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SEATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



Be kind, responsible, respectful, truthful and the best you can be.

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Welcome to this week's newsletter

Welcome back to school for what looks to be a wonderful Summer term ahead! Let's hope the recent sunshine continues, so that we can make even more use of our grounds at school and local surroundings.

In assembly this week, I shared with the children the great things that I noticed about them, in my first term as Headteacher. So you are also aware, these are some of the things I've noticed about our children at Seaton:

- Keen to talk about and share their learning
- Proud of their achievements and entering the golden book
- Confident when talking about books, reading and authors
 - Enthusiastic about themed curriculum days
 - Resilient when solving calculations or problems in Maths
 - Great representatives for our school when attending sporting events
 - Active learners who engage well in Physical Education lessons



I am looking forward to seeing the children's learning even more this term and celebrating it with them and you. So that you can hear about your child's learning we have parents evening next week online. In the second half of Summer term there will also be a chance for you to come in and look through your child's books so you can celebrate learning with them.

To support your child in getting the most out of their primary education, as a school team (leaders, teachers, and governors) we are having a push on school attendance. Please read the following message from our Chair of Governors, Fiona Hammans, on the importance and expectation around attendance.

I hope you enjoy the longer weekend with a bonus weekend day on Monday and we will see your child/ren back at school on Tuesday.

Take care, Miss McCaffery



DIARY DATES:

Monday 2nd May
Bank Holiday/ non-pupil day.

Monday 9th May
Year 6 SATS

Monday 6th June
Non-pupil day/ Jubilee bank holiday

Thursday 23rd - June - Sports Day

Monday 4th & 5th July
Year 4 residential to Escot

School attendance matters. It is one of the most important indicators for school success. You cannot learn what you are not in school to learn.

Pupils without good reading, writing and maths skills do less well in secondary school, which is why every day at primary school is so important.

Right from the start of Reception the foundations for reading, writing and maths skills are taught, and these unlock everything – not just for school but the whole of life.

Even one day off can make a difference – we all know how difficult it is to catch up on something that you've missed. It is the same with lateness.....just 10 minutes a day missed adds up very quickly!

As governors, we regularly look at attendance data and question what the school is doing to ensure all pupils attend regularly. Where individual pupils are absent, we want to know what the school is doing to work with families to help their children come back into school, and carry on their learning, and making friends.

We understand that sometimes it can be difficult for families to make sure school can be prioritised. We have made resources and staff available to help in these circumstances. We can empathise and understand, and the school can help, but we cannot let even one child stay at home when they should be at school.

Full school attendance helps every child get the most from their education, preparing them for their secondary school and beyond. We know that parents want the best for their children. Please help your child be the best they can be by coming to school every day, on time.

With best wishes,

Dr Fiona Hammans

Chair of Governors on behalf of the Full Governing Body

Uniform Policy

As a reminder, please read the below current expectations around school uniform. The uniform policy is due to be reviewed at the end of the year ready for September.

School uniform:

- Red or white shirt/polo
- Red jumper or cardigan
- Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt
- Red summer dresses/culottes
- Black trainers

PE kit:

- Red t-shirt
- Black bottoms (joggers, leggings, shorts)
- Black trainers
- Red school jumper or cardigan (no hoodies!)

*No jewellery apart from small earrings.

*Long hair to be tied back at all times.

Seaton Swimming School

We are delighted with the lessons that are taking place with Seaton Swimming School.

We are hoping swimming lessons can eventually be offered in holiday time also.

Lunch time provision

Our lunchtime provision is working well.

The children are engaging in more purposeful play opportunities, with lots of fun resources.

It is lovely to see them enjoying the warmer weather and larger play areas that are available.

Attendance Strategy

We are currently developing a school-wide attendance strategy to help increase school attendance.

This is with the aim of making sure children are in school as much as possible in order to achieve their goals and their potential.

Message from Lloyds Bank- Easter Colouring Competition

Dear Seaton Primary School,

Lloyds Bank would like to thank all pupils that entered the colouring competition, the drawings made a fantastic display in the branch and all the customers enjoyed looking at them.

We are delighted to announce the following winners that received a certificate and Easter Egg:

Reception- Charlotte L
Sandpipers- Eric N
Skylarks – Ashton R
Swallows- Keegan W
Sandpipers- Brooklyn W
Starlings- Marcus C
Sid – Archie C
Culm- Elsa G
Yarty- Savannah B
Otter-Amelia H
Axe-Lilly Rose- H
Axe-Alisa C



It was a lovely competition and all children should be so proud of themselves for their wonderful designs.

Thank you from all at Lloyds Bank, Seaton.

