



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,

Another Happy Friday to you all!

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

It has been a very busy week here at school and I am very pleased to say that our new routines for lunch time have been a great success! The organisation has worked well and Emma Smith and her team in the kitchen have done brilliantly. The food that they are cooking is REALLY GOOD and the uptake of dinners has increased already this week which is great. It has been nice to see the children really enjoying them, I urge everyone to have a go at school dinners. Pupils in **Reception, Year 1, Year 2** and those in receipt of **Pupil Premium** are all entitled to a **FREE SCHOOL DINNER**. **Give dinners a go folks.....**a hot meal during the middle of the day perks you up (including me!)

Some quotes from some Year 2 pupils about meals at lunchtime this week-

"The BBQ chicken was super delicious" – Alfie

"The BBQ chicken was tasty and amazing" - Jenny

"The beef bolognese was delicious" - Florence

"I enjoyed my super delicious veg bolognese today" - Zyva

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We have a significant number of families who are entitled to free school meals. If you fit the criteria then not only will your child receive a free school meal but the school gains a whopping £1320 towards supporting your child's education. This can also help pay towards trips, uniform, clubs etc and many families have seen the benefits of it. If you think you may be entitled then please log on to the **Devon County Council Citizen Portal** or phone- **0345 155 1019**

Please also pop into the office for more advice and information on how to apply.

NUTS

May we respectfully ask parents/carers **NOT** to provide their child with nuts for their mid- morning snack or lunch, as we have some children in school with severe nut allergies. We thank you for your co-operation with this.





COVID UPDATE

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

As from last week, we are now entering the season of coughs colds etc but with COVID this has huge implications as you will know. The absence of pupils has been very high lately, but has improved in the last couple of days. We have had to organise some cover in classrooms and this is simply because staff also have to follow the same rules as the rest of the school community.

If your child is sent home because they have started to display a **COVID symptom** then we have prepared a letter for you which sets out what you need to do next.

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

A reminder from last week.....

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

The focus for this week in school has been looking at how teachers and pupils are all settling in. The initial novelty of coming back to school has passed and now the routines of learning are being fully established. We have been looking at how learning environments are supporting learning, how pupils are getting on within their books and how teachers adjust their approach to enable great learning to take place.

CLUBS

A number of our private clubs have started back up e.g. **dance, forest school.**

Year 3 / 4 have a new club this term '**MULTI SPORTS**' led by the Premier Sports coach we have working with us. Details have been sent out this week and there is availability for the club. This club will run on Thursdays after school.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS – YEAR 6 PARENTS

Applications for secondary school places need to be made via DEVON County Council (<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>). The portal is now open and closes on **31st October 2020**.

Due to the current climate, please contact the schools directly:

Axe Valley Academy: <https://axevalley.devon.sch.uk/> Tel: **01297 32146**. Email: admin@axevalley.devon.sch.uk

Colyton Grammar School: <https://www.colytongrammar.com/> Tel: **01297 552327**.
Email: admin@colytongrammar.com

Sidmouth College: <https://www.sidmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk/> Tel: **01395 514823**.
Email: enquiries@sidmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk

The Woodroffe School: <https://www.woodroffe.dorset.sch.uk/> Tel: **01297 442232**.
Email: office@woodroffe.dorset.sch.uk



NOTIFYING THE SCHOOL OF ILLNESS

There are three main ways of notifying the school if your child is going to be absent.

1. Telephone the school – **01297 20922** – Leave a message
2. **Parentmail message.**
3. **Email the school** – admin@seatonprimary.org.uk

We require you to notify us by 9:00am if your child is not attending school that day. Please keep us updated **each day**, otherwise we have to call for an update for our records and this can be time consuming. **We currently have to legally advise the Department of Education everyday of any child that is absent due to either self isolating, COVID symptoms or a non-COVID related absence.** If your child suffers with **sickness and diarrhoea** please remember to keep them off school for **48 hours** after the last incident to prevent the spread of the infection. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Please remember everyone; these are really testing times for staff and leadership at the school. All staff are working flat out and doing their very best. The amount of information we are receiving on a daily basis about the current situation is enormous and it all has to be read and managed. Your patience and co-operation is imperative during this period. A team effort from the whole of our school community is what makes everything a success.

Very best wishes and have a great weekend,

Nic George

Head of School

