



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 a great first week back here at Seaton. The sun has been shining on us at playtimes and it finally feels like summer is here!

This week the whole school have been learning about British Values in PSHE lessons. In accordance with The Department for Education we aim to actively promote British values in line with our school values to ensure our young people leave school prepared for life in modern Britain.

The Key Values are:

- Democracy
- rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

We will continue to reinforce the British values regularly through our broad and balanced curriculum.

Earlier this week, Miss Crockett our P.E leader hosted a PE development day with Mr Pritchard from Real P.E. Real P.E is an innovative, child centred approach that we have implemented to deliver our P.E curriculum and I very much enjoyed observing the children in Key Stage 1 and year 4 practise, develop and build their ball skills. I was very impressed by the effort, teamwork and resilience they displayed as they completed their various inclusive challenges as well as the way they articulated their learning.

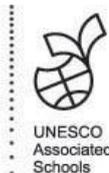
It was also lovely to see year 5 go out on their trip to the Seaton Wetlands last Tuesday and hear about the fieldwork they carried out whilst learning about Rivers. Now that some Covid restrictions have lifted, I'm looking forward to seeing more of our year groups being able to get out and about on trips to enjoy the many rich learning experiences that our surrounding area has to offer.

As I'm sure you can imagine, this term is always a very busy one in any school. We are still in the process of finalising the staffing structure for next year and will share this with you at the start of July when children will get a chance to meet and greet their teacher for next year.

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you a lovely weekend with your families.

Best wishes,

Ms Hodkinson



GOVERNORS

Our new governing board visited school this week to introduce themselves to the staff. Lizzie Rowland the Vice Chair was also in school today meeting with Mrs Lacey and Ms Hodgkinson regarding the school's vision.

Do you know who our governors are? If not, please visit the school's website where you will find photos and a short personal statement from each of our school governors.

TRAINERS

Please encourage your child to wear trainers to school for the rest of this term. We encourage our children to lead healthy, active lifestyles and we recognise that comfortable footwear plays an important part in this. The daily mile run is an integral part of our school day and wearing trainers will make it even more fun! From September, black trainers will become school uniform.

HAIR

Just a few reminders about the school policy in relation to children's hair:

Long hair (below shoulder length) should be tied back to ensure it stays out of children's eyes whilst they are learning. Long hair dangling onto books can be very frustrating and distracting when trying to read and write. Long hair can also become a health and safety risk during PE and physical activities.

Hair accessories such as headbands, clips and slides should be minimal, plain or in school colours.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Please can we ask all parents not to let younger siblings play on the gym trail or other equipment when picking up or dropping off pupils. This is purely in the interests of safety, and I hope you can understand the reasons for this request.



WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

RECEPTION

This week we have continued our learning about sea creatures and have been making fact books. The children have been working hard to start their facts in an interesting way by using "Did you know" as a starting point. We have also learnt about British Values, starting with the value of democracy which we have explored by voting for our end of the day story.

KEY STAGE 1

It has been a busy first week back at school in KS1. We have launched our new topic 'Seaside' where we will be comparing seaside holidays 100 years ago with now. Next Thursday morning we are off to beach to explore this topic more.

On Tuesday afternoon we spent lots of time outdoors on the field and in the woods. We searched for signs of summer and have been thinking about the weather at this time of year and comparing summer with other seasons of the year.

The children have been introduced to fractions in Maths – we have been finding halves and quarters. We have enjoyed reading and learning our new text in English 'How to Hide a Lion at School'. We searched for places around the school where we would hide a lion. We will be writing our own version of the story over the next couple of weeks.

In PSHE lessons, we have been spending some looking at British Values. The children have engaged in great discussions surrounding this and have made great links to our school values.



YEAR 3

It has been so wonderful welcoming the children back into their final term in Year 3. This week the children have hit the ground running in their learning and they have all shown a positive attitude, following our school rules to truly be the best they can be. In our PSHE session we learnt more about the British values and have started to think about ways that we can show these in our school life particularly thinking about consequences and the impact that they can have. In English, the children have learnt about Kenning poems, recognising language patterns and features to then write their own Ancient Egyptian themed poems. In science, the children measured, discussed and recorded observations for changes that have occurred to their plants when changing one variable. They worked scientifically, questioning and discussing changes as well as using their knowledge to think about why the changes happened. In our history session the children learnt about the importance of the Rosetta Stone for scholars to begin to decipher hieroglyphs. They created their own cartouche of their name using Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs...and a lot of patience!

