



# 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”*

21st December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

The last day of term has arrived! Our Christmas celebrations in school are now drawing to a close and yours at home are just beginning.

This week in assembly we have been exploring the meanings behind Christmas and asking a number of questions –

Why did Mary and Joseph travel on a donkey?

What is the significance of the shepherds and the three wise men?

Why was Jesus born in a stable?

What is the significance behind all these events and what meaning do they have?

We all need to understand the significance behind the Christmas story and its relevance to our lives today.

## TRAINING DAY

Monday the 7th January is a non-pupil day. Teachers from across the Axe Beacon Federation will be gathering to undertake a day of training related to the teaching of ‘reasoning’ and ‘problem solving’ within maths. The children return on Tuesday 8th September.

## FUND RAISING

I am sure you are aware that school budgets across the entire country have been stretched and stretched over the last few years. There is no sign at all of this letting up. The importance of fund raising by our PTA and donations of help (both general help in school and from parents who have professional expertise) are becoming increasingly important to help our school to continue to move forward. We want the very best for the children in our care and all contributions are put to extremely good use. There is enough money raised now for a new adventure playground and a number of quotations for the work are now in.

As normal I will be partaking in the annual Christmas Day Swim in the balmy waters off Exmouth beach. May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Make time for your families, get out and about, take in some fresh air and don't let the electronics take over! I look forward to seeing everyone next year, bright eyed and bushy tailed!



## FUNDRAISING

Thank you for all your generous donations at the recent Carol Concerts and Nativity performances. We raised just over £900 and that money will be put into the School Fund.

## MICROBITS FOR YEAR 4

If you have purchased a Microbit please come to the office to collect it.

## RUPERTS OPEN MORNING

Ruperts Pre-school are holding an open morning on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January from 9am to 11am. If you would like to attend, please call them on 625621.

## 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!

## 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.

## 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.

## BAPTIST CHURCH NATIVITY

The Baptist Church will be performing the Nativity on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10.30am here at Seaton Primary School. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## 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.

## ZUMBA

JM DanceFit ZumbaKids Classes – Book NOW for SPRING TERM 2019

**\*KIDS HAVE FUN & IMPROVE FITNESS & CONFIDENCE LEVELS\***

New children are welcome to join these termly classes after the Christmas break, which are open to all children whether they attend the school or not.

**\*Every Monday\***

3.30 pm - 4 .15pm Seaton Little Starz\* ( 4 - 7 year olds) - MAIN HALL



4.15pm - 5.15pm Seaton Junior Starz\* (7-12 year olds) - MAIN HALL

Spring Term Class Dates: January 14th, 21st, 28th, February 4th, 11th, 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st

Total Spring Term Class Fee: £44 (£4 per class x 11 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](mailto: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 Poppleford, and Exeter please visit [www.jmdancefit.co.uk](http://www.jmdancefit.co.uk)

Johanna Morgan

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For daily class updates please view my facebook page at JM Dance Fit - Johanna Morgan

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Training Day

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Pupils return to school

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Great Seaton Book Swap. 3.15pm to 3.55pm in school hall.

**Mr Nic George**  
**HEADTEACHER**

