



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday! It feels like it has been a long week in school, we have been really busy with our routines and adjusting our risk assessments according to government guidance.

I hope you find this newsletter useful, I have asked Cath to print out a copy and add to the outside notice board each week.

COVID UPDATE

If you are coming into the entrance to see Cath in the office, please wear a face mask.

We are now entering the season of coughs colds etc but with COVID this has huge implications as you will know. Absence of pupils has been very high this week as we are all having to follow the government guidelines on staying at home and getting tested if your child or family member shows symptoms. I fully understand that getting a test is really challenging and many of you have had to travel great distances to get one. We are in the process of putting together home learning packs in order to support learning at home, if you are awaiting a test result or end up with a positive test. COVID is around in Devon though it is very low according to what I have read. If we do have a confirmed case then it is likely that a pod will need to be closed down once we have sought advice from the health authorities.

As we work with the current guidelines there will be implications for staffing in every school and this includes Seaton. The staff go by the same guidelines and we have had to organise quite a bit of cover for classes both this and last week. It is likely that this will continue and we are ensuring that our staffing ratios are maintained.

If you are struggling to find a test then you could try -
dccg.devon.urgenttesting@nhs.net

A reminder from last week.....

WE DO NOT WANT ANY CHILD or ADULT COMING TO SCHOOL WITH A COVID SYMPTOM.

The COVID symptoms are.....

*A new, continuous cough

*High temperature

*Loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)



If your child **displays any of these symptoms** then they **MUST** stay at home or if symptoms emerge in school then they will be sent home. You are advised to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. This sets out that.....

- the child and any family member with symptoms should **self-isolate for at least 10 days**
- **arrange to have a test** to see if they have COVID-19

Please let us know **ASAP if a test is negative or positive.**

Please continue to **STICK** by the designated drop off and pick up times as these help with social distancing at either gate. If you arrive too early, wait away from the school or go for a walk.

VARY the entrance you use and follow the one way systems.

Further advice and information can be found at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

TEACHING and LEARNING



Residential visits across the UK are currently on hold but day visits are fine to go ahead. Year 6 are off to the wetlands on Monday.

Parents' evenings are due to take place around half term. We will be looking at a variety of options on how these can take place.

We have allocated some funds for new computing systems and are working with a new company who is going to be our provider. Mr Delfosse is currently our IT leader and he is keen to get out and visit some other schools to see how new tech is being used out there before we purchase anything.

NEW STAFF

We have one more new member of staff. Danielle Stapley is a teaching assistant who works in Reception and previously worked at Rupert's supporting pupils there, she has a wealth of knowledge and we are delighted to see her join the Seaton team.

FOREST SCHOOL

We are fortunate to let you know that our forest school teacher Chris Holland will be running two afterschool 'Woods clubs' this term, one for year 3/4 children on Wednesdays 3.20-5pm, and one for year 5/6 children on Fridays 3.20-5pm.

This is such a wonderful space for children to relax, unwind, connect with nature, deepen relationships, get active, learn new skills and have fun.

There will be ten sessions starting on the week of 21st September and finishing the week of 7th December.

There are only 12 places on each club.

The school can help fund some places with pupil premium money.

The cost is £7.50 paid weekly, or £70 for all ten sessions. Payment details on the sign up form online

Please fill in the correct online form here:

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SINGING AND PIANO LESSONS

We are delighted that **Louise Elliott** will be returning to teach singing and piano lessons to some of our pupils. Should this be something that would interest your child, then please contact Louise on the following number **07400 159 032** or by email elliottlouise@hotmail.co.uk

PTA AGM Wednesday 23rd September at 7:30pm

The PTA AGM is due to be held virtually on Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30pm via zoom and we would love to welcome new parents and carers to join and help as this will be a very different year so we will need to think strategically and creatively in order to continue to achieve our fundraising ambitions - last year the PTA successfully raised over £17,000.00 for School funds. Please contact seatonpta@gmail.com if you would like to attend and joining instructions will be sent via email.

We would also really like to recruit an eco fundraising officer to help diversify our fundraising efforts to raise funds from recycled items, if this is something you would be able to research and coordinate, we would love your enthusiasm, help and energy! Alternatively if you have other ideas and would be happy to coordinate and get involved, please contact seatonpta@gmail.com.

We hope you enjoyed our book share project, this finished last week but if you still have any books, please drop them back to the collection box outside School reception. Thank you to Becky Brown, Louise Hancock, Laura Steven, Jo Davies and Alanah Bray for hosting the book collections and to all the parents who kindly donated books to this project. The books will now be donated to School for use in their classroom libraries.

The School swimming pool is currently one of Co-op's chosen charities, we were very fortunate to receive over £6500.00 from this funding last year to provide outdoor play equipment. You can help raise money by choosing Seaton School swimming pool as your chosen cause to benefit from your donations

every time you shop at Co-op, even if you chose Seaton PTA last year, you will need to re-select us as your chosen charity again this year in order for us to receive your donations, please tell your family and friends too!

The PTA will be launching a 100 club from September as we will not be able to host events for the foreseeable future. A virtual draw will be held each month with cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd numbers draw, the cost to join is £10 for 10 draws. We hope this new initiative will raise £600 for School funds if we sell all 100 numbers so please tell your family and friends - please email treasurerspta1@gmail.com to secure your lucky number!

Our fundraising from online shopping will be a crucial part of our fundraising campaign next year, to date we have raised over £400.00 through these sources but we could raise so much more if we are able to spread the word and get more parents, carers, friends and family signed up! They are both really easy to use, you just need to sign up and select Seaton Primary School PTA as your chosen cause and we receive donations for every purchase you make, raising between 0.5% and 5% on each purchase.

Best wishes,

Nic George

Head of School

