



## 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”*

# NEWSLETTER

1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We are at the end of another week. The sun has been out and this is in much contrast to the previous week a year ago when the 'Beast from the East' came along and caused so much disruption. Those in Year 6 on their residential visit have had a fantastic time but I would like to say a huge thank you to the following staff who accompanied the children – Mr Rae, Mrs French, Miss Ovens, Miss Mabin and finally Mr Delfosse who led the trip. Without the dedication of these staff such events would never happen. The PGL centre in Weymouth has outstanding opportunities and facilities for young people to take advantage of. The centre staff are also extremely capable and are not only great coaches but positive role models too.

## E SAFETY

When I came to interview here at Seaton Primary School the Governors asked me the question – ‘What are the biggest challenges facing young people in the future?’ A good question I thought at the time! It didn't take me long to come up with an answer and that was ‘technology and managing safety.’ If you haven't read Mr Lewis' excellent newsletter that was sent out recently then please do! It's really informative and offers sound advice. Technology and how we use it today can be so useful but also there are many, many pitfalls especially for young people. As adults we MUST take responsibility for how, when and what technology is used for.

The National Online Safety website offers many top tips for parents e.g.

- Be present when they are online and have technology being used in the shared family parts of the home
- Use device settings and controls (make sure restrictions are set up)
- Talk about technology with your child
- Understand peer pressure
- Know what is real and a hoax

Further information can be found at –

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

## ONLINE SAFETY WITH THE NSPCC

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

The internet is amazing. Children can play, learn, create and connect - opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But with the digital world changing all the time, how can you make sure your child's staying safe? That's where we come in. Whether you're an online expert or you're not.

Please use the links to find out more information.

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

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com>

National Online Safety | Keeping Children Safe Online in Education

[nationalonlinesafety.com](http://nationalonlinesafety.com)



National Online Safety support UK schools to prepare for an Ofsted inspection and educate their pupils, parents and teachers in online safety.

### **GARDENING CLUB**

A message from our gardening club leaders and volunteers..... Gardening Club will be back on at the start of the Summer term. Over the Easter holidays the growing beds are having some essential maintenance being done to them. Bradfords kindly donated lots of wood at the end of the last growing season and a number of bedding walls are being replaced. We are looking forward to another bumper crop!

### **SAVOONI ARTS SPACE**

Young Persons Drawing Classes at Savooni in Seaton town

For ages 7 to 18 years old

Starting Thursday 28th February 4.15pm to 6pm

Friday 1st March from 3.30pm to 5pm

(Start times flexible to fit with school finish times)

Saturday 2 March 11am to 1pm

Sessions will run for 5 weeks and are designed to develop observational and imaginative drawing and drawing techniques

Price £40. To book please call Richard on 07815614368 or call in at Savooni on Beer Road, Seaton

### **BUG HOTELS**

Our first 'Bug Hotel' is being developed near the woods / car park area where the former pond used to be. Hotel number 1 is being made up of 8 wooden pallets and number 2 should be started alongside shortly. Each pallet will contain a different layer of materials for bugs to find a home in e.g. grasses, twigs, logs, leaves etc. The bug hotels will be added to over time and the season.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY**

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March. This year we invite children and staff to dress up as any character from a book.

### **RED NOSE DAY DANCE-ATHON FOR COMIC RELIEF**

Comic Relief takes place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March (Not February as advertised last week!) We will be holding an all-day Dance-athon with each class having a dance slot throughout the day and a whole school dance party at the end. A letter and sponsorship form has been sent home this week with further details.

### **SEATON BIG CLEAN**

Seaton Town Council invites you to join them for the Seaton Big Clean 2019. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 10.30am to midday. Please meet at Pebbles café. Volunteers will receive a free coffee after the clean up.

### **AUTISM COURSE**

Colyton Caterpillars are holding training on Autism: Making sense of sensory – This is a detailed insight in to the sensory world of children and young people with autism.

Date: Thursday 14th March 2019

Time: 10.00am – 2.00pm

Where: Colyton Caterpillars, Reece Strawbridge Centre, Coly Road, Colyton, Devon EX24 6PU

Price: £20 (or 2 for £30) – Parents/Carers – FREE

Call 01297 552567 for more information

### **GRIZZLY JUNIOR RUNNING EVENTS**

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

### **AUTISM FRIENDLY SOFT PLAY SESSIONS IN HONITON**

A special autism & additional needs session is available once a fortnight at Playdome in Honiton where the whole place will only be open for these children. The first session started on Saturday February 16th and they will run every other week from this date from 9am to 10am. There is a Facebook group with all details and further dates called "Autism & Additional needs group- Honiton"

### **SOUTH DEVON AUTISM FORUM – CLIP 'N' CLIMB EXETER**

Saturday 23rd February from 4.30pm – 6.00pm at a cost of £3.00 per child. This subsidised family event is planned for families with one or more autistic children from 5-16yrs, siblings welcome.



Venue: Clip 'n Climb Exeter, Haven Banks, Exeter EX2 8AX. Booking is essential as places are limited and priority will be given to children living in South Devon. To book a place email:southdevonautismforum@gmail.com

### CANCER RESEARCH UK CAKE SALE

Louise BurrIDGE (one of our pupil's Mums) is running the Virgin London Marathon in April in aid of Cancer Research UK.

She will be holding a cake sale on **Thursday 4th April @ 3:20pm** in the school hall. Please come and support this and any donations of cakes will be gratefully received.

### 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

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 5 & 6 Parent's evening
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school Parent's evening
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school Parent's evening
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day Danceathon
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter holiday (normal time).

Best wishes,

Nic George

Head

PS Happy St David's Day!

