



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 an extremely busy fortnight here in Seaton! Over the last few weeks Mrs Lacey and I have been spending time in all of the classrooms and it has been a real joy to see the children discussing their thoughts and ideas in talk partners and explaining to each other what they have understood about the different concepts being taught. We have also been impressed with all of the independent writing that I have seen in children's writing books. This term most classes have been focusing on non-fiction writing. There has been a wonderful range of writing produced across the school from David Attenborough Biographies to Non-Chronological Reports about mythical and interesting new creatures. Much of the children's published work is now being celebrated on display around the school. I have also very much enjoyed seeing the children really embracing our Seaton school values throughout the school day; being kind, respectful, responsible, truthful and the best they can be!

Thank you for your support with the recent safeguarding measures that have been put in place regarding the closure of the staff car park. Our children are now much safer as they enter and exit the school site. Taking parent voice into consideration, we have reviewed the hours that the gate will be locked for and have decided that we will lock the gate from 07:35 until 17:45 as the school site is at its quietest beyond these times. Please be mindful of this if you drop off or collect for Happy Hawks.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and hope that the sun makes an appearance so that we can all get outside and enjoy some fresh air with our families!

Ms Hodkinson



WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

RECEPTION

This week in Reception the children have been really excited to learn about sea creatures so we have been exploring this topic through videos and fact books, as well as sharing some sea creature stories like 'Tiddler' (a fish that tells tall tales) and 'Don't Eat the Teacher' (about a shark that becomes overexcited and eats everything!). The children have also been keeping a keen eye on our caterpillars which have been put out of reach so that they are not disturbed whilst making their chrysalides. They are now all in a chrysalis and we are counting down the days until they emerge!



KEY STAGE 1

This week in KS1 we have been looking at all the different reasons why so many lives had been lost during the sinking of the Titanic. We have considered the different contributing factors and thought about which ones made the biggest impact. In Maths, we have been working on our multiplication skills and using lots of concrete resources to support this. We have been researching and writing about the life of David Attenborough in English.

YEAR 3

What a wonderful week our Year 3 children have had. This week all children worked incredibly hard to write their Egyptian Adventure story using all the skills, vocabulary and sentence structures that they have learnt over the past few weeks. They all did a brilliant job and have created stories to be incredibly proud of! In Science this week, we have further explored the process that seeds undergo, as well as creating and labelling our own plant collage. The children created set up their own experiment to watch how seeds grow and especially through the first stage of germination using cress seeds, paper towels, clear bags and water. During our Art and History sessions, we have learnt more about the early stages of mummification and in particular the removal of organs and storage of these in canopic jars. They had great fun exploring the four Gods of Horus represented, designed and begun creating their own canopic jar using clay. We have further embedded our school values this week especially our responsibility. Children have discussed and learnt about ways to be good 'Citizens of Seaton,' coming up with some brilliant ideas that we can put into action everyday such as beach clean ups to look after our natural world, cheer up friends if they are feeling sad and try to plant more trees, flowers and bushes to help our insects. A super week!



YEAR 4

This week, Year 4 have been busy revisiting fractions in Maths. We've thought lots about what the word equivalent means. Fractions are important in our everyday lives, particularly if we're thinking about sharing cake! Would you rather get $\frac{1}{2}$ of a chocolate cake or $\frac{1}{4}$? Encourage your children to think about fractions whilst eating!

In PSHE we've thought about what the word 'compassion' means and linked this to looking after animals and meeting their needs. We thought of examples of when compassion might be seen in action, and lots of children could describe how they had shown compassion towards their pet or a person they knew. This linked nicely to our school values. Well done to the children for all of their hard work this week!

YEAR 5

Year 5 have been busy finishing off their dragon reports in English. We have been really impressed with the children's creativity and enjoyed seeing the illustrations bringing the report to life! We have continued to explore and deepen our understanding of formal methods for multiplication and division, even acting as teachers for a lesson, helping to explain their understanding to support each other. We were particularly impressed with the children's resilience and fitness setting new baseline Daily Mile laps within 10 minutes; Overall, the year group ran 285.25 laps (a total of nearly 57 miles!). We will be seeing if they can beat their personal bests in a few weeks' time. Keep up all the hard work!

