



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

13th December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to the end of the penultimate week before we break up for the Christmas holidays. What a busy week it was with three fantastic Carol Concerts by our Key Stage 2 / Junior classes. They were all very well attended, everyone sang with gusto and the theme of 3D Christmas was well portrayed by each class. The 3D project has only just started in school, but it is definitely gathering, speed, influence and understanding. The importance of living well balanced lives has never been more prevalent and we look forward to continuing to explore the following themes next term –

Creating, Socialising, Energising, Relaxing and Imagining.

STAFFING UPDATE

Lindsey Russell our Pastoral Care Manager leaves us a week today to take up the task of full time grandmother. Lindsey has been associated with Seaton Primary School for 27 years and has worked at the school for 23 of those years. She has given fantastic service to the school and has formed an important part of our team. There have been countless children and their families who Lindsey has worked with over this time and she has touched many lives with a long lasting and positive influence. I wish her the very best for the future and I am sure she will keep in touch with us. Lindsey's role of Pastoral care Manager will be taken over by Mrs Eriksson for the remainder of the year, who will be non-class based. I will continue to be the lead Safe Guarding Officer of Seaton Primary School.

LEA VISIT

This week we had a number of senior leaders from the local Education Authority spend a full day with us going through all aspects of teaching and learning. They observed a number of lessons and went through a large quantity of children's books. They met all our leaders and talked through our school improvement initiatives, especially those in relation to writing across the school. This has been an intense period for the school as you can imagine, with a new governing body and acting Executive Headteacher recently started.

Seaton Primary School continues to move forward and we are not resting on our laurels at all. We have a clear focus for our school and yes things go on in the back ground but it is business as usual.



THE THERAPY DOG

Once a week we have a therapy dog coming into school to visit us. Maddie the lurcher has been spending a day a week in my office, meeting a number of children. We have to go through a few forms to have one in school but research into the positive effects of therapy dogs shows a range of benefits. These include an increase in school attendance, gains in confidence, decreases in learner anxiety behaviours (resulting in improved learning outcomes). It is also proven to increase reading and writing levels.

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY - Wednesday 18th December

This is our official wear your Christmas jumper day this year!

A REMINDER TO RECEPTION AND KS1 PARENTS - The children need to be brought to their classrooms at **5.30pm** on next Monday and Tuesday evening for the **6.00pm** performances and collected again at **7.00pm**.

EXTREME READING CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE



At Seaton Primary School we encourage our children to read as much as they can. There is some fantastic reading going on and we would like to continue over the Christmas break.

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Photos should be brought in by **Friday 10th January 2020** so they can be displayed in the school. There will also be a prize for the most extreme and imaginative in EY/KS1 and KS2.

The winners will be announced and prizes given out during Celebration Assembly on **Friday 17th January**. If you have difficulty uploading your photos please email them to reading@seatonprimary.org.uk

Happy Reading!

THE GREAT SEATON BOOK SWAP!

We will be holding a book swap/donation event for the children here at school. Details below:

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Step 2: Swap your books for tickets. 1 book = 1 ticket. Each ticket can be used to acquire a book from the book swap event.

Step 3: Come to the book swap on Thursday 16th January 2020 and get new books that other people have brought. Each book will 'cost' 1 ticket, so the amount of books you bring in equals the amount of new books you'll be able to get. This is a great chance to add some new books to your collection!

Children may wish to simply donate a book and not 'purchase' another one, knowing that they are helping others to enjoy reading. Due to not knowing which books may be donated we cannot guarantee your child will find a replacement book that they want.

If you do not have any old books available at home, you can still purchase leftover books from the event for a suggested donation of 50p the following day.

The Great Seaton Book Swap will be held on Thursday 16th January 2020.

3.15 - 3.50pm in the Hall.

See you there!

Mrs Burkill



YEAR 1 TEAM CHALLENGE

On Tuesday morning 1FW took part in 'Team Challenge' in the sports hall at Axe Valley Community College. They had a great time working together to complete lots of team building games. I was very proud of the way they listened carefully to instructions, then showed how well they could work together. They behaved so well and I felt that they were a credit to our school. I would like to thank the parents for getting the children here early, so we could change, register and be on the bus by 9:10am – a record!

Mrs Bennett

LAST DAY OF TERM

A quick reminder that the last day of term is on **Friday 20th December** and we finish at 1:15pm.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE IN DEVON

Was your child born between **1st September 2015** and **31st August 2016**?

You can apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

From 15th November 2019 – 15th January 2020

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling the **Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019** or email admissions@devon.co.uk

Even if you have already given details to a primary school, you must apply for a school place through the Admissions Team. This is the only way to apply; other lists or forms held by schools will not count.

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

Week commencing 16 th December	Year 4 cake sale after school.
Mon 16 th Dec 2pm & 6pm	R & KS1 Nativity
Tues 17 th Dec 2pm & 6pm	As above
Weds 18 th December	School Christmas lunch/ Christmas jumper day
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



