



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,

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended the parents' evenings via zoom last week. This proved to be a great success and all of the staff were very pleased at how this went.

COVID UPDATE



Thank you to all of you that have been wearing face coverings when dropping off and picking up your child and for continuing to maintain social distancing, we do very much appreciate your support with this.

Pupils do not need to wear coverings and we thoroughly respect that all parents are not able to wear face coverings for health reasons.

We have to put the health of pupils, staff and school community as a whole first and take measures to keep our school open and going strong. Our risk assessments are constantly under review and when the circumstances are right we will review face coverings again.

Please remember pupils needs a **minimum of items** being brought to school.

Can we please ask all parents to remind their children not to climb on the outdoor play equipment when leaving the school premises, this is due to COVID restrictions.

TEACHING and LEARNING



Year 3 have enjoyed investigating their classrooms and the school grounds with magnets, to see what has been made from magnetic materials.

Year 5 – this week we used a wartime ration recipe to bake carrot cookies. Today we all dressed in 1940's costumes (so did teachers) and used our skills to uncover a Nazi spy plot.

CALLING ALL KS2 MUSICIANS

Can you play a Christmas piece of music on your instrument?

If you would like to be part of a Key Stage 2 Christmas video, please send a short video or audio to the school administrator (admin@seatonprimary.org.uk), and Mrs Stonex will try and include as many as she can. This will be shared with parents.

You have one week!

Send by Friday 4th Dec.

Thank You.



VIRTUAL TREK TO THE NORTH POLE

With PTA events and fundraising limited due to Coronavirus they have had to be creative when considering ways to raise money for the school. As a result, they have organised a sponsored virtual trek to the North Pole. The aim is to cover the 2,700 miles from **Monday 30th November to Wednesday 16th December**. More information will follow on Monday, along with their sponsorship form. We hope the children will enjoy taking part and enjoy a festive reward on **Thursday 17th December**.



CHRISTMAS

This year we will be holding our school Christmas dinner on Wednesday 16th December 2020 (more information will follow) and we have decided to also have this as our Christmas jumper day! We would like everyone to wear their school uniform but instead of their normal jumper or cardigan to wear either a Christmas jumper or a favourite jumper for the day.

Instead of a monetary donation for Christmas jumper day we would like to support our local food bank and ask pupils to bring in a voluntary donation of food which will support those in need during Christmas and into the New Year. Our food bank in Seaton has worked very hard to support many families in need this year and we appreciate all that they do.

Seaton Food Bank really need items such as;

- Tinned vegetables,
- Sponge puddings,
- Tinned fruit,
- Honey and jam,
- Treats such as biscuits,
- Meat for hot and cold meals,

Unfortunately, they cannot accept any home-cooked food or food which is past its expiry date. They also kindly request no baked beans, pasta or soup as they have a good stock. For more information about the great work that Seaton Food Bank do I have attached an information leaflet.

Thank you for all of your support and we look forward to a lovely day with Christmas dinner and jumpers too!

Best wishes,

Mrs Eriksson

PTA Easyfundraising Hamper

The PTA has a Christmas Hamper to give away, which includes two bottles of prosecco and a box of Thornton's Chocolates kindly donated by Seaton's Tesco and Co-op.

To be in with a chance of winning, all you need to do is sign up to Easyfundraising.org.uk, supporting Seaton Primary School PTA as your cause and raise a donation when you shop online between 26th November and the 15th December 2020. It doesn't matter how big or small the donation raised is, you can still enter.



Please email ptahamper@outlook.com with "I've signed up" in the subject line, include your phone number, email and a screenshot of the donation raised. You will then be given a raffle number. The winning number will be announced on the Seaton Primary PTA Events Facebook page on Wednesday 16th December. Thousands of popular retail sites like The Happy Puzzle Company, Asos, Argos and Amazon are on there. It is also worth knowing you can raise surprisingly large donations when purchasing insurance, broadband, switching energy companies or booking travel. This all goes towards paying for items and experiences to help enrich our children's education and school life. Thanks, from the PTA.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/seatonpspta/?invite=NI8DJJ&referral-campaign=s2s>

Christmas Bauble colouring competition

Lloyds bank have asked if any children would like to enter their Christmas colouring competition. Next week, your child will come home with a Christmas bauble template to colour and decorate as they wish. These will need to be returned to school by Monday the 7th December. We will then give them to Lloyds bank who will put them on display. There are prizes for the best entries, please can you remember to put your name, age and class on the reverse of your artwork.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We have a significant number of families who are entitled to free school meals. **Please note that if you have a child in reception class**, you may still be eligible and it is worth applying. 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. 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.

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Friday 18th December – Pupils break up for Christmas

Monday 4th January – Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 5th January – Pupils return to school

Very best wishes and thank you for your continued support.

Nic George

Head of School

