



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,

Another busy week at Seaton for staff and pupils. Yesterday, Mrs Amanda Lacey, who will be supporting the school as Acting Headteacher in Mr George's absence, spent the day with us and met the staff and children. She was very impressed by our friendly, conscientious and hard-working pupils. We are looking forward to getting to know and working with Mrs Lacey after the Easter Holidays. Unfortunately, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Maeve Kay who has worked at Seaton for a number of years and will be very missed by staff and pupils alike- please see a message from Mrs Kay below. We wish her all the best with her future endeavours! Mr Ed Hunt will continue in the role as SENDCo for the foreseeable future.



Public Health Devon are running a new initiative for Easter called 'The Goodie Box'. Families who sign up will receive food for simple and delicious recipes delivered straight to their door, as well as a step-by-step guide on how to cook the recipes together as a family. The recipes are suitable for weaning age children and have modification suggestions to suit your tastes. The Goodie Box also contains a fun activity booklet and some cress seeds to grow together. I wonder whether this would be an enjoyable activity for your family to take part in? The scheme hopes to support families with children under 5 predominantly, but are happy to receive referrals for families with older children where there is a need.

If you would like to take part, please contact Ms Salter:

t.salter@seatonprimary.org.uk

PARENTS EVENING

Thank you to all of you for showing your support with parents evening. This was a great success and we have had lots of positive feedback. If for some reason you have been unable to speak with your child's teacher, please do contact the office to arrange an appointment.

GOODBYE FROM MRS KAY

It is with sadness that I say goodbye to Seaton Primary School, after 6 years in the SENCo role. I've really enjoyed my time here, working with fantastic colleagues. The highlight for me will always be getting to know the children and families that I've worked with. The SENCo role is one which has given me the opportunity to work very closely with families and it has been a real pleasure getting to know so many of you and something that I will miss very much. I take away lots of lovely memories and I am so grateful for the past 6 years and the opportunities I have been given. I would like to wish everyone at the school all the best for the future.

Best wishes, Maeve Kay





Some learning updates from across the school:

RECEPTION

In Reception this week we have been investigating Spring. The children were really excited to get around the school looking for signs of Spring, including daffodils, catkins, cow parsley, blossom and buds on trees. We took photos and used an app to identify the names of different plants and leaves. We also started working on a display together and the children are enjoying creating artwork, models and pieces of writing that represents their knowledge of Spring.

KS1

In Key Stage 1 we have been busy story writing this week. The children have worked really hard to produce some lovely stories based around the story Stuck by Oliver Jeffers. We have explored food chains in science and are very excited about science week next week!

YEAR 3

In English this week we have learnt about the features of a persuasive advert in order to create our own advert to sell a Stone Age tool. We came up with a product name, price, reviews and used positive adjectives and exaggeration to help sell our product. In Science we finished our topic on the Human Body by exploring which muscles we use for different movements. We have enjoyed games of cricket and dodgeball in PE. Finally, we are finishing our week with a Stone Age dress up day!

YEAR 4

This week Year 4 have been continuing their fractions journey in maths and confidence is growing in this area. We made good use of the laptops this week by having a whole class TTRS session which generated a healthy sense of competition and every child increased their accuracy and speed. 4SB also had lots of fun exploring Scratch in a computing lesson with Mr Hunt. In English we have been learning to write short playscripts based on James and the Giant Peach and will have fun performing them to each other next week.

YEAR 5

Year 5 have had another busy week! In English, we are completing our final piece of writing, based on the short animation Roads End, focussing on tension and dialogue. We have completed our fractions unit and enjoyed problem solving using fractions and an Easter themed picture reveal by solving different mathematical problems. We finished off decorating our Terracotta Warriors and adding the final details; the children are looking forward to bringing these home before the holidays. In science, we explored how we experience night and day by acting out the rotation of the Earth to make sense of the sunrise and sunset. We are excited for science week, where we will have a space focus and create our own projects as part of an inter-class competition.

YEAR 6

In Science, we have been looking at the theory of evolution and how Darwin explored 'survival of the fittest' with the finches on the Galapagos Islands. We used a range of resources to act as 'beaks' and tried to pick up different food sources to show how adaptation occurs dependant on the environment. In PE, we have been exploring rotation movements within gymnastics as well as trying to improve on our time for completing the daily mile. We have been publishing our writing around the Princess' Blankets, which is looking fantastic, and we have explored lots of different problems involving ratio within Maths. Next week we are looking forward to investigating fossils and how they support the theory of evolution throughout Science week.



SCIENCE WEEK

Next week is Seaton Primary Science Week with the theme 'New Beginnings'. Staff have been working really hard on planning lots of engaging activities for the children to take part in. I am really looking forward to going around the different classes to see what they have been up to! We are also fortunate to have visitors coming in from Seaton Tramway and Seaton Wetlands to work. A huge thank you to the PTA for supporting us with this. Some useful links for you to support science at home:

[The BEST Science Experiments for Kids - Science Sparks \(science-sparks.com\)](http://science-sparks.com)

[Science Fun at Home | Primary Science Teaching Trust \(psstt.org.uk\)](http://psstt.org.uk)

[The Ultimate List of Spring Science Experiments for the Classroom \(steamsational.com\)](http://steamsational.com)

We hope that the children really enjoy a hands-on week of science and you are able to embrace some science activities at home too!

Miss Broom

PE KIT

A reminder that on PE days children are expected to wear their full PE kit and NOT mufti. The correct kit is as follows-

Black tracksuit bottoms or shorts

Red t-shirt

Red jumper

Suitable/ comfortable footwear/ trainers

CLUBS

We are delighted that football club will be starting after Easter for Years 5/6. This will be a paid club, run by Saints South West. More information regarding this will follow next week.

MULTISPORTS

Premier Education will soon be starting their Multisports club - this will commence after the Easter holidays for Year 2. The club will run after school every Thursday until 4:15pm and will be a paid club. More information will be sent out next week regarding this.

SEATON FOOD BANK

If anybody requires a food bank voucher- please contact the school office.

SICKNESS REMINDER

Please remember that if your child has been sick or had diarrhoea- they must not attend school and need to be 48 hours clear from the last episode.

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 \(devon.gov.uk\)](http://devon.gov.uk) Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need any help at all when applying.



Dates-

1st April - Break up for Easter Holidays

19th April - Non- pupil day

20th April – Children return to school

Claire Redwood

Acting Headteacher

