



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,

Please don't forget that **Wednesday 8th December** is Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day. The children are welcome to come to school in fun Christmas hats and a bit of sparkle!

Scholastic book fair

Thank you to everyone that supported the book fair this week. You all spent a whopping £730.10 on books and stationery! A percentage of this amount will come back to the school as rewards to spend on brand new books!

Reminders

Please note that **Monday 6th June** is now a **non-pupil day**.

Dogs

We would also like to remind all parents that we do not permit any dogs on the school premises at any time. Thank you.

Safeguarding

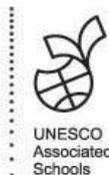
A reminder that excessive online gaming can be harmful to children and it is important that games are age appropriate.

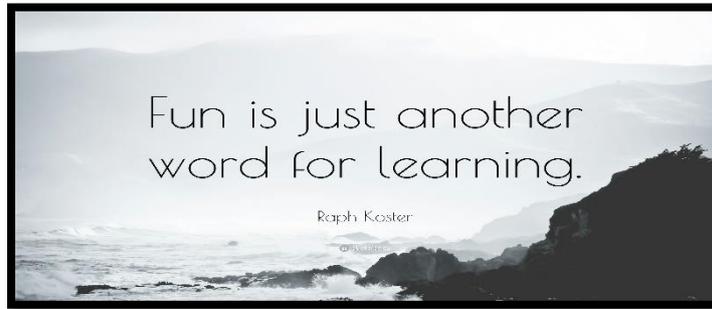
Apply for a primary place

If your child's fourth birthday is between **1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022** they will usually start school in **September 2022**.

Your child must be in full-time education at the beginning of the term following his or her fifth birthday. If your child was born between **1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018** they are due to start primary school in **September 2022**.

Applications for this are open now and close on the 15th of January 2022 .





Reception

Christmas has definitely arrived in Reception! We have been busy decorating the classrooms, creating Christmas cards and writing our 'very important' letters to Father Christmas. We wrapped up our learning about owls and also talked about the change of Season and how animals and humans prepare for the coming Winter. Many children in Reception would really like to hibernate like some of the animals we learnt about! We continue with our Phonics and Maths learning and the children are doing a great job of staying focussed during what is a very distracting time of year. Lots to look forward to in the coming weeks.

Key Stage one

The children in Year 2 attended a multi-skills festival at Colyton Grammar School last week. They all had a great time participating in the activities and showed great teamwork. They were a credit to the school - Well done Year 2!

In English, we have been reading lots of poems and learning about rhyming patterns. The children have worked really hard to learn and perform their poems.

Each class have had a Parent Involvement morning this week. The children have really enjoyed the festive activities and having their grown-ups in to help them. They have made Christmas tree decorations, hot chocolate reindeer and completed a festive treasure trail.



Year 3

Year 3 have been exploring their new text 'Blue John' in writing lessons. The story is based on the creation of the precious stone, Blue John, found in Derbyshire. We have been using similes and alliteration to describe the stone, settings and characters. We will be working towards creating our own tale about the creation of some very familiar precious gemstones, next week!

In maths, we have moved on to multiplication and division. We have been multiplying and dividing by 3 and 4. The children have used practical resources to make equal groups and share equally.



Science lessons have been exciting over the last two weeks. We have been experimenting with magnets and can now explain how the south/north poles of magnets attract and repel each other. The children have designed their own magnetic games. We will be creating our games next week.

Year 4

We have begun comparing the landscape and features of Devon to that of Normandy in northern France. We were surprised at many of the similarities we found. Both areas are very rural, there were mostly green covering each map and they both have coastlines. Some of the towns and cities were similar too.

The Year 4 Reading Gladiators are coming to the end of their first book and have had some lively and fun discussions about the characters, illustrations and robots in general. Each week the children have pre-read chapters of the book in readiness for our lunchtime club and we have enjoyed talking about the story as it unfolds. There have been some insightful contributions from everyone in the group and lots of enthusiasm for follow up activities now that we have finished reading. A special thanks to James and Daria who provided some sweet treats to nibble while we read.

Year 5

Year 5 have been busy this week finishing off our English unit, a setting description of a favela, and starting our new poetry unit. Our new unit will be looking at the text Bethlehem by Carol Ann Duffy, and writing our own piece of poetry based on the John Lewis Christmas advert The Bear and the Hare. We had our final swimming session and all the students had a great time with all the floats out. We have also been preparing for Christmas and both classes have recorded their first Christmas Advent contributions. This morning we made turkey head bands, and this afternoon we will be filming our rendition of Talking Turkeys - the poem we studied for Black History Week. Keeping checking the calendar - we will be appearing soon!



Year 6

Year 6 have started their new text 'The Princess' Blankets in English this week. We have been focussing on using dialogue between characters to advance the action of a story. In maths we have been comparing, ordering and adding fractions by finding the lowest common multiples of denominators. Our science focus has been on microorganisms and we are currently investigating what effects the rate of mould growth on bread and have carefully placed bags of bread in different locations to observe over the next week. In reading lessons, we have been learning about the famous survivor 'Aron Ralston' who had to cut off his own arm! On Monday the year 6 sports hall athletics team went to Colyton Grammar School to compete against 5 local schools. They did fantastically well and represented our school brilliantly!



Swimming

The school will be working with Swim Devon after February half term 2022 to deliver group and one to one swimming lessons. The swimming programme is due to be created in Jan/Feb and parents will be notified by of dates and swimming options via Parentmail, once the programme is agreed.

School meals

If your child is in Year 3, please remember that you will now need to pay for any school lunches they may have, meals are **£2.50** each and need to be paid for using the Parentmail system.

If you think you may qualify for free school meals, please follow this link to apply online at:
https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live

Children in Year F, 1 and 2 do not have to pay for their lunch, as it is part of the provision provided by a government initiative.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th December - Foundation and KS1 Performance

Wednesday 8th December – School Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day.

Tuesday 14th December - Northcott Theatre Trip / Reception Class

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th December – KS2 Carol Service

Friday 17th December – Last day of term

Enjoy your weekend!

Kind regards,

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