



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

11.10.19

Dear Parents and Carers –

We come to the end of a soggy week in school! It does truly feel autumnal out there and the leaves are coming down. I hope you find this newsletter informative and I wish everyone a restful weekend.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND SEATON FOOD BANK

This time of year we celebrate the Harvest Festival and today our youngest pupils have been involved in this by going to St Gregory's Church with the support of Rev Trew. We have asked for a collection of food items towards the Seaton Food Bank. The individuals who run this food bank do an excellent job for supporting some of the more vulnerable members of our local community, not only with the supply of essential food and some household items, but providing key advice on services. There is always a warm welcome to those who rely on the food bank. If you have not made a donation yet and would like to, then please drop off any canned / dried / pre-packed food or household items into the office and we will drop them off for you.

PARENTS' EVENING

A letter has gone out today with your eldest / only child inviting you to parents' evenings which are taking place the first week after half term. The letter this year has been slightly tweaked so you can see when the teachers are available. The first section on the back of the letter needs to be completed by the parent and then sent back into one of the class teachers via your child or in person yourself. The teachers then fill in the second section and when it is complete it is returned to you with your appointments completed. It is pretty much the same format as we have done in previous years. The appointment letter needs to be back with the teachers by Tuesday 15th October so we can get them back to you before half term.

STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Michelle Bee our Senior School Administrator is sadly leaving Seaton Primary after working here for 11 years. She is taking up a new post as a Medical Secretary at the RD&E Hospital and leaves on Friday 1st November. We wish her the very best for the future as she embarks on a new professional challenge. Her school position is currently being advertised on the following link –

<https://www.devonjobs.gov.uk/admin-secretarial-office-support-school-posts-school-administrator-seaton-primary-school/66055.job>

Mrs Lindsey Russell our Pastoral Care Manager is also sadly leaving at the end of this term. Mrs Russell is embarking on a new adventure in life as a future grandparent. She is really looking forward to her first grandchild being born and helping out with the new member of the family. Mrs Russell has been working at Seaton Primary School for the last 23 years in a



full range of capacities – from Volunteer, Teaching Assistant, Pastoral Care Manager to School Governor! Mrs Russell's DNA surely must run through the school and she will be greatly missed. She has made a huge difference to many children's lives over the years. I wish her the very best for the future.

SWIMMING NEXT WEEK

Next week KS2 are swimming.

AUTHOR VISIT

We all really enjoyed the author visit on Tuesday morning, we hope that all the KS2 children that had the opportunity to buy a copy of the book 'The Train to Impossible Places' is enjoying reading it.

If you missed this opportunity and would like to purchase the book for your child then the paperback version of 'The Train to Impossible places' is normally £6.99, but as part of fiver fest, Owl and Pyramid have offered it for £5.00. P.G Bell's newly published book 'The Great Brain Robbery', is available for £12.99 in hardback. Both can be bought together for £15.00.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Thank you for your kind donations to the Jeans for Genes charity. We raised £138.24.

HOUSE NAMES COMPETITION

We are in the process of revamping our house teams throughout the school so that each year group has a fair representative of gender, sporting ability etc. We are holding a competition for children in the school to think of 4 house team names to use, instead of Red, Blue, Yellow and Green. Children can submit their house names ideas to their class teacher (you can help them to write a list with their name if they are younger) and we will choose a winner soon!

OPEN DAY

We are holding an open day on Tuesday 15th October for any prospective parents, carers and pupils. If you know someone who is looking for a primary school place please encourage them to come along. Tours of the school will take place at 9.45am and 2pm. There's no need to book and everyone is welcome.

EASY FUNDRAISING AND AMAZONSMILE

Easy fundraising and AmazonSmile are two great ways you can help us raise funds every time you shop. Seaton Primary School received £165.00 from easy fundraising last year and this year, with your help we are hoping to raise even more; we are now also signed up to receive charitable donations from AmazonSmile. Another local school has raised £4600.00 to date via easy fundraising! Please, please sign up and share with you friends and family as every time you shop, our children can benefit! How to use Amazon Smile on your iPhone and support Seaton Primary School as you shop!

You cannot use AmazonSmile with the Amazon App on the iPhone. However, the good news is that you can set up a shortcut to the AmazonSmile website which gives a near identical experience to the app. It's very quick and easy to do.

1. If you have the Amazon App installed you should remove it. To do this, tap and hold the app icon until it starts to jiggle. Tap the cross at the top left of the icon and confirm that you want to delete it. Don't worry, this will not delete your Amazon account or any of your settings.
2. Now load Safari (the iPhone internet browser) and go to smile.amazon.co.uk
3. Tap the 'share' button iPhone Share icon on the bottom of the screen.
4. Tap the 'Add to Home Screen' icon. You may need to swipe to the left to see this.
5. You will now have an Amazon Smile icon on your home screen which you can use in exactly the same way you used the Amazon App.

CHANGE OF BANK HOLIDAY 2020



Please note there has been a change to the Bank Holidays in May 2020. The Bank Holiday on Monday May 4th has been moved to Friday 8th May.

DOGS

Please do not bring dogs onto the school grounds. This includes the pathway up to Ruperts Pre-School.

SINGING LESSONS

Would you like your child to have singing lessons at school? Mrs Elliott has vacancies on a Friday afternoon for pupils in Year 2 and above. Please call 07400 159032 for further information/cost etc.

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 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 – ALL YEAR GROUPS May we respectfully ask parents NOT to provide their child with nuts for their mid-morning snack or lunch as some children have severe nut allergies.

SEATON TOWN COUNCIL OPEN MEETING

Seaton Town Council are holding an open meeting on Wednesday 16th October from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Old Picture House (formerly Winstons) on Harbour Road. "Working Together for a Positive Future". The world faces an unprecedented climate and environmental crisis. This meeting is to plan how we can address the threats to our future locally. All welcome.

STAMPS

Please bring your used postage stamps to the office. We collect on behalf of the Children's Hospice South West. Many thanks.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 17 th October	Year 5 cake sale after school
Monday 21 st Oct-25 th Oct	Half Term
W/C 28 th October	Parents' evenings. Further details to follow.
Thursday 7 th November	Flu Vaccinations. Further details to follow.
Tuesday 12 th November	School Photographer to take individual pupil photos
Wednesday 20 th November	Year 5 to Fleet Air Arm Museum (details to follow)
Thursday 21 st November	Non uniform day for chocolate tombola donations
Friday 22 nd November	Non-Pupil Day
Friday 29 th November	PTFA Christmas Bazaar
Tuesday 10 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at the Methodist Church 6pm
Wednesday 11 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at the Methodist Church 2pm & 6pm
Week commencing 16 th December	Year 4 cake sale after school.



Mon 16th Dec 2pm & 6pm
Tues 17th Dec 9.30am & 6pm
Friday 20th Dec 1pm
Monday 6th January
Tuesday 7th January

R & KS1 Nativity (Ticket details available nearer the time)
As above
Break up for Christmas Holiday at 1pm.
No pupils in school (Training Day)
Pupils return to school.

Best wishes,
Nic George

Head

