



# 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 very busy week here at Seaton Primary School and the end of term is almost here. We will **NOT be closing on the last Friday of term and will be finishing at the normal time.**

### Introducing our new Deputy Headteacher- **Ms Kelly Hodkinson**



*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Kelly Hodkinson and I am delighted to be joining Seaton Primary School in January as the new Deputy Headteacher. I grew up locally and I am over the moon to be returning to Devon to live closer to my extended family.*

*For the last four years, I have been the Deputy Headteacher at a large East London Primary school where I worked for seventeen years gaining experience teaching and leading across the whole primary school age range.*

*My passion lies in providing an exciting and engaging curriculum which enables all children to meet their full potential, flourish and shine. I am looking forward to joining Mr George as the school embarks on the start of a new, exciting journey. Moving forwards, in collaboration with the rest of the leadership team, we will work together to build on the current strengths of the school and strive to secure the very best outcomes for each and every child at Seaton both academically and socially.*

*Outside of school, my hobbies include: karate, spending time at the beach or on the moors with my husband and two daughters and walking my very bouncy, labradoodle Frankie. (I'm sure you'll probably see us out and about locally walking with her!)*

*I can't wait to get to know the wonderful children of Seaton Primary, starting with my new Year 6 class who I'm really looking forward to teaching. When I'm not in class teaching, I look forward to meeting you all soon!*

**Ms Hodkinson**





### PTA UPDATE

As you can imagine, the PTA have had a highly unusual year but they have kept going and found new ways to raise money e.g. The Virtual North Pole Trek  
The children are really enjoying the Virtual Santa Trek and working very hard towards the goal of reaching the North Pole. We hope to have a mileage update for you next week.  
Don't forget to keep collecting your sponsorship money which needs to be handed in on Thursday 17th December in a sealed envelope with your sponsorship form if you have one.

Next week the PTA have sponsored a session for each class to work with Chris Holland (our Forest School Teacher) who will lead a story telling session around the camp fire in the woods and each class will receive some foody treats.



### DEACON BECKY CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

A huge thankyou to Deacon Becky from the Seaton Methodist Church for putting together this Christmas message for our school community....

<https://youtu.be/yMJF3INk0jw>

**CHURCH CAR PARK** - As the Methodist church car park will be in use by the Hospital for Covid-19 vaccinations next week, the second week of January and for future dates, the car park cannot be used for school drop off and pick-up. Please note: a reminder that this is private property.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Deacon Becky Lovatt

### SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Currently we have an interim governing made up with some Seaton parents but the interim governors need to eventually relinquish their roles so others can take over. Often school governors are made up from volunteers from the school community who support the school team to be the best they can and ensure that we offer great value for money and are doing a first-rate job for the pupils.

**WE NEED GREAT GOVERNORS IN THE FUTURE and THAT COULD BE YOU!**

Do you have skills and interests that you can bring to the governing body?

- Do you understand **finance**? Do you run a **business**?
- Do you know something about **premises or work in health / safety**?
- Do you know about **tech** and making the most out of it?
- Have you an interest or background yourself in **education**?
- Do you know about the **law, human resources or employment**?
- Have you a background or interest in **special educational needs**?
- Or are you a really keen parent, who wants the best for **all children** attending the school?

**Please get in touch with me if you would to find out more about this exciting and very rewarding role.**



### COVID UPDATE

Thank you for observing all our requests in regards to COVID. We have put in lots of measures to help keep the virus at bay and so far, we are one of the very few schools who have not had a closure. Long may this continue; however, we are prepared if we do have to manage a situation.





### TEACHING and LEARNING

This week have been continuing to review the various elements of school improvement that we have been working on and set new goals for next term. We have also been undertaking further follow up lesson observations with teachers to see how they are progressing with their targets and the outcomes have been really positive.

This week I led a session on planning teaching sequences and I used our 'art - progression of skills and understanding' document to exemplify how to

put together a teaching sequence.

### CLASS NEWS

**Year 6** have been learning about electric and have had great fun using electrical circuits and talking about how electricity works.

**Year 3 and Year 4** have been spreading the joy and making lovely Christmas cards/ letters for residents of local care homes! We hope that this lights up some of the residents Christmas celebrations.

**All of KS1** enjoyed their first school trip of the year on Monday. They walked down to the beach and wrote down all the things they could see around them. This helped the children to create some fantastic descriptive writing about the beach with lots of adjectives. Miss Curnock said it was very cold, but great to be out and about making the most of what we have around us!

### Pupil Premium

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**, as you are already aware they are entitled to a **universal free school meal** until **Year 2**. However, your child may be entitled to **pupil premium and income based free school meals**, that can last up to **year 6** potentially. If you fit the criteria then not only will your child receive a free school meal but the school gains additional funding to support the school's interventions and your child's learning. 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 school office for more advice and information on how to apply, if you do need any assistance to log on to the portal, then we would be happy to help you with this.

### 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.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Pupils break up for Christmas**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Non-Pupil Day**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Pupils return to school**

Very best wishes and thank you for your continued support.

**Nic George**

Head of School