



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to the end of the first half term of the year. Well done to all those new children who have joined the school and our new teachers who have settled in remarkably well.

After half term we have the Autumn Term Parents' Evening. If you have not signed up by now then please contact your child's class teacher directly who can find you a slot.

UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Devon County Council have contacted me and are definitely authorising fines for parents / carers who take their children out of school for 5 or equivalent days in a year. These fines are substantial and I am afraid necessary to help curb unauthorised absences.

SMART WATCHES IN SCHOOL

A few pupils have turned up to school this week wearing smart watches with cameras. These watches were immediately taken off the pupils and returned to them at the end of the day. Please can they be kept at home. These types of watches are NOT to be brought into school at all. Quite a few children have 'fitbit' fitness type watches that count their steps etc and these are fine. BUT NO CAMERAS PLEASE!

3D CHILD

Mr Lewis has written to you about the 3D Child project we are running here at school. The idea behind this project is to encourage children to have a wide range of experiences in life which involve –

Creating
Energising
Relaxing
Exploring
Imagining

This initiative is partly in response to the growing amount of time children are spending viewing screens, either through gaming, watching videos etc. We are encouraging both children and adults in school to take a new perspective on life and this will be a long term project. 3D Child is promoted not only through my assemblies on a Monday but many other facets of school life.

With half term upon us I urge everyone to get stuck in with some great 3D activities. I already have a new coastal path walk planned, a painting that needs completing and a new pair of running trainers that need breaking in! Plus a number of jobs around the house that Mrs George wants doing plus the Dad taxi service!

Please look seriously at the balance of life experience your child is receiving. We do have real concerns about the detrimental effects of large amounts of tech / screen time, viewing contents and the use of social media.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES



We are planning a number of new initiates over the next few months. Miss Curnock will be starting a project on expanding children's vocabulary which looks really exciting. We will also be revamping our behaviour policy with some new and supportive approaches. Further information on these will be coming out over the next few weeks and months.

SWIMMING

After half term KS1 are swimming.

YEAR 6 PARENTS

Parents of pupils in Year 6 are reminded to apply for a senior school place by 31st October. Please call Devon Admissions if you have any queries on 0345 155 1019.

FAMILY PHOTOS

On Tuesday the 12th of November, the Photographer will be coming to school to take individual and sibling group photos. If you would like a family photo taken with brothers and sisters that don't attend our school, please contact the office to confirm a slot. Available from 3:20pm -4:50pm.

POPPIES

Poppies and poppy merchandise will be sold in school the week after half term, we have zip pulls at 50p, reflectors 50p, wristbands £1 and snap bands £1.50. Please note that we cannot give change as the money goes straight into the donation box and stocks are limited.

MISSING COAT YR 4

Faye in Year 4 has lost a navy coat, it has a belt and white fur around the hood. If you have found it, please return it to her.

HEADLICE

We have had several cases of headlice in the school, please can you use Half Term to check your children's hair.

SEATON'S SPOOKY WRITNG COMPETION

Children in KS1 and KS2 have the opportunity to enter a writing competition over the school holidays. The children need to write a spooky Halloween themed story of their choice. The closing date is Friday 1st November - please make sure your child has written/typed their full name and year group on their story. The winners will receive a book voucher and their work will be displayed around the school. Reception pupils will be taking part in a Halloween colouring competition!

YEAR 5 CAKE SALE

Thank you to all the parents of year 5 children who helped with yesterday's cake sale to raise funds for Kindles and thank you to all the parents who donated lots of delicious cakes to sell, we raised over £155!

The next cake sale will be hosted by Year 4 during week commencing 16th December. Please email Anna at seatonpfta@gmail.com if you are able to help.

PARKING IN THE HOSPITAL

Parents and carers are reminded to please not park in the Hospital, as we have had several complaints lately.

SEATON AREA HEALTH MATTERS – HAVE YOUR SAY

We have launched a survey to invite all residents in Seaton and the surrounding areas to complete a questionnaire on the future of Seaton Hospital and local health services. The questionnaire is available as a paper copy or online via www.seatonhealthmatters.co.uk/survey.

If you live in Seaton, or one of the villages around Seaton including Axmouth, Beer, Branscombe, Colyford, Colyton, Compyne, Musbury, Rousdon, Seaton, Uplyme and Whitford we would appreciate you taking 10 minutes of your time to share your views.



If you cannot complete the survey online then please complete the paper questionnaire instead. This will be available from a number of places in your area shortly, so keep an eye out for the advertising posters to pick up a survey and find out where you can return it.

We are hoping for a high response rate as the data gathered will be invaluable in adding value to what we are trying to achieve by identifying any service gaps that could be potentially filled by a service operating from Seaton Hospital. We have prepared a business plan to make the current site a Health & Wellbeing Hub that retains the existing services that operate from the site, but potentially adds other services to utilise the empty space.

Jack Rowland Chair – Seaton Area Health Matters

SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE AUTUMN BEACH & RIVER CLEAN

There will be an autumn beach and river clean on October 19th from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Sign in at Pebbles coffee house. Little picks and limited gloves provided. Free coffee after.

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.

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.

SHUTE APPLE DAY

Shute Apple Day - Sunday 20 October 12-4 pm



Little Orchard Alpacas, Haddon Lane, Shute

Lots of fun activities for children and adults including apple pressing, apple tasting, feeding alpacas, apple bobbing, crafts and others. Bring your families, empty bottles to take away apple juice, local apples (if you have any spare).

Tea and cake served in Shute Church and at 4:30 pm there will be a talk by poet, shepherd and cider-maker James Crowden on cider-making and apple heritage. Cider will be served. Entry to the Apple Day and talk is free.

Shute Barton is also open by the National Trust all weekend (charges apply to that unless you are a NT member).

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

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)
Thursday 21 st November	Non uniform day for chocolate tombola donations
Friday 22 nd November	Non-Pupil Day
Friday 29 th November	PTFA Christmas Bazaar
Tuesday 10 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at the Methodist Church 6pm
Wednesday 11 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at the Methodist Church 2pm & 6pm
Week commencing 16 th December	Year 4 cake sale after school.
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

