



## 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

20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last day of term has arrived! September 3<sup>rd</sup> seems a very long time ago, when we started the school year. I hope you find this final newsletter of 2019 informative and I wish everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

### STAFFING UPDATE

Today we say a fond farewell to Lindsey Russell our Pastoral Care Manager, she has worked at the school for 23 years. She has given fantastic service to the school and has formed an important part of our school team. I speak on behalf of all of the staff and pupils when I say we will miss her very much and wish her well.

Mrs Eriksson and I will be teaching some afternoons next term. We have a range of specialist subjects that we will be delivering these include, RE, Design / Technology and art.

### THANK YOU

A big thank you to Mrs Bennett who has been covering Mrs Fontes's maternity leave in Year 1 this term. Mrs Fontes returns in January and will teach Year 1 with Miss Wilkinson. In January we also have Mrs Abigail Spence working alongside Mrs Clode in Year 3.

### 3D CHILD PROJECT

Next term our theme is 'RELAX'. Mr Lewis is preparing lots of materials to aid this project and we are all looking forward to exploring this new theme.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

A number of parents have called in to say that their child's school shoes need replacing, and can they wear trainers for the last week or so. This is fine, but I am looking forward to seeing everyone in **full school uniform** after the break. The school website has details about uniform if you are unsure, but we do stipulate black shoes (not boots or trainers) for both boys and girls.

### CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

We had huge support this year for our annual carol concerts and nativity play (Mid-Wife Crisis). Thank you for coming along to support and for your generous donations towards school events. The PTA sold a lot of tea towels too!

### FIRST DAY BACK AND TRAINING DAY

The first day back after the Christmas holidays is **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**. The day before is a staff training day for all members of staff. Safeguarding is on the agenda plus curriculum planning.



## THE GREAT SEATON BOOK SWAP!

**Step 1:** Bring in a book (or more than one) that you'd be happy to swap. Any types of books are fine – just make sure that they are not missing any pages! **Books can be brought into class from Monday 13th January 2020.**

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

**3.15 - 3.50pm in the Hall.**

See you there!

Mrs Burkill

## JM DANCEFIT LITTLE & JUNIOR STARZ\*

The JM DanceFit children at Seaton Primary ended their Autumn Term on a high with festive Zumba cheer, by treating family members to two energetic Zumba performances. The classes which allow children to have fun, while improving both their confidence and fitness levels, will continue to be held at the school by local Zumba instructor Johanna Morgan for the foreseeable future. New children are welcome to join in the termly classes in January recommencing on Monday 13th.

Johanna, Instructor said: *"I was so very proud of all of the children. The taster performances given at the end of each term are a great way to help increase both the children's self-esteem and confidence. I wish all of the children a wonderful festive holiday – Merry Christmas!"*

JM DanceFit ZumbaKids Classes – **Book NOW for SPRING TERM 2020**

**\*Every Monday\***

**3.30pm - 4.15pm Seaton Little Starz\*** (4 - 7 year olds) - MAIN HALL

**4.15pm - 5.15pm Seaton Junior Starz\*** (7-12 year olds) - MAIN HALL

Spring Term Class Dates: January 13th, 20th, 27th, February 3rd, 10th, 24th, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

Total Spring Term Class Fee: £40 (£4 per class x 10 classes) Cash payments to be provided in a named, sealed envelope no later than the child's first class.

If you would like to book your child a place, please contact Johanna directly on 07739518587 or at [johanna@jmdancefit.co.uk](mailto:johanna@jmdancefit.co.uk) For further details on all JM DanceFit Adult and Children's Zumba and FitSteps classes held in Seaton, Sidford, Sidmouth Beer, Newton Poppleford, and Exeter please visit [www.jmdancefit.co.uk](http://www.jmdancefit.co.uk)

## HOW TO APPLY FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE IN DEVON

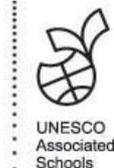
Was your child born between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2015** and **31<sup>st</sup> August 2016**?

You can apply online at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)

**From 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

May we respectfully ask parents/carers **NOT** to provide their child with **nuts** for their mid- morning snack or lunch, as we have some children in school with **severe nut allergies**. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