YEAR 4

This week Year 4 have explored 2 of the 4 British Values. They've looked at Democracy and the Rule of Law. Democracy was put into action when voting on a class Go Noodle activity! They then thought about how rules influence our lives, and what life might be like without them.

In History, the children have been busy interrogating a Roman legionary for his secrets on the Roman Army. They've used this important information to write a letter to the leader of the Celt army, recommending whether they think the Celts should take on the Romans or not.

To conclude our Animals including Humans topic, the children have observed the effect of different liquids on teeth, using eggs. Hopefully from all they have learnt, they will take extra care when brushing their teeth!

YEAR 5

Year 5 have had another busy week! Our highlight was visiting the wetlands focussing on river themed activities to supplement our Geography learning; Activities included kick sampling, measuring the river flow, taking a cross section of a meander and mini-raft building. The children got stuck in and thoroughly wet! They were excellent ambassadors for our school, with local visitors commenting on how brilliant it was to see them enjoying nature and laughing so much. We will be revisiting the wetlands next month to support our new Science topic, Living things and their habitats. In PSHE, we have started to look at British values, linked to our school values. We will continue to revisit these values in the coming weeks. In English, we started a new unit of writing using 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick' as our model text/illustrations. We have also continued to deepen our understanding of decimals up to three decimal places.



Year 6

We have had a fantastic week back after our sunny half term holiday. The children have been working hard on various maths skills including statistics and interpreting data, using a protractor and calculating area and perimeter. Within English, we have been using the music video 'Titanium' to structure planning and to enable the children to create vivid passages of description. We continued to celebrate our British Values through creating a visual poster and have finished off our History unit of Crime and Punishment through a lively debate about crimes in the 21st century. We have also thoroughly enjoyed beginning to learn some of the songs for our production. Don't forget that next week is our assessment week so please make sure the children get a good amount of sleep and have a healthy breakfast before arriving in school.



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

REMINDERS:

Whilst we are still in this period of COVID restrictions:
Just a reminder about some key points:

- Please wear a mask at all times whilst on site
- Avoid driving if at all possible. This is extremely important to avoid crowding on the pavements around the school. Do NOT drop off on the double yellow lines / zig zags or park in the hospital / medical centre car parks
- Only one adult is allowed at drop off / pick up per family.
- Maintain social distancing at all times.
- Please stick to your allocated drop off or collection time. If you are picking up on the playground or outside the main gate then please maintain social distancing and leave the school site promptly ready for the next pick up and drop off slots to take place.

SPORTS DAY

Friday 25th June (back up Monday 28th June)

KS1 9-11

KS2A 11-1

KS2B 1:30-3:30

Sports day is going to run differently to how it has previously. We have made the decision to focus on celebrating our athletics skills and it will comprise of a circuit of activities to ensuring more inclusivity. The children will rotate around the circuit in their classes and they will all participate in the four activities to earn points for their team. They can also earn points by demonstrating our Seaton Primary School values. To ensure there is also a competitive element, there will be a record set for each event in each year group and these will be displayed in school. We are hoping to invite parents in although this will be limited numbers and depends on the road map restrictions. I will keep you informed when we finalise the arrangements as to whether you can attend or not. I'm hoping this will be a fun-filled day where we can all celebrate together! Many thanks, Miss Crockett (PE Lead)



Food Bank Voucher

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

June 21st – New Reception Starters- story time (1) - 11:30am – 12:00pm

June 23rd – Woodroffe Transition Day

June 25th – Sports Day (back up Monday 28th June)

June 30th- July 2nd- Year 6 Residential

June 30th – New Reception Starters- story time (2)- 11:30am – 12:00pm

July 2nd – New Reception Transition 13:20-14:50pm

July 5th/6th- AVA and Sidmouth College Transition Day

July 7th Sidmouth College Transition Day

July 9th New Reception Transition – 13:20-14:50pm

July 13th 14th / 15th - Year 6 Lion King performance

July 16th – New Reception Transition 13:20- 14:50pm

Kind regards,

Mrs Lacey

Acting Headteacher



British Values

The Rule of Law

We know the difference between right and wrong and we are encouraged to take responsibility for our behaviour and make the right choices.

We know that laws are there to protect us and that breaking the law involves consequences.

Democracy

We are part of a culture built upon freedom and equality, where everyone is aware of their rights and responsibilities.

Individual Liberty

We have a freedom of choice and a right to respectfully express our views and beliefs in a safe environment.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

We promote equality and fairness. We understand that we all don't share the same beliefs and values. We respect each other's ideas and beliefs and we don't impose our own beliefs onto others. We are respectful, polite and helpful to others and we treat others how we would like to be treated.

