



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,

We come to the end of another week at Seaton primary School. The Chair of Governors have set out the consultation and the **proposal for Seaton to defederate from the Axe Beacon Federation**. Please have a good read, all correspondents should be sent onto consultations@seatonprimary.org.uk This is a really important process for us as a school and part of the Seaton Community as a whole so we really welcome your views, thoughts and any questions you might have.



PARENTS EVENING

Details and instructions for parents' evening are now out. The teachers are really looking forward to catching up with you next week. Protocols and guidelines have been sent out and these are –

- The meetings will take place via a **video link**.
- Meetings will last for **10 minutes** only as the teacher will need to move onto their next one. This will enable a smooth transition across years groups so we can keep to timings and avoid any queues building up.
- Be ready and **login in 5 minutes** before your allocated time. You will be in a 'virtual waiting room' and the teacher will 'let you in' when your meeting officially begins.
- Make sure you are in or have arranged a **quiet space for the meeting** to take place with as little distractions as possible.
- The meeting **is not being recorded** by school (this function has been disabled). **We ask that you too comply with this.**
- As always **be polite and patient**. We expect the usual good conduct and mutual respect shown to each other.



COVID UPDATE

As of yesterday, a new guideline was sent out **asking parents waiting outside school or entering the school grounds to wear a face covering**. Many thanks to everyone for taking on board this request which many, many other schools in the area have in place too. Seaton Primary School has remained fully open this term which is unlike other schools where pods /

bubbles are having to close down which causes all sorts of issues. We want Seaton to remain fully open and we are constantly reviewing our COVID procedures. We are a larger than average primary school, with a large parent population, we continue to request that parents maintain social distancing. We are concerned that cases are on the rise across the country and in the South West. The school leadership team are also aware that a number of staff and pupils at the school have now entered the 'vulnerable group' plus we have had further guidance from the DFE related to face coverings. **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.



TEACHING and LEARNING

We have had a really busy week on the teaching and learning front. On Tuesday we had a Safe Guarding inspection / audit from the local authority, I am extremely pleased to report that this went really well. A huge thank you goes out to the all staff.

Miss Redwood and I have continued to drop in on lessons this week to see how things are progressing on teaching and learning and we continue to keep in touch with standards across the school.

On Wednesday Miss Curnock led another very successful English meeting which focused on the development of children's writing and vocabulary.

The government has provided us with some significant funds to support a number of our pupils with their learning after lock down. The funds will provide an additional teaching assistant for the remainder of the year who can provide additional support, feedback and pre-teaching plus we are using the funding for more speech / language support and we have bought into a tutoring programme for pupils.

FAMILY MATHS HOMEWORK CHALLENGE

Thank you so much for showing such enthusiasm and taking part in the homework challenge - we were overwhelmed by the number of entries! We hope you enjoyed completing the challenge together and 'talking maths' as a family. All entries were put into a prize draw and the winners were as follows:

Hideaway Hamper - Danielle (Y6)
Seaton Jurassic tickets - Jack (Y3)
Seaton Tramway tickets - Florence (Y2)
Owl & Pyramid voucher - Alex (Y4)

Our thanks also go to the local businesses that kindly donated prizes: Owl and Pyramid Bookshop, The Hideaway Cafe, Seaton Jurassic and Seaton Tramway.

Mrs Fontes & Mrs Taylor

AUTUMN READING COMPETITION

Thank you so much for all the wonderful entries to the reading competition. I have loved looking at all your photos and every single one is now on display. It always makes me smile to see how inventive you can be in your reading habits.

Congratulations to our three winners who have now received their prizes:

Cerys - 6JT
Lewis - 3BT
Jayden - 1KB

Sue Bateman





CHRISTMAS

You will be pleased to hear that Christmas is not cancelled at Seaton Primary School but it will be different this year.

Our music leader, Mrs Stonex, is planning to put together a **KS2** video celebration for Christmas with some of the choir and has invited each **KS2** class to be involved in the video. It won't be the same as our usual carol concert but we think it will be a wonderful way to spread some well needed Christmas joy!

As this video will be made available to **KS2** families, we need your permission that you allow your child to be involved. **Without permission your child will not be allowed to participate in the video.** Mrs Eriksson is sending a Parentmail form to **all KS2 families** today - please reply promptly for your child to be involved

There will also be a Christmas Dinner Day, singing outside and there will be a nativity. How we present these will need some consideration but our thinking caps are on!

Very best wishes and thank you for your continued support.

Nic George

Head of School

