



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,

We would like to welcome everybody back for the autumn term, it has been lovely to see all of the children back in school and hope that they have all enjoyed their first full week back.

As a school we have been reviewing our policies and procedures. Attached is a Home - School Agreement. Please can you read, sign and return to school by Friday 24th September.

School Day

Please remember that we have a soft entry to school with children entering classrooms between 8.45am and 8.55am. The top and bottom gate will be opened at 8.45am and will both be locked at 9.00am. Whilst we do not have the one-way system in place, we do ask that you are prompt with dropping off and picking up. Please also be mindful of others.

Safeguarding

The NSPCC and O2 have joined together with Netware to create an excellent website which enables you to search easily about any app and find out about its appropriateness. It offers information about the official and recommended age rating, a safety rating and also explains what children may use this app to do. The website also has an option to sign up to their newsletter which sends out regular app information for parents and carers to be aware of. Find out more at www.net-aware.org.uk

Recently Braunton Police raised awareness of an app called 'Monkey'. They said - *We have been made aware by online safety experts about an extremely dangerous website and app called 'Monkey', which allows users to have video calls with strangers. The platform markets itself as 'an alternative to Omegle, with a TikTok vibe'. Parents of children please check your child's mobile phone apps or warn them about the dangers of using this website.* Braunton Police: (31st August 2021)

A message from the Governors

The Governors are at present going through the process of appointing a new headteacher, they would like to know if anyone has a question which they would like to ask the prospective candidates. If there are any questions please can you email them to the school office, at admin@seatonprimary.org.uk and they will be forwarded on to the school Governors. Please email these questions by Friday 24th September.





Class News

Reception Class

This week the Reception pupils started school! In Reception we have been working hard on learning what each area of the classroom is used for and where we need to put things when we have finished using them. With such a big classroom and many resources this is quite a learning curve but we are extremely proud of how well they are doing so far. We have also been sharing lots of stories and singing lots of number songs in our classes and getting the children used to sitting on the carpet. The children have really loved exploring their new classrooms and have shown us lots of learning through play already. On Tuesday, we visited the woods for the first time and the children had a fantastic morning exploring there! Finally, we have all been eating in the hall together. The children having school dinner have been so sensible when collecting their trays, trying new foods and tidying up afterwards - they have all been superstars!

KS1

KS1 have had an amazing first full week back at school. The children have adapted to the new school routines extremely well and we have made the most of the fine weather for our PE sessions. In English we are reading and writing about "The Disgusting Sandwich" which is really capturing the children's imagination in preparation for writing their own version of the story and making their own "sandwich creation" over the next couple of weeks. In maths we are looking at place value and understanding how a number is made. The teachers and support staff are thrilled with such enthusiastic learners!

Year 3

Year 3 launched their new history unit by having a Stone Age themed Day. It was an opportunity for the children and staff to dress up and share some of the experiences of these pre-historic hunter gatherers. The activities included: making our own tools and weapons, hunting in the woods, cave painting and creating a stone age dance. Have a look at some of our photos from the day.

Year 4

We have made a great start to Year 4. We are really enjoying the superb book, Leon and the Place Between, a story full of magic. Four digit numbers are being secured in maths and in science we have started exploring solids, liquids and gases. Our topic this term is the Romans and we have thought about Julius Caesar and his brief attempts to conquer Britain.



Year 5

Year 5 have started well, and we have had an enjoyable week and a half getting to know each other. We have started our English unit by exploring Gulliver's Travels, we have been impressed in Guided Reading and have started our topic on WW2 with enthusiasm. The kids have been fabulous and have got into the swing of routines well. We are looking forward to a fantastic year with them! Thank you, Fantastic Fives!



Year 6

Our new year sixes have made a great start to the new academic year. The children have settled into their new classes well and it has been great to see them displaying their Seaton school values throughout the school day. In maths we have been investigating numbers up to ten million. In English we have been reading and writing poetry inspired by the text 'The Lost Words'. In Geography we have started learning about Mountain environments. Linked to this topic, we have begun to study paintings by the landscape artist Georgia O Keefe. We are very lucky to be swimming in our fantastic pool this term as well as starting our REAL: Gymnastics unit. In PSHE we have been discussing bullying. Year 6 agreed that the definition of bullying is being mean or unkind towards a person or making them upset 'Several Times on Purpose' (STOP: Bullying) and we all agreed that if we were the victim of bullying or we were aware of any bullying taking place we would Start Telling Other People (STOP: bullying) As part of our transition into year 6, we have been exploring leadership. Every child in year 6 this year will be allocated a leadership role and all children have completed applications for the roles that they are most interested in undertaking.

Head Boy and Girl – Polling Day! (Democracy in Action at Seaton Primary.)

This week, pupils in year 6 were invited to apply for the role of Head Boy and Head Girl. As part of the application process, the children had to explain how they exemplify the Seaton school values and what qualities they feel they could bring to the role. The standard of applications was very high indeed and Mrs Lacey had a very tough job to shortlist the many, many applicants down to 8. All of the children who applied for Head Boy or Girl but were not shortlisted will be given other leadership roles such as Prefects, House team captains or Play Leaders.

The pupils shortlisted for Head Boy and Head Girl are:

Axe Class: Evie, F, Alfie, Sasha and Joe

Otter Class: Aliza, Leo, Mia and Harry H.

Each of these children will now prepare a short video speech which will be played in whole school assembly on Monday. Each class will be taken to the hall next Thursday to cast their vote at the Seaton Primary Polling Station. The elected Head pupils and their deputies will be announced in whole school assembly on Monday 27th September.

Teacher Professional Development

Our teachers have undertaken a number of training courses already this year.

Our annual safeguarding training took place for all staff last week.

All teachers and learning support assistants also attended a whole day of Read Write Inc Phonics Training to support teaching and learning of the new phonics scheme we have adopted this year. Miss Mabin our RWI leader will be organising a parent workshop to tell you more about this soon.

Teachers have also all attended Real Gymnastics training from Stephen Pritchard of Jasmine REAL Legacy P.E.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Lacey

