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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

1st February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We come to the end of an unusual week in school.

THE SNOW REPORT

The weather last night was as unpredictable as all the weather forecasts many of us were following. Snow across parts of East Devon was particularly variable. We have teaching staff travelling from as far afield as Mid Devon, Dorset and Somerset. All staff had a go at making it in to school but unfortunately it only became clear at around 7:45am that we were not going to have sufficient teachers to open the school. At that point our emergency procedures kicked in with staff, parents, Devon County Council, our local pre-schools, the school website, and kitchen etc having to be notified that we were going to close. Making such a decision is not taken lightly at all and in consultation with Mr Rolls and other senior staff. We have a duty of care towards all our staff and we don't want them to take unnecessary risks on roads which are treacherous.

Enjoy the snow while it last folks. Many children came running up to me yesterday excited about the snow..... I thought they were being over optimistic at the time but they proved me wrong!

THEMES FOR NEXT WEEK

We have a number of themes starting next week. The first being E SAFETY which we focus on in depth every year. The content depends on children's ages but there are clear messages we send out in respect to this and we constantly plug these. The success of our work relies on Parents / Carers supporting the E safety message here at school, being vigilant with tech use and ensuring screen time is in proportion.

There are lots of great sites out there to find information on E Safety – here are a few

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Top tips for parents could include –

- Discover the Internet together
- Agree with your child rules for Internet use in your home
- Discuss when and for how long it is acceptable for your child to use the Internet
- Agree how to treat personal information (name, address, telephone, e-mail)
- Discuss how to behave towards others when gaming, chatting, e-mailing or messaging
- Agree what type of sites and activities are OK or not OK in our family



- Follow the rules yourself! Or at least explain why the rules are different for adults.
- Encourage your child to be careful when disclosing personal information
- Talk about the risks associated with meeting online “friends” in person
- Teach your child about evaluating information and being critically aware of information found online.
- Let your children show you what they like to do online
- Remember that the positive aspects of the Internet outweigh the negatives.

ONLINE SAFETY PARENT’S SESSIONS

As part of our annual Online Safety Week, Axe Beacon Federation would like to invite you to a parents' session at Seaton Primary School at 9.30am on Friday 8th February. Simon Lewis, our Computing lead teacher will be exploring a range of online safety advice and information to help you support and encourage your child in the online world. Parents who have previously attended are very welcome, as are new parents, as this will explore different aspects from meetings in previous years. Part of the meeting will share examples of the work our pupils are doing across the Federation in their online safety education. There will be resources and advice that you can take away and previous meetings in the past have proved very informative and helpful for parents. Refreshments will be available from 8.45am with the meeting starting at 9.30am to help parents from across the Federation to attend. It will finish by 10.30am. For those travelling from outside Seaton, we have permission to use Seaton Methodist Church's car park, which is only a short walk away from the school.

CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

The theme is ‘Healthy: Inside and Out’.

We know a lot about healthy bodies but what about healthy minds? Do you know that things you do to look after your body also help to look after your mind too!

This week we explore the relationship between food, being active and sleep..... they are all interconnected and make for a healthy mind!

DOG MESS

Not the most pleasant subject at all I’m afraid. I have been in touch with East Devon District Council this week and reported that there is quite a bit of dog mess around the pavement near the surgery. If you have any concerns too then please go to -

<https://eastdevon.gov.uk/dogs/dog-fouling-and-dog-bins/>

SMALL TOY CARS WANTED PLEASE

If you have any spare toy cars we would be very grateful of them in school to use in interventions. Please bring them to the school office if you have any to donate.

CLUBS

A list of clubs was sent out on last week and most clubs will begin during the week commencing 4th February. If you would like your child to attend Zumba please contact Johanna Morgan direct (contact details on the clubs list) and if you would like to reserve a Forest School place please send your payment to the school office for safe keeping. School staff who run clubs will send out information about their individual clubs for you to sign up online.

TESCO TOKENS!

From Tuesday 1st January to Thursday 28th February we have been chosen for the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme. At the end of February, the project with the highest number of votes across the stores’ region will receive £4,000, the second placed project £2,000, and the third placed project £1,000. Customers cast their votes by placing a blue 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. The stores in which you can vote for us are our local Tesco store here in Seaton and on the High Street in Sidmouth.



GRIZZLY JUNIOR RUNNING EVENTS

Various running events for children are taking place on Saturday 9th March. If you would like an entry form please come to the office.

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.

STAMPS

Please bring your used postage stamps to the office. We collect on behalf of the Children's Hospice South West. Many thanks

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 8 th February	Parent's Meeting – Online Safety 9.30am
Friday 15 th February	Break up for half-term (normal time) Red Nose Day (further details to follow)
Monday 25 th February	Pupils return to school after half-term. Year 6 PGL trip
Monday 4 th March	Years 5 & 6 Parent's evening
Tuesday 5 th March	Whole school Parent's evening
Wednesday 6 th March	Whole school Parent's evening
Friday 5 th April	Break up for Easter holiday (normal time).

Best wishes,
Nic George