YEAR 6

Last Friday, we had a fantastic day at the Cricket Club participating in various activities and games. We were practising our bowling, batting, throwing and catching skills. The children came back to school buzzing and we are looking forward to teaching cricket within our outdoor PE lessons next half term. Y3 also had a brilliant time in school playing cricket games on the field. A big thanks to the teachers and leadership at school for their support and also to Stephen, Damian and Seaton Cricket Club for running the day and engaging the children with sporting clubs in our local area. If you wish to find out more about 'All Stars Cricket' clubs please visit



What is All Stars Cricket? - Devon Cricket

All Stars Cricket is the England and Wales Cricket Board's entry level participation programme, aimed at providing children aged five to eight with a great first experience in cricket. Programme features: For all boys and girls aged five to eight. Delivered nationwide at over 2,000 centres. Eight one-hour sessions, held over eight weeks. www.devoncricket.co.uk



We hope to get more competitions and engagement days up and running over the next half term.
Miss Crockett (PE Coordinator)

What we have been learning this week (written by our Head Girl, Millie, and our Head Boy, Harry):

In English, we have been writing about the appearance and habitat of our animals for our double page spread that will go in our class book 'Pandoraology'. On Thursday, we discovered the punishments for different crimes in the 18th century. During Maths, we have been working on adding fractions with different denominators using common multiples. In Science this week, we experimented to see if the length of wire impacts the bulb brightness.

Yesterday, the first three children were awarded their certificates for running a marathon this term. They have shown true perseverance and dedication on the daily mile and we are very proud of them. We hope there will be many more children to follow in their running footsteps!



We are very excited to announce that our end of year performance will be 'The Lion King JR', which is being funded by the PTA. We would like to say a huge thank you to them for making this possible! As a year group we are buzzing to get started learning songs, dances and creating artwork for the set. We are hoping that we will be able to have a live audience as it is planned in for the last weeks of term in July but we will find alternative ways to show it if not. We will be holding auditions for anyone who wishes to have an acting role but there are also many other opportunities such as set and prop making, musicians, stage manager etc.



THANK YOU

We would like to say a huge thank you to Seaton Cricket Club for hosting such a fun day for the children last Friday. It was lovely to see them so engaged and wonderful to finally get back out on a school trip for the day!



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.

FOREST SCHOOL HALF TERM CLUB

Half term Forest School 'Wild School' with Mr Holland

1st, 2nd, 3rd June 2021
10am-4pm

For ages 7-12

Nature connection games and activities, forest school free choice time and woodland warrior training too.

Here is the google form to book a place:
<https://forms.gle/L4sTuvb2Dx973Exn8>

It's a Short form to fill out so we have your contact details and we know a bit more about your children so we can look after them well while they are in our care.

Please send your children with clothing for the weather, enough to drink and eat for the time they are with us, and a change of clothes just in case!

Price for the day £30-40 sliding scale for first child, £15-30 for second.
Please pay by BACS to Chris Holland T/A Wholeland account number 70223723 sort code 089250 giving your child's name as reference.

All my helpers are DBS checked, and so am I!
Drop off at 0950/10, and pick up at 4pm at Bower Woods:

Here a link to a google map:
<https://goo.gl/maps/hjM6rKxqjXg953uw8>. Basically it's down to the elbow of the delightfully named 'Jobbles Lane' which is the next track on the right after Munchkins, heading west on the Sidmouth Road from Colyton. There is a little sign saying Whitwell Campsite. Watchout as it's a bit bumpy now. There is enough space to turn around at the end.

Turning space is limited so it's often best to arrive a little early and park temporarily in one of the spaces further up the lane towards the Sidmouth Road.



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

REMINDERS:

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:

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

Wednesday 26th May – Tempest Photography/ end of year class photos.

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

Please note that the newsletter is now sent out fortnightly.

Have a lovely weekend.

kind regards,

Mrs Lacey
Acting Headteacher

