



## 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. Yesterday was the wettest commute into work I think I have ever undertaken with the rain water running off the fields, over the verges and onto the road. I do hope you find this newsletter informative and I am crossing my fingers that Wales get the better of England at Twickenham tomorrow in the rugby!

### CORONAVIRUS

Further updates about Coronavarius have been coming into school and we are sending these onto you. Last Friday there were 16 cases in the UK and today there are over 180. A week ago the school had a deep clean and there is likely to be another very shortly. In the meantime all touch surfaces are continuing to be cleaned on a daily basis in school using deep cleaning products. Children have been showed how to wash their hands (20 seconds with soap) and we have a plentiful supply of sanitizer available around the school. The **compulsory washing of hands** for everyone occurs both before break and lunch (plus after going to the loo of course). It is business as normal at the moment and we will keep you up to date.

### OFSTED SUBJECT INSPECTION – HISTORY

We have had the draft OFSTED report arrive in school this week. I have had a good look through it and I am very pleased with what the Inspector has said. History is a well taught subject in the school and we provide a number of inspirational experiences which really brings history to life.

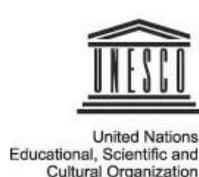
### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

This week we have had a focus on PE. Miss Crockett organised training sessions for the staff where a specialist coach came in and worked with pupils and demonstrated a number of approaches in teaching PE. This is part of our ongoing work with the Real PE Project. Mrs Kay and Mrs Eriksson held the last of their pupil progress meetings. This is time set aside for our two leaders to discuss individual / class progress and attainment, to pinpoint any pupils who need further attention and create plans to support teaching and learning. We have a relatively new tracking system in operation at school, which is proving to be really useful in the analysis of pupil progress.

### PARENTS EVENING

A huge thank you to everyone who attended parents evening meetings this week. These are so important so you can keep up to date with your child's progress and find out how you can best support the work of the school.

I hope you have all managed to book your parents evening slot for next week. This is a really important event within the school calendar and it helps support our partnership with you as parents.



## GRIZZLY

The famous Grizzly run is on this weekend with the family / children's races on Saturday and the main adult runs on Sunday. Good luck to all the participants and the PTA who are marshalling a number of events to raise funds for the school.

## PE KIT

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. PE kit should be **brought in on a Monday** and **taken home every Friday** for washing. Our PE kit is as follows –

| Every day and indoor PE Kit  | Winter Outdoor Kit  | Swimming Kit   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Long hair tied back</li><li>• Studs / earring removed / covered</li><li>• Red t-shirt</li><li>• Plain black shorts</li><li>• White, grey or black socks</li><li>• Trainers (not plimsolls)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dark track suit bottoms / change of sweater</li><li>• Red t-shirt</li><li>• White, grey or black socks</li><li>• Trainers (not plimsolls)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Girls</b> – One piece swim suit, goggles, towel</li><li>• <b>Boys</b> – swimming trunks / shorts (above the knee), goggles, towel</li></ul> |

## ASSEMBLY

The theme for assembly this week to tie in with World Book Day has been sharing books and creating a lifelong love for reading.

## PARKING

The parking situation out the front of school is going well on the whole. Please keep this up and park / drop off responsibly.

## Hello from Ms Redwood

I wanted to introduce myself and tell you a little bit about who I am and what my role is at Seaton. I have been appointed by the Axe Beacon governors to cover the role of Michael Rolls following his departure and have been working with the other schools within the Federation since September. I have worked in Exeter, Plymouth and across Devon as a teacher, head teacher and supported a variety of schools to raise standards for a number of years. I have two children myself, who both attend school in Exeter

Mr Nic George continues to be the Head of School at Seaton, but I have ultimate accountability for the overall direction of the school and the education your children receive. I have already begun to get to know your children and met with a number of parents. If any of you would like to come and talk to me in person at any time, I would be very happy to meet you. Please do make an appointment through the office.

*Kind regards*

**Claire Redwood**

Acting Executive Head

## WORLD BOOK DAY

A big well done to all the children for making such a fantastic effort yesterday for World Book Day. It's great to celebrate all of our favourite book characters together as a school. Well done to all the parents that spent a long time at home making costumes too!

Our 'best dressed' winners are: Aniele in Reception, Tassiah from KS1, Felix from LKS2 and Leon from UKS2.

## BOOK FAIR

The book fair is here! We had lots of parents and children visit the hall yesterday morning to browse and buy books and stationery from the Scholastic Book Fair. We also had lots of children visiting at lunch time in Miss Curnock's classroom. There is still time to buy books at the following times:



- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> at 3.20pm
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> at 3.20pm

There will also be further opportunities for children to buy books at lunch time if they bring some money in! Last time we had over £350.00 worth of rewards to spend on new books across the school.

### 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

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** - NSPCC Speak out stay safe visit KS1/KS2 & YR 5/6  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April** - Public Health Team visit/ weighing and measuring Reception & YR 6  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Children break up for Easter  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April** – Non pupil day  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April** – Children return to school  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank holiday- **School closed**

Best wishes,  
 Nic George  
 Head

