



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

1st November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to the end of another week and what a soggy one it has been.

The Autumn Term Parents' Evening was well attended and if you didn't manage to get in to see your child's teacher then please catch up with them.

I hope you find this newsletter informative and please keep an eye on parent mail for other pieces of information.

STAFFING UPDATE

This is Mrs Bee's last day as our School Administrator today. She has served the school really well over the past eleven years and I wish her the best as she embarks on a new career in the NHS. I speak on behalf of all of the staff and pupils when I say that she will be greatly missed.

We had a large number of applicants for her post and I can announce that Mrs Cath Brenton (our Office Assistant) will be stepping into the role of School Administrator as of Monday. Congratulations to her.

With Mrs Lindsey Russell (Pastoral Care Manager) departing at the end of term to take up a new and exciting role as a grandmother, we have looked hard at how to replace her. She has an essential and very important role within school. After much deliberation between the Senior Management Team here at Seaton, I have asked Mrs Annie Eriksson our Assistant Head to take on board this role. As of January, she will be non-class based. Her teaching commitment will be picked up by Mrs Abigail Spence who is joining us from Wets Hill Primary School near Ottery St Mary. Abigail is a very experienced teacher and has worked extensively with both year 3 and 4. She will be coming in before the end of term to meet the children and plan with the staff.

VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL

We are on the hunt for volunteers in school. If you would like to hear children read and support them in this area then we are especially keen to hear from you! It doesn't matter what class your child is in and we can deploy you to different parts of the school where children need that daily reading session with an adult. Information is available from the office.

UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL AND FINES

Devon County Council have contacted me and are preparing paper work to fine those 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.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

Starting next week we have pupil progress meetings involving class teachers, Mrs Eriksson and Mrs Kay our Special Needs Co-ordinator. In the past we have held regular meetings concerning the provision we put in for children. We want to focus even deeper on the individual child and how we can create opportunities to support their needs through intervention



activities, classroom organisation and teaching approaches. We will continue to use our ongoing assessments to inform us of progress.

3D CHILD

Mr Lewis has prepared the next stage of the 3D Child Project. He has some really interesting resources for the children to explore after half term around the 3D theme of IMAGINE! See below.....

Axe Beacon Federation is taking imagine at its 3DChild focus for this half term. IMAGINE is about using your own imagination and responding to the imagination of others. This is primarily through imaginative play, for example dressing up or playing with toy figures and characters and dreaming up wonderful inventions and ideas. However, imagine also values the imagination of others. Now that the nights have drawn in and the weather has turned much colder, it is a good opportunity to share stories with friends and family. This can be done by reading together or watching a movie together, enjoying and responding to these acts of imagination. With this in mind, we would be grateful that you spend a brief time completing this short questionnaire, so that we might compile a list of suggestions of books, tv programmes and movies that have especially inspired your imagination.

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SWIMMING UPDATE

Our resources manager and caretaker have been working with a pool company this week on maintenance. We do have an issue getting the pool up to the correct temperature and a spare part for the heating system is on order from the pool engineer. We are taking only a very short break for the winter this year and the pool will be open again towards the end of January not April as in previous years.

Pools are complicated things to run, there are so many guidelines that we must abide by, due to being a public venue.

CO-OP COMMUNITY FUND – SWIMMING POOL

We are delighted to announce that the school swimming pool, in association with the PTA, has been chosen to benefit from the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund. The funding round opened on 27 October 2019 and will close on 24 October 2020. During this funding phase, Co-op Members will be able to choose 'Seaton Primary PTA - Community Swimming Pool' as their local cause. Every time a member buys selected own-brand products and services, 1% of the money they spend goes to local causes in their community, so please sign up quickly and choose your cause and encourage friends and family members to do the same. The last time the school benefited from Co-Op funding we received a donation of over £6,000 towards the new outdoor play equipment so this is a massive opportunity to raise much needed funds to enhance the swimming pool facilities. Our aim is to invest in our school swimming pool to enable us to open it all year round as a community facility. Not yet a Co-Op member? You can join online at

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration>

DONATIONS

Advanced notice – DONATIONS NEEDED for The Great Christmas Hamper Raffle from 18th November

Our ever popular Christmas Hampers will be available to win at our Christmas Bazaar on Friday 29th November. We rely solely on your kind donations for the hampers. Each year group collects their donations and they are put together in beautifully presented hampers.

There is always a great variety of unused products including: wine, toiletries, non-perishable food items, toys, unused gift sets, voucher, crafts sets, unused clothing and accessories. We would be very grateful if you could donate a little something for your child's year group hamper.

The year group with the best hamper donations will win £50 to spend on class resources.

Last year the raffle raised £699.45 at the Christmas Bazaar so we really appreciate your donations towards making this year's raffle as successful!

Donations will be gratefully received from Monday 18th November up to Friday 29th November. Please give your donations to your child's Class Teacher.



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.

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

