



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”

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Sorry about not sending out a newsletter on Friday. Unfortunately Parentmail was unavailable for several hours but we have an update for you today!

PARENTS' EVENING LETTERS

Today your oldest child will be bringing home a form for the forthcoming parents' evenings which occur immediately after half term. We are using a slightly different approach which is outlined on the form you will receive. Hopefully this will enable the meetings to be co-ordinated across the classes and result in less running around between teachers to organise them! You need to complete the form by adding your child's names, classes etc. and return the form to the **eldest** child's teacher immediately. The appointments will be added by the teachers and returned back to you.

TOYS IN SCHOOL

Every year we have new novelty toy creeping into school. This year it is magnets, novelty rubbers and squidgy toys. All the teachers would be very grateful if these can remain at home along with any other toys please.

THEATRE ALIBI REMINDER

As you are aware from the school diary we had one of the UK's leading children's theatre Groups – THEATRE ALIBI who came into school on 8th October. They performed their show 'TABLE MATES' on two occasions throughout the day. First to Reception and Key Stage 1 then to Key Stage 2 pupils. Theatre Alibi have a fantastic reputation for storytelling, acting, dance, song / music and set design. Their show TABLE MATTERS did not disappoint on Monday! A truly brilliant performance, that our children will remember for years to come. Unfortunately I did have to apologise and make a grovelling late request! The school is subsidising the performance at a cost of £2 per child however I forgot to request that we need a contribution of £2 per child to cover the difference. Theatre Alibi are subsidised themselves by the Art Council but a bulk of the production comes from ticket sales. I would be so grateful if every child could make a contribution / donation of £2 to the class teacher. If you have already done so, many thanks.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations a couple of weeks ago. We raised £168.62 for the charity so well done.

DO YOU HAVE A POND?

We have found a few frogs and other little creatures in the school grounds lately and would like to rehome them to a nearby pond. If you live locally and have a pond that we could put them in please let us know.

SEND NEWS

Devon County Council has updated their SEND Local Offer. Please see the link for more information. This website provides lot of information on SEND, provision, funding, the graduated response and procedures for things like annual reviews of Education, Health and Care Plans.

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/>

PTA FUNDRAISING

Seaton Primary PTA is a registered charity and is now linked to easyfundraising.org.uk. This means anyone who signs up for an account with easyfundraising.org.uk and chooses Seaton Primary School PTA as a cause, can raise funds when they shop, with no extra cost to themselves. Please use the link below to sign up for an account. It's very quick and easy and could raise a lot of money for resources and equipment for the school. Through the website you can shop at most online retailers such as Amazon, Ebay, Argos, Asos, Tesco and many more. You can also compare deals on car insurance, energy and broadband etc and earn us donations that way. If you download the [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) app to your phone, it makes it even easier so please do sign up!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/seatonprimaryschoolpta/>



WAITROSE CHARITY TOKENS

During November (30/10/18-27/11/18) we have been chosen for the Community Matters Programme in the Sidmouth branch of Waitrose. At the end of the month, Waitrose will donate a proportion of £1000 to Seaton Primary School, based on the proportion of votes their customers cast for us and the two other good causes. Customers cast their votes by placing a green chip in one of the 3 boxes available, each one representing a charity or organisation. Please vote for us! We would like to purchase more resources for our Nurture Room.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER - FAMILY PHOTOS

Spaces are filling up fast. Please book now to avoid disappointment. The school photographer is visiting on Tuesday 13th November. After school, from 3.30pm he will be available to take family group photos. If you would like to book a family photo please contact the office to book a slot. (Please note siblings are normally photographed together but the after school slots are for families where the whole family can be photographed together). Family group photos make ideal Christmas presents!

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CHECKS FOR RECEPTION AND YEAR 6 PUPILS

Parents of pupils in Reception and Year 6 will have received an email at the beginning of term regarding height and weight checks. Please read the email carefully and return the reply slip if you do NOT want your child to be checked.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Parents of pupils in Year 6 are reminded to apply for a secondary school place by the 31st October. The easiest way is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. Alternatively call 0345 155 1019 for a paper application.

