



# 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 has been really lovely welcoming all of the children back in school this week looking refreshed and ready to learn for the summer term. We have also welcomed two new members of staff to Seaton. Mrs Amanda Lacey has joined the school's leadership team as Acting Headteacher and Ms Wright is our new year ½ teacher.

This week in school we have implemented a 'no hands up' approach to answering teacher's questions as a way of engaging all children in lessons. Teachers will be sending their questions out to talk partners to give all children a voice within lessons so that our children can discuss their responses before sharing them with the rest of the class. After all, if a question is worth asking, it's worth everyone answering! We have also implemented various non-verbal gestures across the school to ensure visible consistency for the children when it comes to day to day routines. We will continue to embed these over the next few weeks.

The focus of our teacher training day last Monday was Reading. Our reading curriculum continues to grow from strength to strength and this week teachers revisited the many skills that combine to create a skilled reader. We explored the strategies that lead to strong comprehension and are very excited to be launching a new research-based approach to teaching reading across Key Stage 2 this term. Key Stage 1 and foundation staff also began RWI Phonics training.

Research shows that reading is one of the biggest indicators of future success so please do all you can to support your child at home by reading with them every day and encouraging them to read as much as they can. What will you read together this weekend?

I hope you enjoy reading on to see a glimpse of what our children have been learning this week and that you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Hodkinson

### **A MESSAGE FROM MRS LACEY**

Welcome back to the summer term. I would like to formally say hello to all of our parents, carers, children and wider community members- although I have spoken to many of you from the school gates.

The children have all settled back into the school routine and are excited about the learning which will be happening.

As COVID restrictions are beginning to be lifted we are looking forward to a very full term.

Mrs Lacey





### **RECEPTION**

Reception have loved being back in school and seeing all our friends again. We have been sharing and acting out stories on the class stage. We are fantastic performers! We have met a new friend too. He is a very special frog named Fred who can only speak in sounds. We have been great translators blending his words back together. We would love it if any families could bring in egg boxes and other junk modelling boxes or any old flowers for us to use. We will leave a big box outside our classroom on Monday for you to drop of any items on your way past. Thank you!

### **KEY STAGE 1**

First of all, a huge hello and welcome to Miss Wright teaching in class GW1/2 this summer term.

We have had an excellent first week back at school in KS1. We have launched our new topic 'On the Move' with some exciting D&T challenges trying to build some different moving vehicles... including a flying paper aeroplane competition! We have started learning about Amelia Earhart by reading a biography all about her life and achievements in English. In science we have started learning about 'Materials' and have been sorting objects into groups.

### **YEAR 3**

This week Year 3 have hit the ground running! We have started our new topic looking at Ancient Egypt and have designed our own symmetrical sarcophagus using ancient symbols and patterns. The children have worked incredibly hard this week unpicking fractions and have tackled challenges with confidence and a positive growth mindset attitude showing they can be the best they can be. A brilliant first week back, well done Year 3!

### **YEAR 4**

The children have had a busy week and have finished with an equally busy Friday! Today has been ROMAN DAY! Children and staff have donned their finest robes, togas, helmets and laurel leaves. We've had a great day immersing ourselves in different aspects of Roman life. We've baked Roman bread, created mosaics, dug for artefacts in the garden, learned some Latin and cracked some Roman numeral code! We've finished the day with a Roman feast/tasting session, where we also got to sample our authentic loaves.



Boni volutpat vestibulu! (Have a good weekend!)

### **YEAR 5**

The children have settled back brilliantly this week, staying focussed and showing excellent positive behaviours for learning. We have been focusing or revisiting addition and subtraction methods in Maths, and introduced our new writing unit all about the Sickle-back Water Dragon in English. We also had our first lessons exploring the human timeline in Science, and looking at the key geographical vocabulary related to rivers (our new topic focus). We have been introducing some new classroom routines to develop a 'no hands up' policy when answering questions; We are all enjoying the challenge of trying to get used to this new way of sharing our ideas. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

### **YEAR 6**



Year 6 have had a busy few days back in school after the Easter Holiday. In English, we have been exploring a book called 'Dragonology' looking at the vocabulary and structure of a non-chronological report. We have been working on our efficiency within Maths to ensure we select the most appropriate method when undertaking mental calculations. The children enjoyed using dice to create random numbers and then selecting the best method for those numbers. In PE, we have been improving our jumping and landing skills within games and the children have been working really hard to increase their weekly number of daily mile laps. Finally, we began looking at our History topic of Crime and Punishment, which the children were really enthusiastic about!

#### **PSHE:**

Just a reminder that over the next term, your children will be receiving RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) lessons within PSHE. This is statutory and therefore children cannot be excused as everything we cover falls under the Science curriculum and PSHE/Health & Relationships statutory guidance. We follow a scheme of learning called the 'Christopher Winter Project' and if you wish to find out more, please go to our school website (<https://seatonprimary.org.uk/information/pshe/>) to view our policies and overview planning. If you have any concerns please contact the office FAO Miss Crockett (PSHE lead).



As a school we subscribe to Times Table Rockstars and Numbots which are online learning platforms that enable practise and consolidation of essential basic number facts in a fun and engaging way. Every child in the school has a personal login. Please encourage your children to play on the games as a positive use of screen time each week. Contact your child's teacher if you would like their login sent out again.

#### **ZUMBA-KIDS**

We are really excited to announce that our ZumbaKids classes are due to recommence from next Monday 26th of April.

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](mailto:johanna@jmdancefit.co.uk)

All bookings and payments must be made ONLINE via the JM DanceFit website at [www.jmdancefit.co.uk](http://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](http://www.jmdancefit.co.uk)

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>



#### **READING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Could you be a reading volunteer? Would you like to come in and hear children read in school? If so contact the office?

#### **THANK YOU**

Mr Delfosse, Miss Crockett and Miss Elliott have managed to get new PE Sheds for the school and we wanted to say a great big thank you to Gary Davies, from Lyme Bay Cabins. Gary spent his Easter, with his friends, building the new sheds. Not only do they look tidier than the existing sheds, they will make such a difference in storing our equipment safely, allowing easy access for lessons and play time. Thank you, Gary and friends!



### **NEW MENU**

We now have a new menu that started on Monday- we have had lots of positive feedback regarding it. This is a lovely healthy seasonal menu- please encourage your child to try it. Maybe look through the menu together with them and pick out any favourite choices you think they may enjoy!

### **A FEW REMINDERS**

As the weather is starting to warm and the sun continues to shine, it is important that your child is wearing sun cream and also brings a sun hat to school. Staying hydrated is also important - please continue to send your child to school with their bottle of water. As we know, the weather can be a little unpredictable, so it's always a good option for your child to still bring a coat to school.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Amanda Lacey

Acting Headteacher

