



# 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,

The end of the Autumn term is here. September feels like a very long time ago, but everyone has done extremely well during this unsettled period. The start of the year was particularly challenging with some staff and pupil absence to manage, plus an awful lot to get used to, but after a few weeks we managed to get into good routines and a 'new normal' emerged. I do get the feeling that we will never be quite the same again and there are few things that have been introduced under COVID that might well continue into the long-term future, as they have worked really well. The likelihood is that in the spring term we will remain under COVID restrictions until a vaccination programme is rolled out.

Between de-federation and a number of staffing changes due to maternity leaves (yes there is something in the water!), we have managed remarkably well and kept the school moving forward. We have made a number of mid-year appointments of staff and I am delighted with how these individuals have fitted into the Seaton team. It feels very much like we are in a transition year and change can often be a good thing. Your support this term has been crucial and the praise we receive really bolsters our moral.

I hope you find this newsletter informative as there is quite a lot to let you know about. Please remember that Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January is a non-pupil day and children return on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**.



### TEACHING and LEARNING

Over the last week Mrs Eriksson, Mr Hunt and I have been reviewing the progress of **EVERY PUPIL** in school with their class teacher. As you can imagine this takes a while to undertake but it is really worthwhile task to do each term.

We look at your child's current attainment in term of national standards and see how they are progressing against these. We also review the approaches and support your child receives in school, identify any gaps in their learning and plan ahead to make the necessary adjustments to support their learning.

The national picture of pupil attainment, which also applies to Seaton pupils, is that pupils' attainment has dropped off during the lockdown period from April to September. We are working hard to ensure every pupil meets their full potential Strategies include:

1. **High quality classroom teaching**
2. **Pre and post teaching sessions to make sure concepts are fully understood**
3. **Individual tutoring**



4. **Specific intervention activities – some delivered through teaching assistants and some through technology**
5. **Continued parental support**

### STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Turner has written to her class with the news that she is having a baby! Mrs Turner will need to start her maternity leave early in the Spring term. We have already had a number of applicants applying for her post.

### CHRISTMAS VIDEOS

Our lovely Reception, KS1 and KS2 Christmas videos are being sent out via parent mail today. We hope you enjoy these! **Please remember that these are only for Seaton Primary School families and must not be shared with anyone else including being posted onto any form of social media.** Thank you for your support with this.



### PTA UPDATE

The PTA would like to thank all of the children who have done incredibly well to achieve their North Pole Trek goal of 2,700 miles in time for Christmas! They have all received a treat in school this week, including a trip to the woods for some festive storytelling.

Thank you for all of your donations. You are still able to bring back sponsorship forms to school in January. Alternatively, you can donate online and email your sponsorship form to [treasurerspta1@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerspta1@gmail.com).

The PTA bank details are:  
 Seaton County Primary school PTA  
 Sort code: 309037  
 Account number: 00879959

Here is a link to donate via our Go Fund Me page (we will not be able to claim Gift Aid on these donations)  
[https://www.gofundme.com/f/north-pole-trek-seaton-primary-school?utm\\_source=whatsapp-visit&utm\\_medium=chat&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet](https://www.gofundme.com/f/north-pole-trek-seaton-primary-school?utm_source=whatsapp-visit&utm_medium=chat&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet)

Thank you all for your wonderful support and Merry Christmas from the PTA.

### Head Boy and Girl

We are pleased to announce that for the Spring term we will have a new Head Boy and Head Girl:

Head Boy: Tom H  
 Head Girl: Taylor R

### KS1 NATIVITY



We hope that you enjoy watching 'A Bundle of Joy' our 2020 KS1 nativity (details to access this will be sent on ParentMail). Despite the disruptions we have faced this term the children worked really hard to learn lyrics to songs, dance moves and lines. The children have made all of the KS1 staff really proud and they all truly deserve a fabulous Christmas break.



## SPREADING THE JOY

In this last week and with Christmas so close, we want to recognise and thank all of our pupils, parents, staff and the wider community for working so hard to spread the joy this Christmas and be so supportive! This week has been a busy one for Mrs Eriksson, Ms Salter and Mrs Brenton in co-ordinating these wonderful acts of kindness which we would like to share with you!



## SCHOOL GOVERNORS

**We have had a good response for the role of school Governor but we need a few more individuals to come forward.** 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!**

Have skills and interests that 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.**

Very best wishes- have a relaxing and merry Christmas and again thank you for your continued support.

**Nic George**

Head of School