



## 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,

I hope you are doing ok during this turbulent time.

Seaton Primary School is now part closed to all, bar essential workers and a couple of other groups. It does feel however, that we have continued to work hard through the many new adjustments, and having to act on new information as it becomes available . We are trying hard not to bombard you with information at present, but I know that last week we had to send of a large number of updates as the situation developed.

Currently we are running on minimal staff and co-ordinating everything through a great deal of communication. You should have seen a decline in the amount of information we are now sending onto you, but there are still some important items we will need to update you about over the forth coming weeks.

### PUPILS ATTENDING SCHOOL

We would like to say thank you to all our parents and carers for heeding the Government’s strong advice to not send your children to school. Everyone has made a huge effort to look after them at home whenever possible. The numbers of pupils having to come into school is very low.

### CLOSING TIMES

We are still open for child care provision over the coming weeks for essential workers only.

Closing times are as follows-

1. We are **not open on weeks ends**
2. We will be **closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April** due to a new power supply being fed into school. We will reopen on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April**. If you require child care this day then please contact Colyton Primary School or Beer Primary School. I have spoken to them and they have some availability.
3. We are **not open** on bank holidays – **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**



## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The Free School Meal service / food hampers will **not be operating during the holidays**. The kitchen will be closed and no meals will be served during the day. If your child does come into school then, please provide them with a packed lunch.

This week we supplied food hampers for all our free school meal / pupil premium children who required it. Due to extreme staff shortages and difficulties in the food supply chain we are looking into the potential of setting up a 'food voucher' system for after the holidays in order to support those families. Once we have firm arrangements we will let you know. A number of schools are already using this approach with good effect.

## HOME LEARNING

At the end of last week we sent out quite a bit of information about home learning. There were lots of great ideas for you to get stuck into and there is an abundance of material being shared online.

Currently we are working on a new home online learning platform. Mr Simon Lewis is developing ideas and protocols for after the Easter holiday, please look out for messages about this. Staff will need to have some training in this to begin with, but the initial proposals look very good. Our intention is not to overawe you with school work but to put together regular activities from the class teachers to help your child stay in touch with their learning.

If you have any thoughts about this then please email the school. Going forward, we fully appreciate that children and parents / carers are having to adapt to quite different life styles. Make time for lots of fun and creative activities at home. Last night the George family joined a live video quiz along with thousands of other families. It was great fun!

## GOVERNOR UPDATE

The office has sent out an email from the chair of Governors explaining that the dissolution of the Axe Beacon Federation has been delayed until 1st June 2020. This will allow all parties involved in the process more time to ensure the necessary administration and financial work is completed due to the additional pressure of individuals self-isolating or working from home. This change to the timeframe will not impact on Seaton Primary School and any work we are doing with new management partnerships.

These are very bizarre times that we are now living through and health comes first with everything we do in our daily lives. The Seaton staff have been outstanding in their contributions in helping to keep things going under the most testing of circumstances. We have no shortage of volunteers to work over the holidays, which reflects the dedicated nature of our staff.

Currently each of us is allowed out to undertake daily exercise. Take full advantage of this and follow the health guidelines in doing so. Continuing to exercise is so important, for not only the body but the mind too!

Best wishes and stay safe,

Nic George

Head of School

