



## 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

8th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to the end of another week here at Seaton Primary School and it has been a very busy one indeed.

### BIKEABILITY

Recently we had BIKEABILITY come in and work with children in the reception classes. They used both balance and sometimes normal bikes to teach children to learn how to ride one. The sessions were fantastic and well organised by the instructors. We look forward to seeing them soon.

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Yesterday we had a visit from the Local Authority Safeguarding Officer to review SAFEGUARDING across the school. I am pleased to report that the review went very well. The officer looked at safe guarding procedures, interviewed staff and children, looked at site security / signage, record keeping and training. It was a very comprehensive and valuable experience with a positive outcome.

Over the last few weeks, staff have been busy putting together progression grids for different subjects. For instance Miss Smith recently put together a grid for Geography, which outlines progression in this subject from Reception through to Year 6. We have a number of subjects already compiled e.g. art / design and history, with the rest following shortly. This initiative will help the development of foundation subjects across both the school and federation.

We have now begun all the children's progress meetings for each year group. These are being led by Mrs Eriksson and Mrs Kay our SENCo. They are focused on children's progress and how we are facilitating work to support their learning.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Almost all of our communications come through PARENTMAIL. Please check this frequently. There are some very important communications about to go out.

### Staff update

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Victoria Herrett, as our new Office Assistant from next week. We hope that she will be very happy here.

### SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

The pool heating system needs replacing. Engineers can't get the water temperature up to the regulated temperature for lessons. The school resources manager has been given the green light to go ahead with this project ASAP. Lessons for the remainder of the year will now take place in the Spring term.

### VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL

We are continuing our hunt for more 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.



## PARKING

We have had a number of reports coming in concerning some pretty irresponsible parking by parents in the locality I am afraid to say. Please remember not to park right up to a junction, on double yellow lines and especially the ZIG ZAGS. I believe the parking officer is on the lookout during school start and end times.

## Seaton's Spooky Writing Competition

Well done to all the pupils that entered the writing competition and wrote a spooky story. Miss Curnock and Mrs Bateman enjoyed reading them all over the weekend.

Congratulations to our three winners:

The Worst Wizard by Jacob in 2JB

My Diary by Billy in 4EH

The Negatives by Chloe in 6ZC

## CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 15th November, we will be raising money for Children in Need by wearing pyjamas or a onesie instead of school uniform for the day. Many children like to bring a dressing gown too! There will be a recommended donation of £1 to go to the charity. Thank you for supporting the cause.

## 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.

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.

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT COMPETITION

The PTA are very excited to announce the return of the Craft Competition at this year's Christmas Bazaar! Entry forms will be sent home next week, and need to be returned by the 19th November with the correct entry money.

This year's categories are;

- 1) Christmas Garland
- 2) Christmas Tree Topper
- 3) Wreath

Entrants can win one of three spectacular prizes which have been supported by Marc Smith Bespoke and Owl and Pyramid.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – £10 iBounce voucher and a wooden personalised filled pencil case by **Marc Smith Bespoke**

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Bumper Craft Set and Workshop voucher from the Coastal Craft Collective

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – £5 **Owl and Pyramid** voucher and Chocolate Santa

Entries will be judged before the Bazaar on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, with Prizes being presented in school assembly.

More information will follow!



## FAMILY PHOTOS

On Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 .

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photographer to take individual pupil photos
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day- Wear Pyjamas or a onesie for £1 donation
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 to Fleet Air Arm Museum (details to follow)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Non uniform day for chocolate tombola donations
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Non-Pupil Day
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA Christmas Bazaar
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert at the Methodist Church 6pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert at the Methodist Church 2pm & 6pm
Week commencing 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 cake sale after school.
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

