

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 a busy week here at Seaton and the time has flown by so quickly- I can't believe it is Friday already. It has been so lovely to see all the children back and enjoying their learning.

This week we appointed Miss Grace Wright for the summer term to teach our Year1/2 class. We were really impressed with her passion and enthusiasm for teaching and we know that she will be a great addition to the team!

Hello I am Miss Wright and I am very excited to join your lovely school in April. I wanted to tell you a little bit about myself. I am relocating from Bristol, where I studied my degree and started my teaching career. I grew up in Sidmouth and have many fond childhood memories of Seaton tramway and Saturday fish and chips on the beach with my grandparents.

I have a lovely little daughter, a cheeky Cockapoo named Fred and a cat as well. My hobbies are running and anything crafty. I absolutely love being a teacher and look forward to meeting and working with the families of Seaton Primary School.

READING AND LIBRARY UPDATE

The English team updated staff this week about revisions to the reading curriculum. We looked at the expectations for reading across the school and how the love of reading can be spread through enticing and stimulating book corners. Each teacher is now in possession of their Seaton Reading Spine books which will be read to the children every day ensuring a broad range of exciting texts are experienced by everyone during their time at Seaton Primary School.

A huge amount of hard work has been put into refurbishing and reorganising the school library and it is now very close to being finished. It is going to be a wonderfully inviting space to browse and sit and read.



What has been happening this week?

The whole school has been working on our school rules and values and looking and supporting each other back in school. Here is a taster of what some of the classes have been up to:













Reception

In Reception this week we have been talking about how to keep safe at school and creating some class rules. We have shared lots of great stories about sharing, looking after ourselves and each other, and being kind. We have also been exploring 3D shapes and repeating patterns. The children have settled back in very well and it's been lovely to see all of their smiling faces! We're looking forward to exploring our feelings more next week.

Year 2:

Florence: It has been fun and a little bit tiring! I have really enjoyed maths.

Joseph: It has been different and strange but lots of fun to be back. I have enjoyed seeing my friends.

Isabelle: It has been fun going back to school and playing with all my friends again.

Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have looked closely at the five school rules through circle time and have written some excellent poems about Kindness. The children have spotted examples of kind acts throughout the week and have posted them in our Kindness buckets for sharing this Friday.

Rhys said he was so happy to be back at school that he even wanted to stay at the weekend!

Charlie said that he is really enjoying being back at school.

Year 6 - This week we have welcomed some of our Y6's back. We have been focussing on the core values at Seaton Primary and have been delving into what these look like in action and why they are important to us. We have used drama, art and poetry to explore these and have reflected on our learning in our PSHE journals. In maths, we have learnt how to calculate volume, which brings us to the end of this unit. Science has been a focus subject this week and we have had some interesting discussions about inherited characteristics and variation when comparing ourselves to our family members.

We are looking forward to having everyone back on Monday for another fun-filled week!

"It has been really great being back in school and seeing everybody including our teachers!" - Jude

"We have been focussing on our Seaton Values and what is important to us. We have had quite a creative and artsy week which has helped us settle back in." – Lilly

"English has been fun because we have been using videos to help us get ideas for our writing." - Louie

SCIENCE WEEK

Seaton Primary will be holding our Science week from **Monday 29**th **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



SEATON TRAMWAY WILD ARTS COMPETITION

Seaton Tramway are hosting a Wild Arts Competition which begins on April 19th. They would love to see some entries for Seaton Primary School pupils and there are some great prizes up for grabs.













There a range of categories; painting and sculpture, photography, short stories, poetry, film and music and all U18 winners will win an art themed prize from Devon Art Supplies
Please see the attached poster and the Tramway website for more details.

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-

<u>Citizen Portal - Sign in (devon.gov.uk)</u> Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need any help at all when applying.

COVID GUIDELINES

Thank you all for observing our staggered start times and continuing to observe social distancing and wearing face coverings on site.

Claire Redwood

Acting Headteacher











