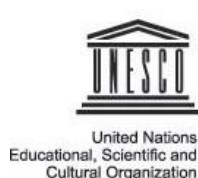
We require you to notify us by **9:00am** if your child is not attending school that day. Office staff are wasting valuable time in the morning chasing parents to find out where children are. If they are unsuccessful in making contact then we have to make a home visit and if that is unsuccessful we have to contact the police! Please everyone, be on the ball with this matter!

## WANTED – FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Colyton Youth Football Club are looking for committed, passionate football players in the current Year 5 age group. Training takes place every Friday at 6pm at Colyton Peace Memorial Playing Fields. Contact the manager Ollie Rowe on 07977 260233 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.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| 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 Arm Museum (details to follow)          |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November                 | Non-Pupil Day   |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November                 | PTFA Christmas Bazaar                                       |
| 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

