



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,

What a busy week we have had here at Seaton Primary School. I hope you have a restful weekend and many thanks for your continued support.

CORONAVIRUS

I wrote this letter yesterday and now I find myself sitting at my desk at 7:30am undertaking a number of updates since then! In terms of the Government announcements concerning the Coronavirus, things appear to be altering on a daily basis. It is business as normal at present, but we started looking at contingency plans at our leaders meeting last night, in case the school did have to close. These discussions involved how we would provide home learning packs for pupils and the potential of an entire deep clean of the school using a range of specialist equipment.

Current Government advice is as follows –

- ***If someone becomes unwell with cough, fever or shortness of breath they will be asked to self-isolate and should seek medical advice from NHS 111***
- ***If they are unwell at any time within the 14 days of contact and they are tested and are positive for COVID-19 they will become a confirmed case and will be treated as such.***

There is a **helpline number-**

Phone: **0800 046 8687**

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

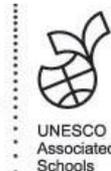
We have stepped up the cleaning procedures at school over the last week. Children have embraced the washing of hands for 20 seconds throughout the school day and we have a plentiful supply of sanitizer. If there are major changes we will let you know straight away and we will follow the necessary instructions / guidance.

BBC Newsround – Video for children explaining Coronavirus: ‘why it might not be as scary as it sounds’

BBC Newsround have produced a great video, which explains the coronavirus without frightening children.

We are sharing the video on our corporate social media channels and have put a link to it on the coronavirus advice page on the DCC website.

BBC Newsround ‘Coronavirus: Why it might not be as scary as it sounds’- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51342366>



OFSTED SUBJECT INSPECTION - HISTORY

The OFSTED subject report on history was very positive and we now have the final version, which will be sent onto you. Highlights of the report include –

“You and your staff have set out to construct a coherent curriculum that spans Reception to Year 6.”

“The leader for history is a subject specialist and brings an understanding of history to the school’s planning.”

“Teachers are enthusiastic about history and show good levels of appropriate subject knowledge. They sequence learning well, which helps pupils learn more and remember more.”

“The school-wide focus on developing pupils’ confidence in using technical vocabulary is clearly paying off and can be seen in the way pupils use historical terms well in discussions.”

“Teachers have high expectations in this area and are not frightened of using complex technical language when it is required.”

“Pupils with special educational needs and / or disabilities are fully involved in the history curriculum.”

History is a very popular subject here at Seaton Primary School. We have some areas to work upon i.e. checking our history modules cover all areas of the national curriculum and making sure that writing tasks in history fully support the concepts that are studied. We are delighted however, with the outcome of this report.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

This week all the teachers have been moderating work within reading, writing and maths. Moderation involves looking at pieces of work and deciding whether it meets, exceeds or is working towards the national expectations. This task helps sharpen up teachers understanding of where pupils are and what they need to move on to.

On Wednesday morning, a number of our teachers from Key Stage 1 visited St Peter’s School in Budleigh Salterton to look at a number of initiatives they are working on there. They also undertook a full tour of the school.

We have had a visit from an English adviser this week to look at how our work for a vocabulary project has been progressing.

STEAM Co VISIT

Mr Hunt organised a fantastic experience for all pupils on Wednesday morning. The whole school had an amazing presentation by Nick Corston from Steam Co. Nick gave an enthralling presentation about robots, programming and rockets! Nick then took the entire school outside and demonstrated a rocket powered by compressed air and then a second one powered by gunpowder, which was spectacular. The rocket took off, reached a few hundred meters into the sky, then deployed a parachute before gently falling back to earth. It was retrieved from Elizabeth Road!

We would like to say a hug thankyou to **Paul Vine** and **Paul Vine Electrics (01297 21414)** who sponsored this event.. This generous gesture made this event possible.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone that came and supported the book fair. A percentage of what you spend at the Scholastic travelling book fair each time is given back to the school to spend on books. We have raised £200 in rewards and cannot wait to buy some new books for our pupils to enjoy!

GRIZZLY FESTIVAL

A huge thank you to all those who supported the Grizzly Running Festival this year. We had a number of staff enter and survive the Cub Event and Mrs French took part in the full run! On Saturday, there was an excellent turn out for the children’s and family races. This is a fantastic event for our community and the PTA again raised a great deal of money by marshalling the events.

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. Proper PE kit is expected to be **brought in on a Monday** and **taken home every Friday** for washing.



FOREST SCHOOL

If your child is in Year 3 /4 and partaking in Forest School during the week then please ensure they have the correct clothing for this lesson. **WELLINGTON BOOTS ARE A MUST HAVE ITEM!**

ASSEMBLY

The theme for assembly this has been **charity** and the how we support, share and look after one another. We also had Open The Book come in on Tuesday who explored the idea of doing **'the right thing.'**

PARKING

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

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 20th March - NSPCC Speak out stay safe visit KS1/KS2 & YR 5/6

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

Friday 27th March – Children break up for Easter

Monday 14th April – Non pupil day

Wednesday 15th April – Children return to school

Friday 8th May – Bank holiday- **School closed**

Best wishes,
Nic George
Head

