



Seaton Primary School

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“Caring now, for the future of our community, those in need, our lifestyles, one another, our education and the future itself”

NEWSLETTER

8th June 2018

Dear Parents & Carers

What fine weather we had over half term! Recently we have taken delivery of 6 amazing picnic benches purchased by the PTFA. They are very robust and substantial pieces of furniture which seat 8 children really comfortably. Pupils are enjoying them not only at break times but during lesson times to work on outside.

On the non-pupil day the teaching assistants and I focused on having a big clear out (hence the skip by the kitchen). This is a really healthy thing to do as it gives us the opportunity to remove anything that might be worn out and items that are never used. A number of items were donated to local charities and voluntary groups who are making a donation for them. The clear out also gives us a good idea of what we have, what we need to replenish and what we need to update. The school curriculum rarely stays still I'm afraid and we need to keep up with current educational thinking so further investment is needed.

STAFFING UPDATE

At the start of next month Miss Karen Jeffery (Year 6 Teaching Assistant) will be moving onto a new post as a receptionist at a doctor's surgery. Karen has been working at Seaton Primary School for 14 years. Also Mrs Di Winnett (Year 3 / 4 teaching assistant) will be retiring after 29 years' service to the school at the end of the year. Both have given fantastic service and contributions to the school and they will be greatly missed by children, parents and staff alike. We look forward to giving them both a great send off in the near future.

START OF SCHOOL

Please everyone School OPENS AT 8:40am and NOT BEFORE! Please ensure our children are not on school site prior to this time unless they are attending Happy Hawks.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The new play equipment paid for by the PTFA is now in use. Can I remind EVERYONE that the Key Stage 2 adventure playground is OUT OF BOUNDS AFTER SCHOOL.

SPONSORED SCRAMBLE

Please don't forget to send any sponsorship money to school as soon as possible so that it can be banked. We've been really impressed with the amount that some people have raised but "every little helps" as they say so please get any cash you've collected to school as soon as you can.



CLASS PHOTOS

Your child should have brought home a photo pack with a proof of their class photo. Please return any orders to the school office by Wednesday 20th June at the very latest. Alternatively you may like to order online which is very quick and easy to do.

YEAR 6 FUNNY GROUP PHOTO

As well as the normal "formal" group photo, Year 6 also had a fun group photo taken with the whole of Year 6 and year 6 staff in it. This is on display at the office and if you would like to order one please fill out the order form that is next to the displayed photo. Payment must accompany any orders so please place cash or a cheque (made out to Ashley Wood Studios) in a clearly labelled envelope with your child's name and class (6JT or 6PJ) plus the amount enclosed and size of photo you require. 7" x 5" in a mount costs £8, 8" x 6" in a mount is £9.25, 10" x 7" in a mount is £10.75 and 11" x 14" in a mount is £22. 11" x 14" in gold framed moulding is £30.50 and 20" x 16" un-mounted is £36.

JOB VACANCY

We are looking for a motivated and experienced individual to join our friendly and hard-working federation premises team to assist with cleaning duties primarily at Colyton but also to support and oversee the cleaning at Shute Primary School.

For a further discussion on this post please contact Bhavna Chandra (Premises Manager) on 01297 20922. Job details and application form are available from the Federation website [www.axebeaconfederation.co.uk]. Please email completed applications to Natalie Markham, Federation HR Administrator at recruit@axebf.org.uk.

WIN £5000 OF BOOK TOKENS FOR OUR SCHOOL

National Book Tokens are running a competition for a school to win £5000 of Book Tokens. Please take a few moments to log into www.nationalbooktokens.com to enter the competition so that we might have a chance of winning.

CHANGE OF DATE

The non-pupil day on the 23rd of November 2018 has been moved to 4th September 2018. This means we have two non-pupil days on the Monday 3rd September and Tuesday 4th September at the start of the term. The Autumn Term for pupils starts on Wednesday 5th September 2018. Updated information regarding term dates for the entire year has already been sent out and the website is being updated ASAP.

