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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

14.02.20

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is my final newsletter of the half term. This has been one of the busiest times ever since I have started at the school and also a very productive time. I hope you find the newsletter useful and informative.

FEDERATION AND SCHOOL UPDATE

The Chair of The Axe Beacon Federation has written to you all this week with an update about how the schools are moving forward i.e. Managed partnerships, separate budgets and governing bodies as of the 3rd April 2020. You have received information that Penny Hammett from the Fort Federation will be working with us and Claire Redwood will be our Executive Head. The actual roles of these individuals will need to be very clear for both you and the staff. Claire Redwood and I will be writing to you very soon about how this will look. This is **imperative** in order to secure the long term success of the school.

Dissolving the federation is a bit like Brexit Straight forward to agree upon, but the unpicking of it and setting up as a standalone school is going to take some work. This is where Claire and Penny will really come in with their experience. We have to now set up a successful structure for the long term. One that is financially feasible, makes the most of staff out of our skilled staff, builds on our strengths and helps develops us as a stand-alone school with our own unique character. We most certainly can stand on our own two feet and with a clear agenda / aspirations the future will be very positive I am sure.

PARKING

We have seen some improvements in the parking situation outside the front of school! The health centre have sent their thanks to everyone for respecting their property. Parents are pulling over in much more responsible places or parking up and walking in from further. A number of you have decided to ditch the car altogether and enjoy a healthy stroll first thing in the morning without the stress of finding a parking space. Keep up the good work everyone. Positive relationships with all our neighbours within the community is essential. School patrols will be continuing into the future to ensure responsible parking continues.

PE KIT

I have continued to notice a number of pupils still not having PE kit in school even though and this was brought up two weeks ago in the newsletter. 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. I have decided to compose a firm but fair letter which the teacher will send to you if your child does not have PE kit. These letters will be recorded. I am addressing a very small



number of parents here and a huge thankyou to the vast majority of you who send you children in with the correct kit each 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long hair tied back • Studs / earring removed / covered • Red t- shirt • Plain black shorts • White, grey or black socks • Trainers (not plimsolls) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark track suit bottoms / change of sweater • Red tee shirt • White, grey or black socks • Trainers (not plimsolls) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls – One piece swim suit, goggles, hat, towel • Boys – swimming trunks / shorts (above the knee), goggles, hat, towel

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

We have had a busy week at school with a number of significant events to support our staff. Firstly, Mrs Eriksson organised a paediatric first aid training session and then she set up a very worthwhile Key Stage 1 staff visit to Bassetts Farm School to look at a number of elements of teaching / learning. On Wednesday evening, Miss Curnock ran an excellent session on enhancing children's vocabulary.

ASSEMBLY

The theme this week has been around supporting E SAFETY. The week started off with myself leading a whole school assembly around staying safe online and the teachers have extended the children's learning through a number of tasks and discussions around the same subject. Many thanks to Mr Lewis, who has contributed a great deal on this subject this week. He has sent out some really useful information to parents on how to keep children safe.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 5th March 2020 is World Book Day. This is an annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and reading in schools across the country. We would like to invite all children to join the fun and come to school dressed as their favourite book character for the day. We look forward to seeing your creativity and to have some book themed fun!

BOOK FAIR

The book fair is back! The Scholastic travelling book fair was such a success last term and raised lots of money for the school to spend on new books for the children. We will be running the book fair again between Wednesday 4th March and Wednesday 11th March. Look out for more information after half term about when you and your child can come and buy some fantastic new books and stationary!

PARENT GROUP MEETING

We are holding our next Parent Group meeting on Wednesday 26th February from 1.00-3.00pm. This is an informal drop-in where you will be welcomed with friendly faces.

Do feel free to come along at any time.

The dates of the drop-ins are as follows and the group will meet in Happy Hawks:

Wednesday 26th February 1.00-3.00pm

Wednesday 25th March 9.00-11.00am

YEAR 3 AFTER SCHOOL CAKE SALE

Thank you to the year 3 parents for hosting the after school cake sale and thank you to all of those who came along to support and buy cakes. They made a staggering £184.54 to spend on guided reading books for use in class.

