



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,

It's been another great week of learning at home and at school culminating in World Book Day yesterday. We saw some fabulous outfits in school and online. We even had a picture sent in of Mrs Burkill and her baby dressed up as The Very Hungry Caterpillar sat on a leaf- we all know how much Mrs Burkill loves dressing up!

All the staff are very much looking forward to welcoming all the children back next week.

Please do try to have a chat with your child about returning to school - focusing on the positives of coming back. We want to avoid queuing and ensure social distancing. Don't forget that both the main entrance and the bottom gate will be open. Please let your child walk into the school site unaccompanied, or where this is not possible and with younger children, only one adult per family to enter the site please. You will see a number of staff on duty at the beginning and end of each day and you may spot some unfamiliar faces. If so, please do come and say hello and introduce yourselves. On Monday morning, Mr Andy Franklin, our school caretaker will be manning the bottom gate and Mrs Sarah Elliot, our school business manager will be at the main entrance.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This week, our teaching assistants have been training with Mrs Fontes, one of our maths leads, on the importance of using concrete resources to support mathematical understanding across the school. Teachers have been recapping on the school policies for teaching all aspects of personal, social health and relationships education. The policies for mental health and wellbeing, PSHE, and RSE (relationships and sex education) can be found on our website under the section on policies. or click on the link below: [Seaton Primary School | Policies](#) We value your input and feedback so if after having read the policies you have any questions or feedback please get in touch.

MUSIC LESSONS

Just a reminder that music lessons are returning- Tim from Westcountry Music will be continuing with music lessons from Wednesday March 10th. Please email wcm@btinternet.com or phone - 07740 117227 for further information.

Louise Elliott will be teaching piano and singing from Friday 12th March. For further information please email elliottlouise@hotmail.co.uk or phone - 07400 159032

FOREST SCHOOL CLUB

We are delighted that forest school (after school club) will be returning from W/C 8th March – Years 3 & 4 every Wednesday- 3:30– 5pm Years 5 & 6 every Thursday- 3:30- 5pm @ £7.50 per session - this can be paid termly or daily. Mr Holland will be sending out further information before the end of the term.





What has been happening this week?

In EYSFS

In Reception, the home learners have had a busy week exploring lots of different books! The children have been completing book reviews, carrying out book scavenger hunts, thinking of A-Z costume ideas, designing and making potato book characters and much more! We completed our Zoom learning by all dressing up, sharing some great maths stories and taking part in a traditional tales quiz. A great effort was made by everyone at home and at school, well done Reception!

Key Stage 1:

Key Stage 1 have had a fabulous week. We have been creating information books about spring in English and have really enjoyed creating our own flower moving mechanisms in D&T using some old kitchen rolls. We had an excellent end to the week, celebrating world book day by dressing up as our favourite characters with lots of fun reading activities throughout the day! We are very much looking forward to welcoming back the rest of our classmates on Monday and telling them about everything we have been doing at school.

Key Stage 2:

Year 4

This week the Year 4 children in school have had a fab time orienteering around the school grounds. This linked brilliantly with our geography unit and the compass work that we did in the afternoon. On Wednesday we were treated to a Zoom visit from author Lindsey Cole who shared her story 'The Mermaid and the Cow' with us. The children were inspired by her stories of adventuring around the world and have already started making their own books and mermaids! Year 4 had a whole day of book related activities on Thursday to celebrate World Book Day. They made a great effort with the costumes both at school and at home. We even dressed potatoes as our favourite book characters!

Year 5

We have come to the end of online learning! We have had another busy week continuing to explore fractions, particularly adding mixed numbers. We have also looked at ISPACED openers and writing speech in English, trying to engage the reader and build tension. In PSHE, we looked at what qualities make a special relationship and how we can cultivate relationships during these unusual times. One of the highlights of the week was learning about the Great Wall of China, where the children were challenged to build a scaled replica of the entire wall using Lego or other household objects! Hopefully the children enjoyed the Zoom free Friday and got up to some exciting activities offline. We wanted to say a big thank you to both children and parents for their ongoing support and resilience both online and in classroom over the last 9 weeks. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back next week and transitioning back to classroom learning. Some pupils even wrote a bilingual story for world book day! We wanted to say a big thank you to both children and parents for their ongoing support and resilience both online and in classroom over the last 9 weeks. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back next week and transitioning back to classroom learning. Year 5 Team

Year 6

This week Y6 have been busy writing adverts for their own spy gadgets. The children have been really creative and have used a range of persuasive tools including rhetorical questions, directly talking to the reader using imperative verbs and endorsing our products using quotes.

In Maths, we have been calculating the area of triangles and parallelograms. On Monday, the children developed teamwork skills during our orienteering activity as well as demonstrating accurate map skills; we had great fun! Towards the end of the week, we delved into our reading books and had a go at various World Book Day activities including designing a reading den, sketching our favourite character and creating a web page about our favourite book. Today, we have been preparing to come back next week and have been thinking about the things we have missed about school and life.



PE: KS2 have participated in an orienteering competition this week. Mrs Harris from Colyton Grammar School set up an orienteering course around our school site and ran sessions for KS2 to demonstrate how it works. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and showed off their impressive map skills which allowed them to navigate and collect the clues! We are looking forward to using the markers to have many more hours of fun! **PSHE:** We have been focusing our efforts on developing a recovery curriculum driven by PSHE for when the children return next week. Teachers have been continuing to receive CPD this week based around the new statutory requirements regarding health and relationships. We have been exploring the Christopher Winter Project resources which we will use to deliver relationships education. PSHE is a fundamental part of our curriculum here and if you wish to read more, head over to the website where you can find our rationale, policies and progression maps.

SCIENCE WEEK

Seaton Primary will be holding our Science week from Monday 29th March, with the theme of New Beginnings. I have been in contact with various organisations, such as Axe Valley Wildlife and Wild East Devon and we are in the process of putting together some plans. If you have any contacts or ideas for activities relating to nature, plants and growing, the environment and/ or animals, please let me know! I am aiming to fill the week with as many exciting and practical activities as possible. Many thanks, Miss Broom

PLEA FOR BOOKS

Please can we ask if you still have any school books at home that they are returned to school next week. Devon library service require their loaned stock back. Thank you!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 do receive universal free school meals. However, you may be entitled to income related free school meals. Income related free school meals means that your child could receive free school meals throughout their primary school education. This is a mutually beneficial service for both the school and your child and is handled completely confidentially. Due to the current situation it has become apparent that more families are entitled to this. If you think that you may be eligible please do apply.

When you receive notification that you are entitled please notify the school office to let us know that you have been successful with your application.

Please follow the link below-

Citizen Portal - Sign in (devon.gov.uk)

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need any help at all when applying.

THANK YOU!

A BIG thank you to the lovely parent that donated the beautiful cupcakes this morning for all of the staff. This was such a kind gesture and a wonderful surprise which brightened our Friday- they were delicious!

Finally, please check your parentmail today for an important update from the Governors.

Claire Redwood

Acting Headteacher

