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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,

Easter weekend is upon us at last!

The sun is out and who would have thought just a few weeks ago, we would be enjoying it from our own homes, with so many necessary restrictions to adhere to. These current circumstances won't last forever, although, when following the news, it does look like our present way of life will be around for a lot longer than we first expected.

SCHOOL CLOSURE/ ESSENTIAL WORKERS

I do get quite a few questions about when schools will be reopening as normal, to be honest, I have no idea and neither does the Government. When it is safe to do so and we get the green light we will, but in the mean time we carry on. After the Easter weekend, we will reopen on **Wednesday 15th April** for essential workers' children and a few other groups. Staff set up a new rota yesterday for the weeks ahead.

Can I please ask that you give school as much notice as possible if you require a place, so we know in advance how many children will be attending each day. Children need to be in school by 9am as normal.

FORWARD PLANNING

There are many things we have to continue with as a school over the next few months. There is an awful lot on my mind and for the staff to get to grips with. The annual school report will have to be completed and we are already considering ways of changing it to reflect the large chunk of the school year being missed. The induction of pupils to new schools will need to be considered and the placement of children in future classes. As soon as I have further information I will let you know.

STAFF

Many staff are now getting used to working remotely and technology is playing a crucial role in our communication both with each other and you. We have used video conferencing very successfully to run meetings, apps to discuss ideas, email and internet phone calls (so the bills at home don't rack up). Mrs Eriksson, Mr Hunt and Ms Salter have been working hard on the pastoral care side of things and a very useful document on safe guarding was very recently sent out to parents with a new email for contacting the school for pastoral support.



Mr Lewis has been hard at work putting together ideas for Google Classroom and many staff have also contributed towards this. Information about how this will work is now prepared and will be sent out very shortly.

TWITTER ACCOUNTS

We now have some Twitter accounts. These being –

@SeatonPrimary and **@3DChildstrategy**

Where possible we will be linking in information to these accounts.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

A huge thank you to Cath Brenton our school administrator, who has worked tirelessly over the holidays to put together the free school meal voucher scheme. I hope it works well and is fairly straight forward when you make it to the supermarket next. Families should receive the eCodes within the next few days, if you have any problems accessing this, then please do get in touch.

FRONT PAGE OF THE HERALD

Seaton Primary School has made the front page of the Herald Express I see! The reporter I spoke to was very enthusiastic and keen to cover the story about our recent OFSTED inspection in History.

“It’s nice to have some uplifting news to report upon”, he said to me.

LOCKDOWN

It is tempting to want to meet up with family, colleagues and friends but the time for this will have to wait until the restrictions have been eased. If you can undertake your daily exercise safely then do so. I find this really helps to break up the day and clears your head.

THANK YOU NHS

If you are managing to join in with the rapturous applause and noise every Thursday evening for the NHS and other essential workers, then well done. For the road I live in, it’s the highlight of the week and my didgeridoo playing has gone down well with my neighbours! I start playing outside the house just before 8:00pm and it draws everyone out.

I wish everyone a restful and pleasant weekend. Stay safe and please adhere to the government rules.

Best wishes,

Nic George

Head of school

