



# SEATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

7<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers



### SUMMER FETE TOMORROW

Don't forget it's our school fete tomorrow from 11am til 2pm. The fete, which is organised by the PTA, is a major fund raising activity and a lot of hard work and organisation goes into the event. There will be lots of activities for adults and children including circus performing activities, bouncy castle, games, tombola, face painting and 'soak the teacher'. For refreshments there will be a BBQ, fresh wood baked pizza, PIMMS, beer tents, coffees, teas and a cake stall. Please come along and support your school.

### TRIPS

This term is extremely busy with lots of fun activities including trips in the local area and further afield. As you can imagine there are hundreds of reply slips and payments to sort with over 380 children going to different places. May we please ask that when your child brings home a letter with a reply slip, that it is signed and returned immediately. It is extremely time consuming for the teachers and office staff to have to keep reminding children to return their slips, photocopy extra copies and then ring home when slips are still not returned on the day of a trip. This causes a great deal of upset and distress for children who desperately want to go on a trip. It only takes a few seconds to sign a permission slip and if your delay in returning a slip is simply because you wish to put off payment until a later date then please send the slip back and write on it that you will pay later. Thank you.

### END OF YEAR CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

All parents and carers are invited to our end of year celebration assemblies. This will be a different from recent years in that there will be no individual certificates. Instead there will be a mixture of songs, pictures, poems and readings and all things celebrating the children's achievements this year. These take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – 9am to 10am Reception, Year 1 & 2. 10.15am to 11.15am Years 3,4 & 5. Please note Year 6 will have their own special parents leaving service on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15am.

### YEAR 3 THANKS

We would like to thank Maya's parents (who own Woodfield Stores) who have kindly donated some flowers for our maze project.

### SNAPCHAT & SNAPMAP

The social media app Snapchat has recently released a SnapMap feature allowing the location of users to be seen when using the app. This is shared with friends and whilst the company say that it is an opt-in feature, many users may be using it unaware and sharing very sensitive information without realising.

To make sure users are not sharing their location, the app must be set to Ghost mode, found in its settings. It is important for all users to regularly review the information that they are sharing through the wide range of apps in use. Please don't assume that the permissions given when an app is downloaded remain the same when the app is updated.

Despite Snapchat having an over 13 user policy, we know that a number of pupils across the Federation are regularly using it. We would discourage this use amongst our pupils, social media apps such as this are not built with young users in mind, these are online platforms for mature users. There is no filter on content as it is uploaded and things are only taken down when either they are reported or they are spotted through each apps own content policies. If you have allowed your child a social media account, please be aware that you are potentially allowing them to join adult conversations on a whole range of topics without children having the knowledge or resilience to cope with these responsibly.

More information about helping to keep your children safe online can be found at <http://www.axebeaconfederation.co.uk/information/safeguarding/online-safety/>

More information about Snapchat can be found at <http://www.axebeaconfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/TUK-Snapchat.pdf>

### NEW TERM DATES

New term date sheets for 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 are available on our website. Paper copies are available from the school office.

### IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE FOR 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

Please note that the training day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November has been cancelled and moved to Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Children will not be in school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

### NEW STARTERS

Please remember to complete and return the admissions paperwork that was sent to you recently and bring along your child's full birth certificate to the office as soon as possible.

## ABSENCES

When children are absent from school we ask that you contact the school by phone (20922), Parentmail or email ([admin@seatonprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@seatonprimary.org.uk)) by 9.30am at the latest. If the phone is engaged please leave a clear message on the answerphone remembering to tell us the nature of your child's illness or other reason for absence. If your child is going to an appointment before school and likely to come in late, when leaving your message please remember to let us know if they need a cooked lunch booked for them. When children are missing at register time we do not automatically book a lunch. Thank you.

## SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS

Don't forget we're collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids tokens. Please bring them to school and pop them in the box near the office.

## PLEASE SAVE YOUR STAMPS

Please save any postage stamps and bring them to school for the Children's Hospice South West. All used British and foreign stamps are welcome and can help raise funds for the charity. The box is on the shelf just outside the office.

## DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING

In line with NHS and Department of Education guidelines, children should not come in to school for at least 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

**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.

All Stars Cricket is a brand new 8-week programme for 5-8 years olds who are **NEW** to the game. The focus is on having fun, making friends and learning new skills through cricket related games and

## COLYTON THEATRE GROUP

Colyton Theatre Group are holding open auditions for their pantomime on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July from 6-7pm for children (8 years and over) and 7pm onwards for adults. This takes place at the Reece Strawbridge Centre. Please contact [ctgpantomime@gmail.com](mailto:ctgpantomime@gmail.com) for scripts

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fete 11am to 2pm  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Meeting in hall for new Reception class parents. (1.30pm)  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July (CHANGE OF DATE FROM 11<sup>TH</sup>)- Year 5 Beer to Branscombe walk**  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Year 5 and 6 Fun Day (Please return pink slips)  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Parents open evening (informal) 3.30pm to 6pm  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 production 2pm & 6pm (tickets available nearer the time)  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 production 6pm (tickets available nearer the time)  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Celebration assemblies (see above)  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 leavers assembly for parents at 9.15am  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July - Break up for summer holidays (1pm finish after lunch)  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Children return to school .(New children in Reception start on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>)  
Yours sincerely

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HEAD OF SCHOOL