



# 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

9.10.2020

Dear Parents and Carers,



### COVID UPDATE

Pupil attendance has been very good on the whole this week which is very positive. Our current procedures are working well but please do not arrive early.

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



### TEACHING and LEARNING

This week Miss Curnock led an excellent session on 'Learning Environments' and how they are set up / adapted to inspire our pupils. She explored not only displays, but the organisation of resources and learning materials to support / enhance understanding.

We are currently revising our 'Presentation' policy for children's work and there will be a few new adaptations.

### HOME LEARNING

The Government has instructed all schools to ensure that in the event of a pod closing or the school entering a second lock down situation, teaching of the curriculum should move straight to online lessons. After half term Years 1 – 6 will have their homework set on Google Classroom, so they can get used to the platform again. Each pupil should have an account already from last year and new pupils will be set one. The teachers will let you know about this. Reception will continue to have their learning set via their teacher's class letter.



### DAILY MILE

It has been great to see all the pupils running around our Daily Mile track each day. X5 laps is a mile (as long as you don't cut the corners). Younger pupils usually manage 2 or 3 laps and teachers are encouraging them to run and jog the course as much as they are able to do. They are out of puff but invigorated afterwards and it sets them up for the school day. Many classes are mixing up the daily activity with 'GO NOODLE' a fantastic dance / exercise programme.



## SECURITY

We are having a review of security and working with Devon County Council on this. They are currently looking at the boundaries of the school and whether some additional fencing is needed.

## 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 and 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.

## 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-schoolplace>).

The portal is now open and closes on **31st October 2020**.

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

Axe Valley Academy: <https://axevalley.devon.sch.uk/> Tel: 01297 32146. Email: [admin@axevalley.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@axevalley.devon.sch.uk)

Colyton Grammar School: <https://www.colytongrammar.com/> Tel: 01297 552327. Email: [admin@colytongrammar.com](mailto:admin@colytongrammar.com)

Sidmouth College: <https://www.sidmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk/> Tel: 01395 514823. Email: [enquiries@sidmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@sidmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk)

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



**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Individual pupil photos (Tempest Photography)**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccinations**

Very best wishes and have a great weekend,

**Nic George**

Head of School