Pupil achievement in football

We were delighted to find out today that one of our Year 6 pupils Alfie M will be part of a football tournament being held in London tomorrow, he will be part of Saints South West Devon squad. The team will be playing against other teams representing London and the Midlands, so Alfie has done so well to get this far. This will take place tomorrow at 3pm and we wish him and his team the very best of luck!!

Class news

Reception

This week has been a very exciting and busy return to School. The children were desperate to tell us all of the lovely things they had been up to over the Easter holidays and we all decided that chocolate was our favourite part!

We have started learning about life cycles as part of our topic around growth and this week we have been focusing on the life cycle of a butterfly. We have been creating our own books to help us re—tell the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and have found out some amazing facts. Did you know that a Caterpillar has 12 eyes! In Maths we have been learning about Repeating patterns and we have started to spot them everywhere. We continue our Phonics and are all starting to take home sound blending and reading books.

Year 1

Welcome back and we hope you had a wonderful Easter. The children started the term telling us all about their holidays and showing us how beautifully their writing is progressing. This half term we are exploring the Jurassic Coast with a strong emphasis on fossils and dinosaurs. Our new text is the Dragons Machine and in Maths we are doing multiplication and division. We are making the most of the nicer weather with the daily mile and in P.E we have started Athletics in preparation for Sports Day.

Year 2

Year 2 are looking forward to an exciting Summer Term ahead! This week we have been reading our new English text 'STUCK' by Oliver Jeffers. The children have found it hilarious and have enjoyed acting out different parts. If you haven't read the book you can access it on YouTube. In Maths, we are continuing our work on fractions and have even been adding fractions this week. The children will be practising athletics in our outdoor PE session and preparing for Sports Day.

Year 3

Year 3 started the summer term off with a bang and travelled back over 5000 years ago to the time of the Ancient Egyptians! The children were fully immersed into the life of an Egyptian. They learnt about the importance of cartouches for pharaohs and people of importance and they created their own cartouche with their names written in hieroglyphs. The children then learnt the process of mummification and wrapped each other in bandages role playing the key stages (organs and brains were left intact!). We researched the different roles that Egyptians had and how jewelry was a symbol of importance and children made their own extravagant necklaces. We baked our own breads following an ancient recipe and worked together in teams to construct a range of pyramids using LEGO construction. This truly was a fantastic day which has ignited the excitement for our learners for their new topic and we can't wait to learn more about this fascinating time.

Year 4

It was lovely to welcome Year 4 back after the Easter break. We have very quickly settled back into our learning including daily practice of multiplication tables in readiness for the national tests in June. In English we have started a new unit based on the book Jack and the DreamSack where we have delved deeper into the language and images in this wonderful picture book. Our Geography topic this term is all about plastic pollution which we kick-started by finding four figure grid references using a map of the south west. The children picked this skill up very quickly so you may have some good navigators on your next family trip. We also had a useful online safety lesson on the various tactics that companies use to persuade us to spend money from loot boxes, to extra lives, to advertising to influencers. There were some lively discussions about their own experiences of these strategies whilst playing online games.

Year 5

It has been a great start back, lovely to see the children looking so refreshed and energised from their break. We have started to explore reports about dragons in English. In Maths, we have been continuing with fractions, looking at subtracting mixed fractions. We started our river Geography unit looking at the Water Cycle and learnt about the human life cycle and the physical changes in Science. We will be having weekly Forest School on Thursday afternoons and Real Leaders training on Friday instead of PE on Wednesdays. We are looking forward to a busy but enjoyable Summer Term.

Year 6

In Year Six we have had a super start to the Summer term. It has been great to see that so many children have been driving their own learning and 'being the best they can be' at home. We have spent time this week going through our Easter revision packs.

We have begun a new exciting art project, focusing on the very talented Japanese artist 'Hokusai'. Our unit outcome is to produce a landscape drawing of a local coastline in the style of Hokusai. We have started this project by exploring the formal elements; line, texture, shape, form, space and tone and creating sketchbook entries.

We spent some time in the woods this week and look forward to continued weekly forest school sessions throughout the term.

We also began our PE leadership programme with Year 5.

In Maths, we have been exploring reasoning questions and practising breaking down relevant information into manageable steps. Also looking at how bar models can support us to visualise more complicated problems.

Year 4 Open Garden

The school vegetable garden is getting up and running ready for a new season. From next week (3rd May) it will be open every Tuesday lunchtime (weather permitting) for anyone in year 4 who would like to come along. There will be various jobs to do like planting, watering and weeding, as well as opportunities to hunt for minibeasts or do some quiet sketching. You don't need to sign up or commit to coming regularly, just drop by and see what is growing! Mrs Anning and Mrs Wood look forward to seeing you.

