



Seaton Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

6th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome back to the start of a new academic term! A special welcome to all the new staff, pupils and families who have just joined us.

We have hit the ground running this year and over the holidays there has been a fair amount of work occurring on site. The front office has been altered and a new meeting room has been created.

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Mr Rolls, Executive Headteacher of the Axe Beacon Federation of School is currently signed off ill. In his absence I am now the Co-Executive Headteacher along with Ms Claire Redwood who has been temporarily appointed to help with the management of the four Schools. Ms Redwood is based at Colyton Primary School and has an overview of Shute Primary School too. I continue to work at Seaton Primary School but also have the overview of Kilmington Primary School. I will normally be at Kilmington each Wednesday. Ms Redwood is an experienced Headteacher and I know we will work well together and keep all four schools moving forward. She will continue in her post until Mr Rolls returns.

Mrs Eriksson has started her new post as Assistant Headteacher here at Seaton Primary School and she is working closely with me to formulate the school improvement plan for the forthcoming year.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FOR THIS YEAR

Our main focus will be Writing and Reading. We had lots of new initiatives come along last year and we now need to embed these in our teaching. We know our children are good at phonics in school and we now need to take further advantage of this so it supports writing, spelling and reading even more. Maths is looking positive at the end of Key Stage 2 and the results in Reception are consistently good. Phonics scores were the highest we have had. At the end of Key Stage 1 last year we had a high proportion of children with learning needs and worked hard to support them to meet the end of year expectations.

End Of Year Results

Here are the academic results for the school at the end of last year.

Reception / EYFS – 71% of pupils achieved a ‘Good Level of Development’ in all core areas of learning.

Phonics (Year 1) – 86% of pupils passed the phonics test



End of Key Stage 1 (Year 2)

Reading - 61% of pupils attained the expected

Writing - 47% of pupils attained the expected standard

Maths – 53% of pupils attained the expected standard

These results are lower than previous years. Again, this partially reflects the much higher than average learning needs of pupils in this particular year group.

End of Key Stage 2 (Year 6)

Reading - 76% of pupils attained the expected

Writing - 63% of pupils attained the expected standard

Maths – 81% of pupils attained the expected standard

Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation – 81% of pupils attained the expected standard

There are some encouraging results here even though we had a member of staff absent for a considerable part of the year. The team kept the pupils moving forward.

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

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.

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)

SCHOOL DINNERS

Our new and exciting school menu is up and running! We are sourcing fresh and wherever possible local ingredients for our meals. I have had the meatballs and cheese & cauliflower bake this week and they have been excellent and really tasty! It is imperative that we have a huge uptake of dinners at school so give it a go everyone. The kitchen are preparing samples of the new food for each of the Parents' Meetings coming up.

SWIMMING

Swimming starts back very soon. Keep an eye out on Parentmail.

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.



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.

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.

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!

STAFF VACANCY AT KILMINGTON PRIMARY

Job term: Permanent, Part time Scale: Grade A (£9.00 per hour) Hours: 6 hrs 15 minutes pw 38 weeks per year Start date: 30th September 2019 Based at: Kilmington Primary School Closing date: Friday 20th September 2019, midday Interview date: W/C Monday 23rd September 2019

We are looking for a motivated and experienced individual to join our friendly and hard-working federation team to assist with Mealtime supervision duties in at Kilmington Primary School.

Using any previous skills involving working with children you will assist with the supervision and support of pupils throughout the midday lunchtime session, supporting children in the school to create a positive dining experience at lunch time. You will also be expected to supervise children's free 'play' time in the playground – promoting high standards of behaviour and ensuring that children play safely at all times. Working through the midday period you will need to be committed to working 1 hour 15 minutes a day, however it could work as a job share - working certain days, or working one week on / one week off. You will need to be flexible to some changes in school timetable events throughout the year.

We are looking for an appropriately skilled person (specific training will be given) who are enthusiastic, hard-working, enjoy working with children and are committed to promoting healthy eating.

A DBS disclosure is required for this post. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. For a further information on this post please contact Angela Haysom via recruit@axebf.org.uk Job details and application form are available from the Federation website [<http://www.axebeaconfederation.co.uk/joining-us/recruitment/>]. Please email completed applications to recruit@axebf.org.uk

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

5 th to 13 th September	Whole class parents evenings (see above).
Tuesday 10 th September	Year 4 overnight trip to Escot.
Tuesday 17 th September	Year 3 trip to Charmouth.
Friday 20 th September	Jeans for Genes Day. Wear your jeans or something else denim for a suggested 50p donation.
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
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

