



## 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,

We come to the end of another week and I hope I find you well, healthy and safe. There is not a huge amount to feed back to you this week but I hope you find this newsletter useful.

### RECEPTION INTAKE 2020

Today parents of children who applied for their children to start school in September 2020 would have received notification of their place at Seaton Primary School. We do still have some places available for September in reception. Normally we would have a comprehensive induction programme for these new children, but this has to be put on hold due to the current situation. We will keep you updated if the situation changes, we are already thinking about how we might modify our approach if need be.

### LOCKDOWN

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April, Government announced that the lock down will continue for at least another three weeks for the entire country. It is highly unlikely that life will return back to normal any time soon and there may be a phased approach when the lock down begins to be lifted.

### HOME LEARNING

The initial response from parents regarding the home learning is that being provided via Google Classroom , is very positive. All staff are in the early stages of working with the platform and any feedback is much appreciated. We have set up some fair and reasonable protocols to aid our approach. Staff, have been given guidelines on when and how much work to set and when they are available to respond to the finished work.



## FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

Cath Brenton our school administrator has said to me today that all families that are already receiving free school meals (**income related, not Universal Infant Free School Meals**) should now have received the government eCode to cover the period of last week. Yesterday she ordered the next eCode for you, this is to cover a period of four weeks and a parent mail has been sent out today explaining this. If you have any issues then please contact the school, leave a message or email -[admin@seatonprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@seatonprimary.org.uk)

## FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

If you think that your child/ children may now be eligible for Free School Meals then please see the links below for more information

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

### How to apply

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/)

Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on **0345 155 1019**.

Once you have confirmation that you are eligible to receive Free School Meals, please contact school on the above email with your child's details and we will add you to the weekly voucher scheme.

## SCHOOL END OF YEAR REPORTS

This week I have finalised the new end of year report formats and the staff will now begin working on them. The format this year is a little less wordy, but still provides you with clear information on how your child has progressed this year.

## TWITTER ACCOUNTS

We now have some Twitter accounts. These being –

**@SeatonPrimary** and **@3DChildstrategy**

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

## NHS

Yesterday evening, I played my didgeridoo again to call the neighbours out to applaud the NHS. It is quite a lively event down our road and this week we had a rhythm section being provided by tambourines and saucepans!

## FINAL THOUGHT

With almost zero sound at night from traffic, there are certain things I am noticing much more.

Firstly, the dawn chorus of birds starts well before dawn, seagulls sleep very little and might well be nesting on my roof. I do not need to think what time it is, as I can now hear the church bell chiming on the hour every hour from where I live.

Try and take the time if you can, to appreciate the natural things around you, that normally during our busy lives, may go unnoticed.

I wish everyone a restful, pleasant weekend and stay safe.

Best wishes,

**Nic George**

Head of school

