



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 another very busy week here at Seaton Primary School.

I hope you find this newsletter informative. I have some important comments to make in this week's newsletter so please have a good read.

Over the last few days I have been checking the weather forecast and we MIGHT have some snow coming in next week. In the last two years we have had to close the school due to the road conditions and not being able to get sufficient staff in to keep open. When 'The Beast From The East' struck midmorning, we knew that if staff got in they would have been stranded for a couple of days! Closing the school is a very difficult call and not taken lightly at all. In the event of a closure we will let you know as soon as possible by Parentmail, text etc and a sign is placed outside the front of school. The phones are manned to begin the day in case there are any questions.

CAR PARKING

You may well have noticed that I and another member of staff have been patrolling the front road both before school and after this week. We have had **numerous complaints from the health centre and hospital** about parents parking on their sites for pick up / drop off of pupils. One member of staff at one of these establishments, faced some very upsetting behaviour from a parent of our school when they were asked to move along. **THIS IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE AND THE ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO LODGE A COMPLAINT TO THE POLICE.** There are some straight forward rules which I have checked with our local constabulary –

1. Never stop on the zig zags

2. Do not park or drop off on the double yellow lines (there are different conditions though for blue badge holders

If you have to park further away to walk the last part in, then do so and allow time for this. The situation is **VERY UNSATISFACTORY** and things have to change. In the meantime, staff will continue to patrol the front roads.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

This week we have continued to focus on maths teaching across the school. A number of teachers have been observed and each teacher receives clear guidance on what is going well and how lessons can be improved even further. Our particular focus has been how resources are being used to support learning, how teaching assistants are being used to



support, and how different groups of learners are being challenged to make progress. We have seen some really good practice and it has been nice to see the children enjoying maths!

FIRST AID

Over the next few weeks, a substantial number of staff are having their first aid certificates updated and a number of other staff are being trained in first aid. The school office holds a number of forms for pupils with short or long term medical needs.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Today we have our first Year 6 Parent Involvement morning. Many thanks to the Year 6 team for arranging this and I hope you all have an enjoyable and great experience.

ASSEMBLY

The theme for this week has been SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER. To explore this idea, children heard the story from the New Testament 'Foot Steps in The Sand.' Look it up! It is a fantastic story and great relevance for the society today and has tied in really well with our Mental Health Awareness Day from yesterday.

PARENTS EVENINGS

The slips for Parents Evenings are coming back in and teachers are arranging these. We want to see every parent take up an appointment, as it is such a good opportunity to catch up on your child's progress and see how you can support them at home. Just a quick reminder Years 4 and 6 are having three evenings due to larger classes and Year 3 are having theirs on a Monday and Wednesday due to a trip.

BBC 500 WORDS COMPETITION

BBC 500 Words is a competition for 5-13 year olds to write a 500 word, fictional story, about what ever takes their fancy! The story needs to be submitted online by an adult at www.bbc.co.uk/500words. The winners of the competition will be invited to a 500 words Final, held at Buckingham Palace with a wealth of celebrities and will win many books for the school. The closing date for the competition is Thursday 27th February. For more information, please visit the BBC 500 Words website. Happy writing!

YEAR 3 GYMNASTICS

This week Year 3 had the fantastic opportunity to watch and learn some new gymnastic skills. Everyone tried their hand at balancing, rolling and moving in different ways. A big thank you to the sports leaders at Colyton Grammar School for supporting our children, and to Anne Harris for leading such a great event. We can't wait to practice our gymnastics in our PE lessons!

KS2 TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS BATTLE OF THE BANDS

We are now into the third week of BOTB. Well done to Year 4 who are currently in the lead! Bonus points are given to the year groups where all their children participate so if you haven't already, please encourage your child to play.

AMAZING ANIMALS FROM CREALY

Yesterday year 1 had a visit from Crealy and some amazing animals including a millipede, cockroaches and a snake. The children were all very brave and even got to hold the snake!



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 also 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 10th February YR 6 SATS parents meeting 2:30pm & 6:00pm

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st – Half Term

Tuesday 21st April Public Health Team visit/ weighing and measuring Reception & YR 6

Best wishes,
Nic George
Head

