



# 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”*

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been feeling cold lately. While driving home towards Sidmouth this week there was definitely sleet on my car windscreen and while out mountain biking last night there was definitely a flutter of snow. Brrrrrrrr! It reminds me that last year we did have two snow days which are always tricky to manage but the right decisions were made. Decisions to close the school are not easy to make and are undertaken with a number of staff here at the school along with looking at several different weather forecasts. I'd much prefer the Beast from the East keeps away but the children would never agree with that! Don't forget to keep your mobile numbers and email addresses up to date on Parentmail just in case we have to contact you.

I hope you find this newsletter informative and I was reminded by a parent today there are just four weeks left until we break up for Christmas. We have much to do before that.....

## START OF THE DAY

As of Monday we will be starting to introduce a number of new initiatives within the school day to support the positive approaches we have towards managing pupils' behaviour around school. The first one you will notice is that as of this Monday when the bell is rung to indicate the start of school, all teachers from years 1 – 6 will already be present on the playground and ready to lead the pupils into the classrooms. Year 5 / 6 girls will line up too. Teachers will welcome the pupils beforehand and can take quick messages off parents. However, they will not have time to have lengthy conversations and these will need to be arranged for an appropriate time. Reception children will carry on as normal by being dropped off into the classrooms.

Please parents, avoid coming into the classrooms in the morning. We are encouraging children to be independent and to sort out their own bags / coats etc.

## MRS FONTES' CLASS

Miss Erin Wright who will be replacing Mrs Fontes in January came in for the day yesterday. She will be back next week to spend more time with the children & staff and will be saying hello to you as well. She is really looking forward to starting at the school.

## PTA AND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The chocolates have flooded in today. Many thanks for supporting the PTA and the upcoming Christmas Bazaar on Friday 30th November.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

School photograph proofs have been sent home this week. Please remember to return your orders (or order online) by 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the very latest. Please put the correct money in the envelope. The office cannot provide change. Sorry.

## CO-OP A BIG THANK YOU!

Today a group of children and members of the PTA visited the Co-Op on Harepath Road to say a huge thank you to staff there. Over the last year the Co-Op has donated 1% of it's taking on own brand products to the school. That equates to £6881! The money will be put towards improving the outside play facilities for pupils. The Co-Op always love to hear from local customers about their shopping experience so please log onto [coop.co.uk](http://coop.co.uk) to express your views.



## LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

We need a couple of folk to help in the library each week. Please call in to see me please.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR KS2 CAROL CONCERT

The KS2 Carol Concert takes place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and again at 6pm. A letter regarding the allocation of tickets will be sent home next Monday (26<sup>th</sup>) and a copy of the letter will also be sent through Parentmail. Tickets are always very popular particularly for the evening performances so please don't delay in returning your request slip.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR KS1 NATIVITY

A pink letter is being sent home today with full instructions on how to apply for Nativity tickets. Please read it carefully. The same letter will also be sent by Parentmail. We urge you to reserve your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment and we will do our best to give you the tickets that you have requested.

## CHILDREN IN NEED TOTAL

Thank you for all your donations towards Children in Need. We raised a fantastic £416.40 which includes £70 from the cake sale that the Year 6 pupils organised. Very well done everyone.

## PARKING AT THE DOCTOR'S SURGERY / PHARMACY

I have been asked by the surgery to remind everyone please that parking at the doctor's surgery is for patients and users of Lloyd's pharmacy ONLY.

## JACKET FOUND

A navy jacket has been found in our meeting room. If you think it may be yours, please contact the school office.

## TURQUOISE GLASSES FOUND

Has your child lost a pair of turquoise glasses? Please come to the office to collect them if they're yours.

## MEAL DEALS

Unfortunately, the kitchen are no longer able to provide Meals Deals for the Year 6 pupils due to staff shortages. Sorry for any disappointment.

## MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones have their uses of course but we have recently been inundated with requests from older pupils to look after their phones in the front office each day. Mobile phones are **NOT** allowed in school. The office has looked after the odd one in the past due to a special request from a parent but the general rule is..... please keep them at home!

## WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Two weeks ago we sent red coloured letters home regarding the whole school Christmas lunch which takes place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Please return it as soon as possible even if your child does not want a lunch that day. Many thanks.

## COFFEE MORNING AND TABLE TOP SALE

The Brownies and Rainbows are holding a Coffee Morning and Table Top sale on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November at Seaton Methodist Church. 9.30am til 12.30pm. If you would like to book a table please contact Linda on 01297 792571.

## PTA FUNDRAISING

Seaton Primary PTA is a registered charity and is now linked to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk). This means anyone who signs up for an account with [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://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 GREEN CHIP TOKENS

PLEASE VOTE FOR SEATON PRIMARY USING THE GREEN TOKENS GIVEN TO YOU AT THE CHECKOUT. 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.

### CHRISTMAS MARKET IN AID OF SEATON FRIENDS HOSPICECARE @ HOME

Saturday 24th November 10am to 1pm in Seaton Town Hall - Entrance by donation only.

Lots of stalls with local crafts and Christmas gifts. Also a huge range of Christmas decorations and festive clothing at bargain prices.

For further information please contact: 01297 20143

### DATA PROCESSING CONSENT

As a school, under GDPR, we need to have clear consent to use your child's personal information in ways that fall outside our legal obligations. You may give and update your consent at any time by completing this short form: <https://www.axebf.org.uk/information/privacy-policy/consent-form/>

Should access to this form online be difficult, paper copies are available from the school office.

### 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.

### SINGING LESSONS

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

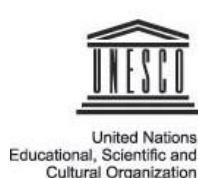
### NUTS

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

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Christmas Bazaar in the evening  
Most clubs finish this week.



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Carol Service for KS2 at 6.30pm  
Carol Service for KS2 at 2.30pm and 6.30pm  
KS1 Nativity 2pm & 6pm (Ticket allocations 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov onwards)  
KS1 Nativity 9.30am & 6pm (Ticket allocations 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov onwards)  
Whole School Christmas Lunch. Please return red reply slip ASAP  
Last day of term (**School finishes at 1pm after an early lunch**).  
Training Day  
Pupils return to school

**Mr Nic George HEADTEACHER**