The next cake sale will be hosted by year 2 parents and will take place the week commencing 23rd March. If you have a child in year 2 and can help with the after-school cake, please contact seatonptfa@gmail.com.

Grizzly Marshall needed



We need one more volunteer to marshal for The Grizzly on Sunday 8th March. If you can help, please contact the PTA via Facebook or email seatonpta@gmail.com.

SEATON ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP

As part of Seaton Environmental Action group, we are holding four Mass Unwraps later this month, where shoppers can purchase their shopping and unwrap once paid for. They can then decant their produce and give back the plastic packaging to the supermarket.

Mass Unwrap is an awesome, fun and high impact action that shows how much plastic supermarkets use and puts pressure on them from community level, to change. They are a great way to visually show the sheer scale of plastic packaging; 59 billion pieces are distributed every year, that's 112 thousand pieces every MINUTE! *We will be holding a Mass Unwrap event at both Tesco's and Co-op on 22nd, 23rd, 28th and 29th February as part of a week of national action from Surfers Against Sewage.

How do you take part? Just come and do your shopping during the time slot, pay and smile as usual and then head to one of our volunteers to unwrap any avoidable plastic packaging in your trolley or basket. You may want to bring an extra bag for loose fruit and veg. But that's it!

Let's Unwrap Where We Live From Single-Use! Find out more: please see event details on SEA - Seaton Environmental Action group Facebook page

*Stats: Environmental Investigation Agency/Greenpeace 'Checking Out on Plastics' report
We would love to get the kids involved in this and ask that they encourage their parents to attend.
If possible it would be great to come into the school, later in the year and join the kids, raising awareness of the environmental impact they make and ideas to improve on plastic waste.
Thanks very much
Karen Bowskill

SPONSERED RUN

To those of you who don't know me already, I'm Lindsey (mum to Ray in year 3 at Seaton Primary, and Eira at Rupert's nursery). Since moving to Seaton I've been inspired to get back into running (I was more than 20 years out of practice following my district running days as a teenager!)

I befriended Nerissa (mum to Kiernan, also in year 3, and Laria age 2) over many months of bumping into each other on the school run. It wasn't long before we were doing parkrun together every Saturday morning. My son Ray regularly takes part too, and it has been a wonderful way to bond together, as well as keeping fit physically and mentally. In all honesty, I struggle to keep up with Ray - he can't wait until he turns 11 and no longer has to run with his slow old mum!

5 months ago I underwent major surgery, and wasn't sure if I would be able to run again post op. HOWEVER! Here I am 5 months later, not only able to run, but with a spot in the grizzly cub also! Nerissa was never a runner either until a year or so ago, when she decided she wanted to shift her baby weight... so this is going to be a MAJOR challenge for us both! For those of you who don't know, the grizzly cub is a 15km race with sections over a pebble beach, through muddy bogs, with many steep hills (it's not called 'hills aplenty' for nothing!) and not forgetting the infamous 'stairway to heaven' a steep path up the side of a cliff!

We most certainly won't be breaking any records with our time, just to be able to complete it would be amazing! Training has been pretty slow, it's not easy finding time around the children! But we made it out for a run in the pouring rain and wind today!

We thought we could use this race as an opportunity to raise some money for our wonderful local school. As many of you know, school budgets are so tight these days, so every little helps. It will be a great motivation for us, so we'd be so very grateful if you could spare a pound or two and sponsor us for this wonderful cause.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lindsey-larner?utm_term=gB42xN6MX

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SEATON LIBRARY

HARRY POTTER EVENT

Thursday 20th February

10.30-12.00

6-11 year olds

Come and have fun at our Harry Potter event, the session will include games, a quiz and craft.

Tickets are limited and cost £1.00 available from Seaton Library.

BEETLE DRIVE DAY -Wednesday 19th Feb 3 – 4:30pm



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

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st – Half Term

Monday 24th February – Children return back to school

Wednesday 4th March -11th March Scholastic book fair

Thursday 5th March – World book day (children to come dressed up as their favourite book character)

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

Best wishes,
Nic George
Head

