



Seaton Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

22nd September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here are a number of updates and reminders and please note we have a vacancy for a mealtime assistant! Lunch times are a fun, bustling time here at school. So if you think you like the sound of the post please follow the link or call in to see me.

Dinner Money

This is probably an area which causes a few headaches to the office staff. It is complicated to administer even with the aid of technology. We can help the office staff in the following ways –

1. Please pay online via Parentmailf from home (preferred method) or through the office.
2. Paying for a number of dinners in advance is highly recommended
3. We do NOT offer credit I'm afraid. Please respond very quickly to reminders

Lost Property

We have an unfortunate accumulation of lost property on a weekly basis and we don't have the space to store all the items long term. Every fortnight we are having to clear the lost property boxes (located by the front office and year 3 / 4 area. Items that are named will find their way back to the owner. Those items with no names (and there are an awful lot!) will be offered for resale via the PTFA or are donated to a local clothes bank.

Start of School

A number of children are entering the school premises **before** 8:40am. The playground is not supervised then and we are not open! Please stick to the designated opening time please.

Steps and Zig Zags

Both children and parents need to use the two sets of steps and the zig zag rather than the grassy banks to reach the school building from the main playground. Parts are starting to wear and they need time to recover.

PTFA

I had a really successful meeting with the PTFA this week. They had a number of fantastic fund raising efforts last year that were very well supported by the school community. They are starting to put together a programme of events for this term and further information will follow. Here are a couple of key dates coming up –

Tuesday 3rd October, 3:30pm in the staff room will be the annual **AGM** of the PTFA

Monday 16th October, 9:10am in the staff room - **coffee / social** get together hosted by the PTFA

The PTFA are now in a position to release a substantial amount of their fund raised last year to support the school. Some money has already gone towards the purchase of the Year 6 hoodies and a promise to support new musical instruments can now be fulfilled. The group are very keen to support a large project so they will be funding the purchase of new outdoor equipment for our two reception classes and the Year 1 courtyard. Then during this academic year they will be raising funds for a different project in another part of the school. A huge thankyou goes to the PTFA from all the staff. In this time of tightening budgets, their fund raising enables us to get projects like this off the very ground quickly.

MEALTIME ASSISTANT VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a permanent, part-time MTA at Seaton Primary School. For further information please see the advertisement on the Axe Beacon Federation website. <http://www.axebeaconfederation.co.uk/joining-us/recruitment/>

DOGS

We love dogs but **please ensure they stay off** school premises. This includes **the woods near the school car park** that are part of school grounds.

ACTIVATE EXETER – SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER

As you already know, a group of 17 runners (9 staff members, 4 relatives of staff and 4 parents) will be representing Seaton Primary School in the Great West Run Half Marathon on Sunday 15th October.

During the half marathon weekend a brand new event will be taking place on **Saturday 14th at Exeter Arena** from 12 noon until 5pm. There will be a variety of sporting attractions and activities for everyone to have a go at with the highlight of the day being the 2.5km and 5km challenges that take place from 3pm. These runs are open to all adults and children – no matter what your current ability is. Go along and get moving...run, jog or walk. The route takes you around the Exeter Arena, surrounding streets and back for a stadium finish. If you'd like to get involved and run alongside double Olympian James Cracknell, go to the Great West Run website and register. Use the code ACT2017 to receive a 10% discount. Online entries close on Monday 9th October but entries will be accepted on the day – just arrive in plenty of time to register. It would be great to see a large group of children from Seaton Primary taking part. We have a limited number of Seaton Primary T shirts that you may like to wear to represent the school. Please contact the office to arrange this.

The team taking part in the Half Marathon the following day need all the support they can get around the 13.1 mile course and would love to see lots of supporters from Seaton Primary to cheer them on. The full route can be found on the GWR website so why not come along on Sunday morning, hold up a placard, bang a drum, hand out jelly babies and give us a shout.

FAMILY PHOTOS

The school photographer is visiting on Tuesday 14th November to take individual pupil photographs. From 3.15pm onwards he will be available for family group photos. These make ideal Christmas presents! If you would like to book a slot please contact the school office.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival takes place on **Thursday 5th October**. The children will be going to St Gregory's church to celebrate. Unfortunately due to the size of the church and the large number of pupils in our school we cannot accommodate parents and carers. We would like to ask for donations towards the Seaton food bank and below is a list of suggested items.

Long life milk – whole (for children), semi-skimmed, soya and dried milk,

Sponge puddings,

Squash

Fruit juice

Savoury biscuits

Tins of meat

Tins of fruit

Tins of sweetcorn

Tins and dried potatoes

Tins of Soup

Long grain rice

Gluten free basic foods

Savoury rice and noodles

Toilet rolls

BOLLYWOOD

There are still some spaces on the Shute Festival Bollywood workshop for primary school children aged 4-11. It will take place at Shute School on Monday 25 September 10 am - 1 pm and is subsidised by the Festival as part of its outreach. Children should wear any comfortable clothes and bring a pack lunch. £3 payable on door and please email

samanthaknights@gmail.com if you would like a place. Reception children should please be accompanied by an adult.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

To qualify for free school meals parents need to be receipt of one of the following –

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

If you qualify then please, please see the office. They will help you with the application process. Not only will your child will benefit from a dinner each day but the school receives **£1320** towards supporting your child's education!

NUTS – ALL YEAR GROUPS May we respectfully ask parents NOT to provide their child with nuts for their mid-morning snack or lunch as some children have severe nut allergies.

FLU VACCINATION FORMS

Please remember to return your flu vaccination forms to the school office by the end of today. Many thanks.

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

Unfortunately we cannot authorise holidays in term times unless these are exceptional circumstances. (e.g parents of forces children). Devon County Council are now tightening their rules on this and fines are again being issued for 5 or more days unauthorised absence. I totally understand some of the circumstances on the request forms, however, very rarely can a holiday be authorised. Any time off school must be requested via the absence request form available from the office.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 25th September	Training Day – no children in school.
Tuesday 26 th September	Clubs Start this week. (Further details to follow).
Thursday 5 th October	Harvest Festival at St Gregory's Church 10am. (Sorry due to the size of the church we cannot accommodate parents). Donations towards the food bank please.
Friday 20 th October	Break up for half term Flu vaccinations in school for R,1,2,3 & 4
Monday 30 th October	Children return to school.
Monday 4 th November	Last week for clubs led by teachers and Seaton Primary staff.
Tuesday 14 th November	School Photographer in school to take individual photos. Family group photos slots are available from 3.15pm onwards. Please contact the office to book a slot.
Tuesday 5 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at the Methodist Church (ticket arrangements will be announced nearer the time).
Wednesday 6 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at the Methodist Church (ticket arrangements will be announced nearer the time)
Monday 11 th December	2pm & 6pm Foundation and KS1 Nativity Play (ticket arrangements will be announced nearer the time)
Tuesday 12 th December	9.30am & 6pm Foundation and KS1 Nativity Play (ticket arrangements will be announced nearer the time)
Friday 15 th December	Break up for Christmas holidays.
Wednesday 3 rd January	Children return to school.
Friday 18 th May 2018	School Photographer in school to take class group photos

Best wishes,
Nic George
Head