



# Seaton Primary School

*"Caring now, for the future of our community, those in need, our lifestyles, one another, our education and the future itself"*

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## **NEWSLETTER and UPDATE**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you find this newsletter useful and informative. We are incredibly busy at school finalising the end of year arrangements but also looking forward to September. Currently we are awaiting a new risk assessment / guidelines from Devon County Council which will help us to formulate a plan for the next academic year. I am hoping that we can present these new plans to you as soon as possible. Last week's newsletter should have given you a flavour of what might be in store but the main thing is we want all our pupils back in, settled and enjoying learning together again.

### **REPORTS**

On Wednesday we had lots of parents and children turn up to collect the annual end of year report. It was lovely to see everyone and say hello. Many parents thanked us for our hard work and dedication over the last four months and I have passed these kind messages onto staff. It has been and continues to be, a really demanding time for schools up and down the country.

A large majority of reports have been collected. There are some left and these will now be gathered and kept in the school office. Please call in and collect these as soon as possible.

### **CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER**

This year we had a much smaller than average number of pupils in our two reception classes (less than 40). Seaton Primary School has the capacity to take up to 60 children each academic year. We are aware that the birth rate in Seaton fluctuates but it will come back up again in a few years time. We have a smaller than average number starting in Reception this September and fewer children in Year 1 and 2. We are not in a financial position to run four very small classes as every child equates to income for the school and therefore has a direct influence on our school budget for staffing. Therefore, instead of four Key Stage 1 classes we will have three in September.

This has happened in the past at Seaton and is the case in many other schools. The Senior Leadership has been tracking and looking at this emerging picture and planning for the future. So in September we will have the following class structure in school:



|  |                                  |                               |                              |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Reception – Miss Mabin</b>  |                                  | <b>Reception – Miss Sloan</b> |                              |
| <b>Year 1 – Mrs Burkill</b>  | <b>Year 1 and 2 – Miss Broom</b> |                               | <b>Year 2 – Miss Curnock</b> |
| <b>Year 3 – Mrs Eriksson / Mrs Fontes<br/>(this class is shared equally)</b> |                                  | <b>Year 3 – Mrs Turner</b>    |                              |
| <b>Year 4 – Miss Smith</b>   |                                  | <b>Year 4 – Mrs Bateman</b>   |                              |
| <b>Year 5 – Mr Delfosse</b>  |                                  | <b>Year 5 – Mrs Royle</b>     |                              |
| <b>Year 6 – Mrs Taylor (4 days) and Mrs Clode (1 day)</b>                    |                                  | <b>Year 6 – Miss Crockett</b> |                              |

There is some movement of staff as you can see and this is to help support children e.g. Mrs Burkill in Year 1 has lots of reception experience to support the Year 1s and Miss Broom has taught both Year 1 and Year 2 in the past. The mixed age class has been carefully formulated to ensure there is a good academic and social mix. I have full confidence that my Key Stage 1 team will work really well together and do a great job here. Throughout this term, the Key Stage 1 team have been undertaking considerable training to help prepare for this new structure.

On **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of July**, I have asked each teacher to email you to let you know who your child's new teacher will be and they will also send you a video of themselves and an information page.

Numbers in other parts of the school are buoyant and we have a number of new children joining in September. In the future and when numbers are sufficient we hope to return to being a two form entry school in all year groups.

#### **STAFFING UPDATE**

Mrs Eriksson is expecting a baby congratulations to her and her family. She will continue with us for the Autumn term before starting her maternity leave in the Spring term.

#### **HEAD CHILDREN YR - 6**

We are pleased to announce our head children for next year -  
 Head Girl – Emma  
 Head Boy – Louis

I hope everyone has enjoyed my 'Friday Poem' but I'm afraid last week was my last. It's been great fun making them and my favourite was probably 'Blame' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgPGqUpEt5A>  
 All the staff have had a go at making a video at some point this term and they have been great fun to say the least. Many thanks to them for going the extra mile to produce these. Many can still be viewed on our Seaton Primary School YOUTUBE Channel.

#### **CROWD FUNDING FOR A PUPIL**

We have a special pupil at school, who has physical needs. Her Mum and Dad do a fantastic job bringing her up and she is doing really well in life. Her parents have set up a Just Giving page in order to help buy some specialist equipment for their daughter. Her parents would love our school community to chip in and help purchase some resources. Please have a look at the link below.  
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/alanah-bray-1>



## THINGS I NOTICED THIS WEEK

Last one!

- Now that camp sites have opened, my neighbour has now ventured off in his camper van to the Great North
- There is going to be a Government discount if you eat out
- Swimming pools will be open soon
- Test cricket is back on - Mr Hunt is ecstatic
- We have at least three very large cherry trees on our school site producing edible cherries.
- My cooking apple tree is going to produce a bumper crop this year. Apple and red chilli chutney is on the cards again.
- Seaton Tram is open and so well organised. My family and I had a great day out there last Saturday
- I ended up chatting to one of our reception pupils this week about dinosaurs as he was sporting a T Rex tee shirt. I asked him what the longest dinosaur in the world was and he said he'd go away and find out. Now, I thought I knew the answer – Diplodocus but he came back with the answer the next day **Argentinosaurus**. He was right and I was wrong. Well done to that young man!

My best wishes to you all.

**Nic George**

Head of School