NEW RECEPTION ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2018

Letters and information packs have been sent to parents of pupils who are due to start here in September. Please ensure you return your completed forms to the school office **as soon as possible and bring along your child's FULL birth certificate for us to take a copy.**

NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR BOTTLE TOMBOLA

On Thursday 28th June we will be having a non-school uniform day in exchange for a bottle for the bottle tombola at the summer fete. All different types of bottles accepted including; soft drinks, toiletries, alcoholic drinks and sauces."

WOODLAND CRAFT, PLAY AND MINDFULNESS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

There are still a few places available for Mr Holland's club. This club started after half-term. If you would like a place please send the first week's payment of £10 to the office to secure a place. Maximum 10 pupils.

MONEY BOX COMPETITION

Lloyds Bank in town has been in touch with the school. On Wednesday 20th June they are celebrating their 150th Anniversary.

For part of the celebration, the bank will be running a competition to design and make a money box for savings. The design need to be set out on an A4 piece of paper and will accompany the finished product. Maybe try and think of a great theme or idea for your money box? Could it be inspired by something? Why not do some research into Lloyds Bank?

Entries need to be handed into me by Monday 11th June at the latest. Please make sure each item has your name and class on it. The finalists will be invited to the bank for a presentation on the afternoon of Wednesday 20th June (parents are welcome too).

I look forward to seeing the children's designs and money boxes!



ABSENCES

Parents and carers are reminded to contact the school by 9.30am if their child is going to be absent from school due to illness. PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL EVERY DAY THAT YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT. Please use the Parentmail app, leave a message on the answerphone (01297 20922) or email admin@seatonprimary.org.uk. If your child has an appointment that you know about in advance, please ensure you have informed the office. Please do not rely on children to pass on messages - instead please write a short note to the office staff or let us know by phone or in person at the counter. The school has a duty of care to know the whereabouts of children and when we have not been informed of the reason for a child's absence the office staff have had to spend a great deal of time phoning various contact numbers to find out why a child is missing from school.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We have a significant number of families who are entitled to free school meals. If you fit the criteria then not only will your child receive a free school meal but the school gains a whopping £1320 towards supporting your child's education. This can also help pay towards trips, uniform, clubs etc and many families have seen the benefits of it. If you think you may be entitled then please log on to the Devon County Council Citizen Portal.

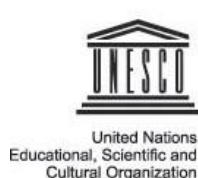
SICKNESS & DIARRHOEA

If your child suffers with sickness and diarrhoea please remember to keep them off school for 48 hours after the last incident to prevent the spread of the infection.

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| Wednesday 13th June | Axe Valley Academy parent and pupil info evening for new intake Yr 6 |
| Thursday 14th June | Axe Valley Academy New Intake Day for Year 6 pupils |
| Tuesday 19 th June | Year 1 Parent involvement morning |
| Wednesday 20th June | Photo orders to be returned by today. Woodroffe Induction Day for Year 6 pupils |
| Tuesday 26th June | Colyton Grammar Induction Day for Year 6 pupils |
| Thursday 28 th June | Non-Uniform Day in return for a bottle for the bottle tombola. |
| Friday 29 th June | Sports Day |
| Monday 2nd July to 4th July | Sidmouth College New Intake Days for Year 6 pupils Last week of clubs |
| Monday 2 nd /Tuesday 3 rd July | Year 4 trip to Escot |
| Thursday 5 th July | Meeting for new Reception parents (pupils starting in Sept 18) 2pm & 5pm. |
| Saturday 7th July | Summer Fete 11am to 2.30PM |
| Tuesday 17 th July | Year 6 Show "Porridge" 6pm (Tickets available nearer the time) |
| Wednesday 18 th July | Year 6 Show "Porridge" 9.30am & 6pm (Tickets available nearer the time) |



Friday 27th July

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly (parents of Year 6 pupils invited to attend) 9.15am
for approximately 1 hour.

Break up for summer holidays

Best wishes,

Nic George

