



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,



WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

RECEPTION

In Reception this week we have continued to explore the life cycle of a butterfly. Our caterpillars arrived last week and have already tripled in size! We have been busy observing them and looking at the types of butterfly they might turn out to be. Lots of children have created collages or explored symmetry using paint. Some of us have also been busy writing butterfly stories! We are now eagerly waiting for the caterpillars to go into their chrysalises.

KEY STAGE 1

We have enjoyed some role play in history this week whilst continuing to immerse ourselves into our Titanic topic. In English, we have continued to focus on ordering significant life events into chronological order and have completed a class biography about Captain Edward Smith with lots of key facts about him and his life. Addition and subtraction has remained our focus in Maths this week. In science we have explored materials that float and sink. We made predictions and then tested them to see which would work best for our own design. We have also started to discuss and plan our upcoming Titanic day on Friday 28th May... exciting!

YEAR 3

This week our Year 3 children have loved becoming historians of Ancient Egypt. They explored a range of historical evidence to answer the questions 'Did slaves really build the pyramids?', discussed their findings and created an argument for or against based upon their findings. Surprisingly, they concluded that in fact it was not slaves and was mainly farmers or volunteers who wanted to avoid being taxed or please their Gods! In English they have planned and written fantastic problem sections for their Ancient Egyptian adventure story and have developed building tension and suspense in their writing using fronted adverbials and exciting adjectives. It has been lovely to see all children growing in confidence in Maths this week as we have been consolidating using addition of 3-digit numbers to solve missing number and word problems. Finally, our Friday afternoon has seen us grow and develop into computer programmers. The children are working incredibly hard to



create their own algorithms through coding and have even begun making music programmes through Scratch - Bill Gates watch out!

Year 4

During this shorter week, Year 4 have focused on improving their athletic skills. We worked on sprint starts and finished with a game of cat and mouse. The children were suitably puffed out!
In Science, we have recreated the digestive system using crackers, orange juice, a plastic bag and a pair of tights. This was lots of messy fun and helped the children to visualise how our digestive system works!

YEAR 5

Year 5 have had another really positive week. They have worked hard in all areas of their learning. We are looking forward to some interesting off-site activities that will be happening in the coming weeks.
Well done Year 5!

YEAR 6

This week has been an exciting one... we are pleased to have announced that we are going on a residential trip to Adventure Okehampton next half term; this promises to be an amazing opportunity for team building, personal challenge and developing independence. In English, Year 6 have been exploring the land of Pandora, a world of mystery and wonder amidst incredible danger and have created their own creatures, which they will go on to write a non-chronological report about. We have been focussing on 'Northern Lights' within our whole class reading sessions and the children have been developing their 'explain-a-page' skills. In Maths, we have been focussing on multiplication and division especially recapping long division and how to show/explain this pictorially. On Tuesday, the children enjoyed using the laptops to practise their coding skills in order to make different shapes. We have also been busy putting lots of transition plans in place moving towards the end of year 6, which we will share with you soon.

PTA

Please select Seaton Primary PTA as your chosen charity on Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising, as well as for the current period of the local Co-op funding scheme. This form of fundraising will form a key aspect of our strategy for the foreseeable future and it would be fantastic to have as many people contributing as possible.

Are you missing out on extra funding for your child?

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 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 family as this enables the school to receive extra funding which can go towards pupils learning. Pupil premium means that your child would also be entitled to receive help with money off school trips, school uniform and any paid clubs, as well as receiving free school meals. Further information regarding Pupil Premium and Free School Meals can be found on our school website. Please be assured this 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 please contact the school office to let us know that you have been successful with your application.

Please follow the link below-

[Citizen Portal - Sign in \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/citizen-portal) Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need any help at all when applying.



REMINDERS:

PARKING

We have once again received a number of complaints regarding where parents are parking, at both drop off time and pick up times.

When parking can we please remind you to park safely and not dangerously and to show consideration to our neighbouring community. Can we also remind parents to slow down when driving as many children are crossing the road on their way to school.

So that you are aware- our local Police Support Officer has now been contacted to help us with this.

SCHOOL GATE

In the interest of safeguarding, from Monday 10th May, the top gate which allows access to the school car park will be closed between:

08:35 and 09:15 and 14:55 - 15:30 each day.

This decision has been made to safeguard our pupils as they enter and leave the school site.

If you use the school car park to drop off and collect for any reason, please ensure that you arrive or leave before/after the times identified above. If you need to collect a child during this period please park safely on a neighbouring street a safe distance from the school entrance.

SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES

Start /End of the Day Timings

Families arrive and are dismissed according to their eldest pupil. All parents may enter and leave via the **front or field gate**. These timings for arrival and departure of pupils:

Families with eldest child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2	Families with eldest child in Year 3 or 4	Families with eldest child in Year 5 or 6
Arrival: From 8:40am until 8:45am	Arrival: From 8:45am until 8:50am	Arrival: From 8:50am until 8:55am
Departure: 3:10pm	Departure: 3:15pm	Departure: 3:20pm

Only one parent to accompany their children into school.

Parents are asked to **arrive and depart promptly** at the correct times.

ONE WAY SYSTEM

Please ensure to follow the **one-way system** around the school building when dropping off or collecting your child. If parents are dropping off children or picking up from the bottom field, please do continue to follow the oneway system.

ABSENCES

If your child is going to absent for a period of time, or will need time off school for a reason other than illness- such as a family holiday or personal reason, can we please ask parents to **contact the office first** to make us aware of the absence and the reason. Parents need to fill in a green Absence Request form (which are available in the office foyer) and return it to the office. This is then passed to the Headteacher so they are aware and absence authorised/ unauthorised accordingly. It is very important that absences are recorded in the correct way for our records.

Thank you for your support with this.



SICKNESS

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.

Food Bank Voucher

A reminder that if you need a food bank voucher please contact the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Wednesday 19th May Sidmouth College Transition Day- Sidmouth teachers to visit Seaton.

Tuesday 25th May 2021 (Provisional date) Woodroffe Transition Day – Woodroffe teachers to visit Seaton.

Friday 28th May - Key Stage 1 Titanic Dress Up Day

Please note that from today the newsletter will be sent out fortnightly.

Have a lovely weekend.

kind regards,

Mrs Lacey

Acting Headteacher