Donation thank you

We would like to say thank you for the kind donation of tomato plants and peppers from a local resident, they were wonderful and timed just perfectly with our vegetable garden opening!

Golden Book

The following children have all been entered into the Golden Book over the last fortnight for going 'over and above' with an aspect of their learning:



Yr 6 Jessica B- Brilliant review of learning, great knowledge/ presentation.

Rupert O- Excellent science work, great handwriting /creative presentation.

Marley W- For being the best you can be/ achieving full marks in reading.

Yr 4 Daisy H- For brilliant echo reading with lots of expression.

Bobby- Independent learning in Maths and great work.

Yr 3 Josh F- Amazing phonics every day and being a super role model.

Yr 2 Martha L- Excellent storyteller voice and amazing reading.

Allergies /Sun cream-

With the weather starting to warm up we realise that more children will be coming to school with sun cream already been applied. It has come to our attention that there is a particular Nivea sun cream that contains almond oil.

Due to having a number of children in school with severe nut allergies, can we please ask that you refrain from using this sun cream, as any close contact could cause an allergic reaction. Please also check other sun creams that you are using.

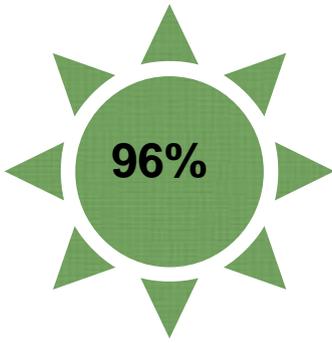
Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

Ruperts Bingo Evening

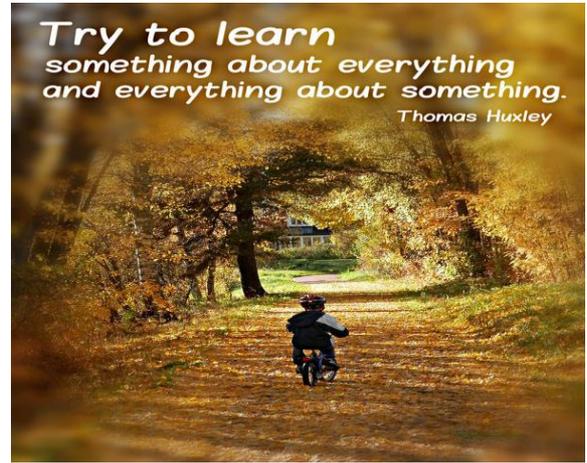
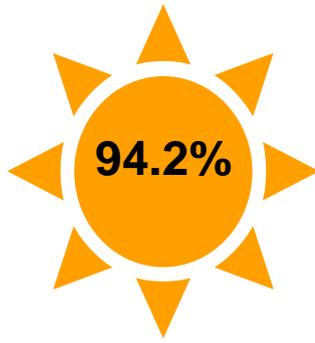
Ruperts pre-school are holding a bingo night at Seaton scout hut on Friday 6th May. Doors open 6.30pm eyes down 7pm. Tickets are available on the door, £5 for entry for first game and a drink.

All profits going towards their renovation of the outside play area.

**ATTENDANCE
WEEKLY TARGET**



**THIS WEEK'S
ATTENDANCE**



At Seaton Primary school we champion every child's right to an education. Your child's attendance at school is important in contributing to their success in their education. We are currently working on our attendance strategy so that we can promote and positively recognize attendance and punctuality even more.

Seaton Eats

SEATON EATS
BOUTIQUE
an evening street food market by the sea

first Friday of the month 2022
6 MAY
3 JUNE
1 JULY
5 AUGUST
2 SEPTEMBER
4PM - SUNSET

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE EVENTS
more info
Jubilee Gardens EX12 2PH

A poster for Seaton Eats Boutique 2022. The background is a sunset over the sea. The text is in white and black. It lists the dates: 6 May, 3 June, 1 July, 5 August, and 2 September. The time is 4PM - SUNSET. The location is Jubilee Gardens EX12 2PH. There is a QR code and a logo for 'UNIQUE BOUTIQUE EVENTS'.

SIDMOUTH EATS
BOUTIQUE
an evening street food market on the Jurassic coast

second Friday of the month 2022
13 MAY
10 JUNE
8 JULY
12 AUGUST
9 SEPTEMBER
4PM - SUNSET

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE EVENTS
more info
Kennaway House EX10 8NG

A poster for Sidmouth Eats Boutique 2022. The background is a sunset over the sea. The text is in white and black. It lists the dates: 13 May, 10 June, 8 July, 12 August, and 9 September. The time is 4PM - SUNSET. The location is Kennaway House EX10 8NG. There is a QR code and a logo for 'UNIQUE BOUTIQUE EVENTS'.