NON UNIFORM DAY – FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

Children are invited to wear non-uniform on Friday 23rd November. We are asking for chocolate items to be brought in that day for the chocolate tombola at the Christmas Bazaar.

CHARITY FUNDRAISER

A ladies evening is taking place at Seaton Town Football Club on Saturday 20th October from 7pm. Tickets are £10 per head and your ticket gains entry into a £50 cash draw. Dress code is "Think Pink" and the evening is in aid of Breast Cancer. If you would like a ticket or for further information, please contact Sharon Rooke on 07817911525

HALLOWEEN PART AT THELMA HULBERT GALLERY

THG invites you to a Halloween Party on Saturday 27 October, 5-9pm (art activities till 8pm).

Join us for fun art activities. Kids can also get up close to lizards, snakes and spiders! Delicious wood-fired pizzas, fish & chips, bar, DJ, hot chocolate for little trick-or-treaters, face painting. Celebrating the National Museums At Night and The Big Draw festivals.

Free admission, donations welcome. Pay bar and food.

Thelma Hulbert Gallery (THG), Dowell Street, Honiton EX14 1LX

www.thelmahulbert.com

ABSENCES

When children are absent from school we ask that you contact the school by phone (20922), Parentmail or email (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.**

If no contact by a parent is made to the school by mid-morning then members of school staff have to visit the home and if no response is gained then the police are informed of a missing child.

SINGING LESSONS

Singing lessons are available in school with Mrs Elliott on Friday afternoons. Please call 01297 624019 for further details.

REALLY WILD LEARNING AT SEATON LIBRARY

During half-term week on Tuesday 23rd October the library invites you along to meet a variety of creatures from 10am to midday. Entry is £3. Please see the poster displayed near the office for more details.

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.

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

We cannot authorise holidays in term times unless there are exceptional circumstances. (e.g parents of forces children). Devon County Council are now tightening their rules on this issue and fines are again being issued for 5 or more days absence across the academic year. I totally understand some of the circumstances on the request forms, however, rarely



can a holiday be authorised. Any time off school must be requested via the absence request form available from the office.

Unauthorised absences due to holidays is a concern for the school – please AVOID taking them!

PUPIL PREMIUM

To qualify for Pupil Premium (the old free school meals) parents need to be in receipt of certain benefits. Not only will your child benefit from a dinner each day (if they want it) but the school receives £1320 towards supporting your child's education. The money is primarily spent on our academic and pastoral support staff but each pupil is allocated **£80 per term** towards a variety of costs to support families e.g. subsidy of school uniform and trips. To see if you are entitled please log onto the Devon County Council Citizen Portal.

NUTS

ALL YEAR GROUPS.... 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

Monday 22 nd October	Half Term week
Monday 29 th October	Return to school after half-term Parent's evenings to be held this week.
Tuesday 13 th November	Photographer visiting school for individual pupil photos (and family photos after school.)
Friday 23 rd November	Non-uniform day in return for chocolate items.
Friday 30 th November	Christmas Bazaar in the evening
Monday 19 th November	Height & Weight checks for Reception and Year 6 pupils. (see email)
Tuesday 11 th December	Carol Service for KS2 at 6.30pm (Ticket allocations nearer the time)
Wednesday 12 th December	Carol Service for KS2 at 2.30pm and 6.30pm (Ticket allocations nearer the time)
Monday 17 th December	KS1 Nativity 2pm & 6pm (Ticket allocations nearer the time)
Tuesday 18 th December	KS1 Nativity 9.30am & 6pm (Ticket allocations nearer the time)
Friday 21 st December	Last day of term
Monday 7 th January	Training Day
Tuesday 8 th January	Pupils return to school

Mr Nic George
HEADTEACHER

