



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,

Welcome back to the start of a new term here at Seaton Primary School. I hope you had a relaxing, enjoyable break and managed to get outside and have some quality family time. I managed to brave the sea on Christmas morning in Exmouth and went on some great family walks including one around Golden Cap (highest point on the South West Coastal Path). It was steep and muddy but great fun with breath taking views! I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year!

I hope you find this newsletter informative. There are some really interesting and important items to read, especially in terms of how we are moving things forward at Seaton Primary School. We have recently revised our behaviour policy and the approach we use across the school, there is also an update about the proposed managed partnership which the Chair of Governors wrote to you about at the end of last term.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

On the 6th January Non - Pupil Day the staff got together for safe guarding training. After that, we had several other sessions looking at the planning of English lessons, the tracking of pupils' progress and revisions to our behaviour policy.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

A number of our staff have spent a great deal of time reflecting on our current behaviour policy and have been researching a number of approaches that are being used to great success. We want to formulate a revised approach which not only fits into our caring and fair ethos, but empowers the individual even further to understand and reflect on themselves and how they can make the right choices at school.

Firstly, we start with the rules we have in school. These are and always have been –

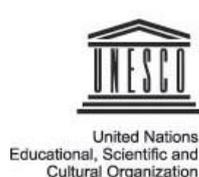
Be respectful

Be kind

Be truthful

Be responsible

Be the best you can



These rules help to underpin our school ethos and for a vast majority of the time all pupils comply with these rules. However, we are all human and we are here to learn and grow together. Sometimes we make choices that are not for the better and we need to quickly learn from these and get back on the right path.

The children and staff have all been attending assemblies this week, which explore not only the school rules but our new 5 step approach to promote positive behaviour for learning. We have broken down our existing traffic light approach into 5 points, which also go from green to amber to red.

These being –

1. I am working or playing on my own. I am making the right choices.
2. I am working or playing with others. I am making the right choices.
3. I need to think about what I am doing or my behaviour. 1st warning.
4. I am making poor choices. I must stop! 2nd warning.
5. What I am doing is not acceptable. There will be a consequence.

Clearly, we want all our pupils behaviour to be on number 1 or 2 all the time. If they do slip into 3+ then we want them to consider very carefully how they are going to get back to 1 or 2 either on their own or with the support of an adult. The emphasis is always on the pupil though and how they must be the ones to take responsibility and instigate the necessary changes to make better choices.

Consequences

If pupils display unacceptable behaviour there will be a consequence. This is up to the discretion of the member of staff. Some of the consequences we have are -

Time out of class, the activity, playtime or lunchtime to reflect

Lost play / lunchtime

Time out to finish incomplete work

Letter of apology

Moved to back of the line or a different table / area

School behaviour report

Awards and Positive Reinforcement

We want to really promote the positive though and we do this through a number of approaches including -

Positive praise

House points

Celebration certificates

Special mention to a member of staff

Individual or class reward

Special mention to parent



Please have a chat with your child about the above. They should be able to tell you about it! Each class has a new display including these new approaches, there is also one on each notice board and a larger one within the main hall. The initial response has been very positive and I will be following up this initiative to see how it is going, with both staff and pupils in a few weeks.

MANAGED PARTNERSHIP

The LEA has now written to a number of schools / education organisations as part of the tendering process for a temporary Management Partnership. Applications will be scrutinised next week and the process of selection will be completed shortly afterwards. We are all keen to find out who the successful partner is going to be. Prospective organisations are currently being invited to come and look around Seaton Primary School and meet the staff here. The Governors will write to you when they have further news.

STAFFING

Maeve Kay our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator is expecting a baby. Congratulations to the Kay family! Mrs Kay will remain with us until just after Easter, then go on to Maternity Leave. Her replacement will be announced as soon as possible and I will keep you up to date.

The Great Seaton Book Swap!

Dear Parents & Carers,

We will be holding a book swap/donation event for the children here at school. Details below:

Step 1: Bring in a book (or more than one) that you'd be happy to swap. Any types of books are fine – just make sure that they are not missing any pages! **Books can be brought into class from Monday 13th January 2020.**

Step 2: Swap your books for tickets. 1 book = 1 ticket. Each ticket can be used to acquire a book from the book swap event.

Step 3: Come to the book swap on Thursday 16th January 2020 and get new books that other people have brought. Each book will 'cost' 1 ticket, so the amount of books you bring in equals the amount of new books you'll be able to get. This is a great chance to add some new books to your collection!

Children may wish to simply donate a book and not 'purchase' another one, knowing that they are helping others to enjoy reading. Due to not knowing which books may be donated we cannot guarantee your child will find a replacement book that they want.

If you do not have any old books available at home, you can still purchase leftover books from the event for a suggested donation of 50p the following day.

The Great Seaton Book Swap will be held on Thursday 16th January 2020.

3.15 - 3.50pm in the Hall.

See you there!

Mrs Burkill

ANNE ADAMS

As some of you will already know, Anne Adams sadly passed away on 2nd January. Anne was a much loved Teaching Assistant who worked at Seaton Primary School for over 40 years. Anne loved working with children so much that she extended her working hours to stay on after school and joined the Happy Hawks team also known to many as kidz@play.

After leaving her role at Seaton, she began work at Branscombe Primary School, to Anne, work and children was her life. Many parents will remember Mrs Adams from when they were pupils at Seaton Primary School, myself included. Anne will always be remembered for her kind, caring and gentle nature, she will be greatly missed by children, parents and colleagues, who were lucky enough to have known her.

We have set up a 'GoFundMe' page, as we thought it would be very fitting to have a memorial bench in memory of Anne on the school grounds. If you would like to contribute please go to www.gofundme.com and search Anne Adams Memorial Bench, or alternatively you can give the cash directly to me at Happy Hawks.

Faye Hawkins



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

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

Tuesday 14th January – M&M Theatrical productions Sleeping Beauty

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

