



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 beautiful last week of the spring term here at Seaton. Classes have been out and about in the woods and along the coast as part of their science week investigations. Let's hope the weather continues into the Easter holidays.

GOODBYES

As you know a number of staff are leaving us this term. Today we were visited by Mrs Maeve Kay so the staff could say their goodbyes. We also said goodbye to Miss Jess Broom and Mrs Kerry Croad. All will be very missed and we wish them every happiness for the future.

MESSAGE FROM MISS BROOM

Before I depart, I need to say a huge thank you to all the children, staff and parents who have made my time at Seaton so special! This really is an amazing school and I couldn't have wished for a better first 5 years of my teaching career. I leave with many fond memories never to be forgotten!

I hope you have a lovely Easter, continue to stay safe and well and I'm sure that I will bump into some of you in the future!

See you soon,
Miss Broom



Goodie Box Reminder:



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



FOOTBALL CLUB AFTER SCHOOL WEDNESDAYS YRS 5/6

Saints Southwest will be running an After-School Football Club for children in Year 5 & 6 after Easter. The club provides the opportunity for children to have fun and learn during after school hours with their peers. All Children attending will have the chance to win SAINT of the day awards for showing our key values. All of our activities are based around the Saints Southwest key values, a small anagram highlighting these values. S – Standards A – Aspiration I – Integrity N – New Thinking T – Together S - Skill. What to bring: suitable kit for playing sport - suitable footwear e.g. trainers for sports hall - healthy drink e.g. water (no fizzy drinks). Find & Follow us on Social

Media: Saints Southwest Tel: 0330 223 4932 Email: info@saintssouthwest.co.uk

Book using the link below;

<https://saints-southwest.class4kids.co.uk/info/734>

JM DANCEFIT ZUMBA KIDS

KIDS HAVE FUN & IMPROVE FITNESS & CONFIDENCE LEVELS

We are really excited to announce that our ZumbaKids classes are due to recommence at School after the Easter break!

Zumba Kids is a fun and healthy program designed just for children using the Zumba concept.

Zumba is a type of fitness workout that combines dance with aerobics.

The termly classes will be held in the main school hall as seen below:

Mondays

3.30pm - 4.15pm Little Starz* (4-7 yrs)

4.15pm - 5.15pm Junior Starz* (7-11 yrs)

Summer Term Class Dates: April 26th, May 10th, 17th, 24th, June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, July 5th, 12th, 19th

The cost of each class is £5 per child, with termly fees paid upon first lesson. All lessons must be paid for in advance and there are no refunds for absences.

Total Summer Term Class Fee: £55 (£5 per class, per child, x11 classes).

If you would like to book your child a place, please contact Johanna of JM DanceFit directly ASAP

on 07739518587 or at johanna@jmdancefit.co.uk

All bookings and payments must be made ONLINE via the JM DanceFit website at www.jmdancefit.co.uk

For further details on all JM DanceFit Adult and Children's Zumba and FitSteps classes held in Seaton, Sidford, Sidmouth Beer, Newton Poppleford, and Exeter please visit www.jmdancefit.co.uk



FREE EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND MEALS FOR CHILDREN AGED 0-18 YEARS OLD

There are free holiday activities and meals available for children who are entitled to any of the below-

- receive benefits related Free School Meals
- have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- have an Education, Health and Care Plan
- have an Early Help Plan
- is a Child in Need
- is a looked after child
- is excluded from education
- is a young carer
- is living on low income due to the COVID-19 pandemic (but isn't in receipt of benefits)
- has a member of their family with mental ill health.

If you are interested please click on the below link for more information-

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/document/free-easter-holiday-activities-and-meals-for-children>



LEARNING IS FUN

RECEPTION

We have been very busy making bird's nests in the woods! We have been enjoying the sunshine and playing in the "big playground." In class we have been exploring tadpoles and frogs!



KS1 have enjoyed a day learning in the woods with Penny from Seaton Wetlands and we have spent lots of time exploring plants and flowers. The children loved dissecting flowers to find out what's inside and joining in with planting experiments.



YEAR 3

This week to celebrate Science Week Year 3 have designed, built tested and evaluated floating gardens to help with flooding in Bangladesh due to climate change and built minibeast 'bug hotels' to help look after the creatures in our world environment. Today we visited Seaton beach, took part in a beach clean-up, completed a scavenger hunt and created our very own beach art using natural resources. It was the perfect way to finish our Science week and our appreciation of the world around us.

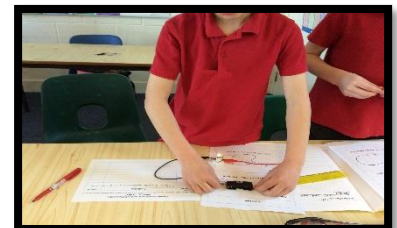
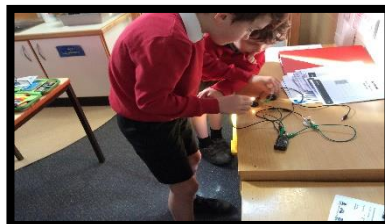


YEAR 4

Year 4 have had a busy week exploring electrical circuits, jumping goop and some silly 'egg-periments'! We've discovered that eggs can bounce when you soak them in vinegar!

We've performed our James and the Giant Peach play scripts to one another. It's been great to see children becoming more confident in performing in front of an audience, and following stage directions.

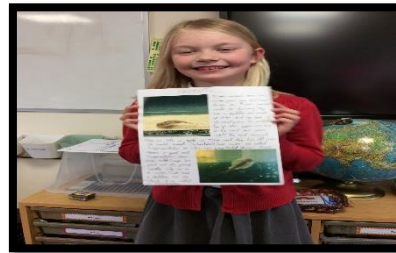
Finally, we've had to use lots of growth mindset this week as we worked through some assessments. Luckily, this linked to our recent PSHE and art work so we had lots of knowledge in how to overcome mistakes and a keep



going attitude! We've finished off some lovely watercolour butterflies inspired by the growth mindset video, 'Austin's Butterfly'.

YEAR 5

Year 5 have had a fun week this week with assessments and Science week. During Science week, they have been designing their own Kepler planet and thinking about the animals which have evolved and adapted to live on them. Miss Dack also brought in her Triops to share with Year 5. These crustaceans have been around since the time of the Triassic period 200 million years ago; they really are an evolutionary wonder!



YEAR 6

This week Y6 have enjoyed a range of different activities for Science Week. We have been looking at the importance of fossils in collecting evidence and understanding evolution. We started by exploring what fossils are, how they are formed and what the fossil records show and this was supported by a talk from Seaton Tramway. On Tuesday morning, we walked to the beach in search of fossils and the children made some interesting discoveries. Today, the children have made their own mould and cast or imprint fossil out of clay. Alongside this, they have researched and gathered information in order to create a card stating details about their particular fossil. We then had an exhibition where the children and adults could explore all of the fossil creations, which was really informative. We are extremely proud of how hard the children have worked over the last half term and we look forward to seeing them after Easter for their final term at Seaton Primary!



THANK YOU

We would like to say a BIG thank you to our lovely PTA for their very kind donation of Easter eggs for all of the children. It was so nice to see the happiness on their faces and very generous. These have been sent home with the children today.

We would also like to thank Open the Book for their generous donation of books about the Easter Story. The children were very pleased to receive them.

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

I am also finishing at Seaton and would like to thank all the children, parents and staff for making me feel so welcome during my time here. I have met some wonderful children and made some long-lasting friendships- I hope you all have a fabulous summer term.



Have a lovely Easter Holiday and the staff look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 20th April**.

Claire Redwood

Acting Headteacher

