



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

I wish you all a pleasant and restful half term! This has been an extremely busy time here at Seaton Primary School and I know all the staff are looking forward to the break ahead. Straight after half term we have the first parents' evenings of the year. I have seen lots of the new invitation letters being passed around school and the new approach to setting the appointments seems to have worked really well. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

STAFFING NEWS

This week we appointed Miss Erin Wright as a replacement teacher for Mrs Fontes when she goes on maternity leave in January. She will start after the Christmas holiday but she may well be in school this term to get to know the children and the school as a whole. Miss Wright has a strong interest in maths, pastoral care and special needs. We look forward to welcoming her on board.

NEW BABY

A few days ago Mrs Taylor gave birth to a baby boy. Mother and baby Gideon are doing really well. Congratulations to the Taylor household!

BULDINGS UPDATE

The scaffolding is finally all down and we can now get things back to normal. This was a major project but I am so pleased that we now have a water tight roof and the recent weather has certainly tested it out.... all's well!

As you may be aware Seaton has had a number of housing development projects occurring over the last few years. Companies undertaking such projects are obliged, in some cases, to provide finances for local schools to enhance their buildings etc. The good news is that we will be receiving a very sizeable amount of money soon which we are over the moon about! Plans will soon be afoot on how to best spend this. I will keep you up to date.

SEND NEWS

Devon County Council has updated their SEND Local Offer. Please see the link for more information. This website provides a 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/>

CHOIR

We have a new choir at school led by Miss Ovens. Children in years 4,5 & 6 are welcome to join in and rehearsals take place in the Community Room (next to Happy Hawks) at lunch time on Wednesdays from 12.45pm to 1.15pm. The choir will be learning some Christmas carols and performing in the local community leading up to Christmas. Please come along if you're interested.

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 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.

KILMINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCY

We are looking for a motivated and experienced individual to join our friendly and hard-working federation team to assist with Mealtime supervision duties in the lunchrooms and playground at Kilmington Primary School. Using any previous skills involving working with children you will assist with the supervision and support of pupils throughout the midday playtime session, circulating the playground and encouraging positive play amongst the children. Working through the midday period you will need to be committed to working 1 ¼ hours a day. You will need to be flexible to some changes in school timetable events throughout the year. Further details and an application form are available from the Federation website [www.axebeaconfederation.co.uk]. Please email completed applications to Natalie Markham at recruit@axebf.org.uk

SHUTE APPLE DAY

Saturday 27 October 2018, Shute Church and Rowlands Orchard. 11am – 4pm
Celebrate our local apples – fruity fun for all the family includes the longest peel competition, apple and spoon race, apple bobbing, guess the weight of the apple and a display of many local varieties. Also apple tasting, fruity themed refreshments and much more. Display of children's apple artworks from Shute Primary School. Community apple pressing will take place in Rowlands Orchard at Little Orchard Alpacas, Haddon Road. Please bring along any apples and bottles. Free admission – Parking Haddon Road, near Shute Barton Gatehouse EX13 7QR – Grid Ref 216977
Further information Ruth Worsley Legacy to Landscape Project Co-ordinator email: legacytolandscape@gmail.com; 01297 489741 mob: 07765126565 <http://www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk/our-work/wildlife/legacy-to-landscape>

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

The Wild East Devon team has a number of exciting events coming up over the half term holidays including bird watching for children and a family explorer afternoon.
All events can be found online at: wildeastdevon.co.uk

STAMPS

Don't forget we collect used postage stamps at school for the Children's Hospice South West. The box is on the shelf outside the office. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER - FAMILY PHOTOS

Spaces are filling up fast. Please book now to avoid disappointment. (We still have a few slots from 5.10pm onwards). 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/admissiononline. 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.

ZUMBA CLASSES

JM DanceFit ZumbaKids Classes

KIDS HAVE FUN & IMPROVE FITNESS & CONFIDENCE LEVELS

New children are welcome to join these classes after the half-term break, which are open to all children whether they attend the school or not. *Every Monday* 4.15pm - 5.15pm Seaton Junior Starz* (7-12 year olds) - MAIN HALL

Remaining Autumn Term Class Dates: October 29th, November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, December 3rd, 10th, 17th

Remaining Autumn Term Class Fee: £32.00 (£4 per class x 8 classes) Cash payments to be provided in a named, sealed envelope no later than the child's first class.

If you would like to book your child a place, please contact Johanna directly on 07739518587 or at johanna@jmdancefit.co.uk For further details on all JM DanceFit Adult and Children's Zumba and FitSteps classes held in Seaton, Sidford, Sidmouth Beer, Newton Popleford, and Exeter please visit www.jmdancefit.co.uk

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.)
Thursday 15 th November	Open morning for prospective parents. Tours at 9.15am and 2.15pm
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 (School finishes at 1pm after an early lunch).
Monday 7 th January	Training Day
Tuesday 8 th January	Pupils return to school

Mr Nic George HEADTEACHER

