



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,

This has been an incredibly busy week in school for delivering inhouse and online lessons to pupils. A huge thankyou to the everyone who has written in with positive comments about the online lessons, this has really boosted the staff. The approach we have adopted is time consuming for staff but we feel it is very worth it and pupils are engaging really well.

It is the case that all schools have currently more pupils attending than they anticipated, due to the essential workers list being very broad and employees wanting their staff to continue working through this lockdown. ***If there is someone who can support home learning rather than sending your child into school then that is an option to help reduce numbers in school.***

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Whether pupils are in school or at home, these times provide additional challenges to families. We fully appreciate that and juggling the pressures of work, children being at home and not being able to see friends or family can be stressful. Our Pastoral Care Manager (Tracey Salter) and Acting SENCo (Ed Hunt) are always available for you to contact- pastoral@seatonprimary.org.uk Both are great listeners, they can provide practical support or point you in the right direction. Please contact the office and pass on your details if you need one of them to touch base with you.

Please find some useful links below -

[Breathing exercise for stress - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[Welcome to TALKWORKS \(dpt.nhs.uk\)](https://dpt.nhs.uk)



TEACHING and LEARNING

We have been continuing to hold regular meetings and training sessions on the use of google classroom and zoom this week. With the staff, I have been revising the school improvement schedule in order to make some necessary adjustments due to lock down. The school will be fully revising its reading policy very soon, starting with the teaching of early phonics right through to how we support some more advanced readers.

Key Stage 1 have had an amazing week exploring hot and cold places. We have done lots of science experiments and made information booklets about hot and cold places. The children at school and at home got to share them with each other on Zoom this morning. Miss Broom has led her own cookery show! She bravely led a baking lesson live on Zoom today with the KS1 pupils. The cupcakes looked delicious everyone.



LAPTOPS

We now have a number of laptops that have been recommissioned so they can be loaned out to families who really need one. Cath in the office is managing the requests there will be some protocols on how you can use them. The laptops are for loan and we will require them back.

SATs TESTING

The Government has cancelled all primary school SATs tests this year both in key Stage 1, 2 and Year 1 phonics tests.

STAFFING

Mrs Bethan Turner will continue to work with us until Spring Half term. After half term we will be welcoming **Mrs Jade Fineman**. Jade is currently teaching in a British School in France but will soon be returning to the UK. Jade comes to us highly recommended and she interviewed really well for the post. She has a wealth of experience across Key Stage 1 and 2 and is a specialist PE teacher. She sounds like a bit of an exercise fanatic and loves sport! Jade will be meeting the class via zoom before half term and liaising with Mrs Turner, to ensure she has a full picture of where the children are within their learning and pastoral needs. She is also very familiar with delivering live, online lessons.

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. School governors are made up from volunteers from the school and wider community. They support the school team to ensure we are providing the best teaching and learning to all pupils.



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

Have you got skills and interests to bring to the Seaton Governing Body? E.g. finance, business, premises, health / safety, safe guarding, education, technology, HR, law or Special 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 like to find out more about this exciting and very rewarding role

VACANCY – CLERK to GOVERNORS

We need a new Clerk for our Governing Body. This is a really important, paid role and details of the job can be found on the school website / Devon Gov jobs pages.



NEW SCHOOL SIGN

A huge thankyou to **Signs South West** for providing our new school signs. We are delighted with their work and love the incorporation of an ammonite into the design. Nice to see a representation of the Jurassic Coast on it!



COVID UPDATE

Please remember pupils need only to bring in a very **minimum of items** to school. No big bags and pupils need their own equipment where possible.

Very best wishes to everyone, thank you for your continued support and stay safe.

Nic George
Headteacher

