



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 week here at Seaton Primary School. I hope you find this newsletter useful and informative. There has been an awful lot going on this week in school and everyone has been flat out working hard on a variety of agendas.

The Governors will write to you in the near future regarding partnerships with other organisations. We have a number of them looking around school today and Governors will be spending some time talking to them. Further meetings are being planned at the moment with the governors and they are looking very seriously at the proposals in front of them, so we get the best possible partner to move forward with. They will write to you when there is a further update.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

As you can imagine we are in a transition period at present, but we have a strong agenda to keep Seaton Primary School going forward. Sarah Bennett our acting Executive Head has given us the full green light to get on with what we need to do, to make sure that every child is reaching their full potential and our levels of attainment rise for some groups. In order to do that, we are relentlessly looking at school improvement and making sure that the ways we approach teaching / learning are the most effective.

Already this year we have –

- Revised the Behaviour Policy
- Had PE training linked to our new scheme of work
- Embarked on the ‘Emotional Logic’ programme
- Had level 2 safe guarding training
- Introduced a new tracking system to enable us to see how classes, groups and individual pupils are progressing in their attainment
- Introduced a new hand writing scheme
- Had a number of training sessions on improving / promoting children’s vocabulary
- Introduced new pupil conference meetings which focus on how support / classroom approaches are influencing pupil progress
- Had regular learning walks, book looks and observations within classrooms

As you can see from the above, we are not standing still. We are making full use of the transition time we are under to get some great work done and bring our strong agenda to the forefront while the Federation goes through a time.



BIKEABILITY

Year 5 have been having their Bikeability training this week. It has gone down really well, increased pupils' awareness of the roads and given them increased confidence and knowledge of cycling. A huge thankyou to the staff from Bikeability and the Year 5 team for organising this. This training is a regular feature of Seaton Primary School and as a very keen cyclist myself I warmly welcome it!

ATTENDENCE

Today we are having our termly visit from our Education Welfare Officer. We will be looking at all children's attendance across the school and checking for any patterns of falling attendance. I fully understand that there are times when your child is unable to attend school, but it is not easy for them to catch up if they have had to take time off. We try our best of course but the curriculum in school moves on at a brisk pace.

When a pupil's attendance is starting to cause concern, this is followed up, often with a letter to yourselves. You may not be aware of your child's falling attendance but we have a duty to let you know. The average attendance rate is 96% and this is our benchmark. Taking time off for holidays in term is not allowed I am afraid. Time off school is unauthorised unless the circumstances are exceptional, and this is rare. Last term parents at Seaton Primary School were given fines for unauthorised absences and they were hefty ones!

CLUBS

All staff at Seaton Primary School run a club – a huge thankyou to them for undertaking this. This spring term the field is boggy to say the least. We really need it to dry out a bit, hence why there are a few less sports clubs running currently. However, come the summer term we have lots planned and with finer weather and lighter evenings, we will be making the most of it.

PE KIT

Throughout the school day, I am often calling into lessons to see how pupils are getting on. I have noticed a number of pupils of late not having PE kit, or having items of PE kit missing. PE is a compulsory part of the national curriculum and in order to participate fully, pupils need to have their PE kit in school at the very start of the week. If you are unsure what the school PE kit is then please visit the school website.

I have asked the teachers to monitor the situation, however it is ultimately the responsibility of parents to ensure that children bring their full PE kits into school.

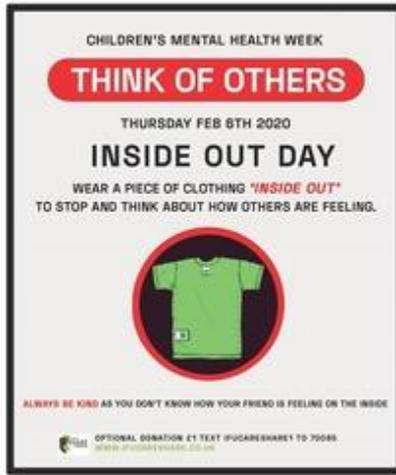
SCHOOL DINNERS

Now that we have a new system for lunches, please can you ensure that your child is clear on the meal choices they are having each day. If they are packed lunch, they should not be having a school dinner at lunchtime, and eating the lunch that has been provided for them from home. All school dinners should be paid for in advance via ParentMail or in the school office. If you are in receipt of free school meals then we provide these. Please talk about this with your child at home to avoid confusion at lunchtime.

COATS

Can you please ensure that your child brings a coat to school this time of the year, the weather remains cold, so it is so important that the children keep warm.





INSIDE OUT DAY

Thursday 6th Feb 2020 during Children's Mental Health Week 'Inside out day' is an awareness day on Thursday 6th February 2020 during children's mental health week for children/young adults (and even adults). Please wear a piece of clothing 'inside out' to stop and think about how others are feeling. You may look OK on the outside 😊 but inside you may be feeling sad or worried ☹️ This is a day to remind us always be kind and think of others as no one knows how someone may be feeling. Its OK not to be OK In memory of Jenny Jackson if you care to share. Children can come to school in their own clothes, no donations of money- simply to raise awareness on the day.

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

Thursday 6th February- Inside Out Day for Children's Mental Health (More Info to follow)

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st – Half Term

Best wishes,
Nic George
Head

