



SEATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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All Stars Checker box
Dear Parents

SPONSORED SCRAMBLE

On Tuesday 23rd May, each class will participate in the annual Sponsored Scramble. This fundraising event has been running for many years and is the main contributor to the school fund. The school fund provides extra resources to be used in the classroom and also subsidises school trips, visiting theatre groups and other enrichment activities. On the day, each class will complete up to ten laps of an obstacle course set out on the field and in the run up to the event children are asked to seek sponsorship from relatives and close friends. A letter is being sent home today with full details and a sponsor form. Thank you for your support.

Mr Johnson & Mrs Taylor
YEAR 6 TEACHERS

NEW STARTERS

If your child is due to start in the Reception classes this September you will soon receive an information pack either through the post or via an older sibling in the school. Please ensure you read the contents carefully and return the forms that need completing as soon as possible. We are also required to see a copy of your child's full birth certificate so please remember to bring this with you.

EARLY HELP 4 MENTAL HEALTH

We all have mental health and it is just as important as our physical health. Mental health includes our emotional, psychological and social well-being and just like physical health, there can be times when things feel good and times when things can feel difficult.

We consider the mental health and wellbeing of our pupils at Seaton Primary a priority and we work hard to provide outstanding pastoral care. The Pastoral Team are continually attending training and we have staff trained in a number of areas including Attachment Based Mentoring, Thrive, Bereavement Support and two recently accredited ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants).

Devon's EH4MH service aims to improve access to mental health support and early response to signs of mental health problems and one way in which this is being targeted is to provide school staff with regular access to psycho education in various forms, including mental health consultation, clinical supervision and training. This will enable school staff to contribute to the mental health of children and young people in school.

Seaton Primary School has recently signed up to the EH4MH strategy and our Mental Health Champions are Mrs Russell (Pastoral Care Manager) and Mrs Taylor (Year 6 teacher). Mrs Russell and Ms Salter (Pastoral Care Assistant) attended the first EH4MH Primary School Annual Summit last week, our Virgin Care Practitioner (Holly) provided our first consultation and supervision sessions for staff this week and Holly will be providing the first of our staff training in June.

We will continue to take every opportunity to enhance our skills to enable us to support the emotional health and well-being of your children.

Mrs L Russell
Pastoral care Manager

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. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

Once again we have a mountain of lost property that has been unclaimed. Items without names cannot be returned to children which is extremely frustrating as there is hundreds of pounds worth of uniform remaining in the box. Please take some time to come and check the box and reclaim anything that is yours. Also, please take a few moments to

name your child's belongings. You don't need fancy labels, a simple set of initials written with a permanent marker is better than nothing.

CAR PARK & ENTRANCE

May we respectfully ask parents to keep a close eye on their younger children while waiting in the car park and school entrance at the end of the school day. Children should not go anywhere near the cars that are parked. We have received complaints from owners of cars in the car park that they have been leaned on and in one case a car has been damaged due to the actions of a child.

NON UNIFORM DAY

On Thursday 22 June, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform, in exchange for a bottle for the summer fete tombola stall.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Don't forget to check the school website regularly for up to date information, class blogs, news about events, dates, photos and previous copies of the newsletter.

ALL STARS CRICKET

All Stars Cricket is a brand new 8 week programme for 5 to 8 year olds who are new to the game. The focus is on having fun, making friends and learning new skills through cricket related games and activities. Seaton Cricket Club is running the programme on Friday evenings from 1600hrs and would love to see you there. All participants get their own bat, ball, backpack, drinks bottle, hat and t-shirt to bring along and to practice with at home! To find out more or if you have any questions, please contact Stephen Pritchard at steve.pritchard@devoncricket.co.uk or chat to him outside Miss Mabin's classroom in the morning.

GARDEN & FOOD FESTIVAL TOMORROW

The Garden and Food Festival at Colyton Grammar School takes place tomorrow from 10m to 3pm. There will be lots of games and activities in the children's area for all ages, plants, cakes, crafts and a second hand uniform sale – ideal for any pupils going to CGS this September

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES AT SEATON & COLYTON LIBRARIES

Wednesday 31 May 2.30pm – Meet Claire Barker, author of the Knitbone Pepper series at Seaton Library
Knitbone Pepper is a pet dog like no other – he's completely devoted to his owner, Winnie, and he has some very peculiar animal friends. But the strangest thing about him is: he's a ghost dog! Children who have already discovered Claire Barker will know that her books are a delightful mixture of whimsical humour and adventure where dastardly plots are foiled by Winnie and her ghostly band of animal friends, the Beloveds.
Claire will visit Seaton Library at 2.30pm on Wednesday 31 May for an hour of animals, hats, singing bowls, a mystery suitcase and bad juggling. Tickets are available from Seaton Library and the Owl & Pyramid Bookshop, price £3.
Suitable for children aged 6+

Thursday 1 June 11am – 1pm and 2 – 4pm Lovely Ugly Bug Ball – Seaton Library

FREE drop in family craft activity with Ruth Worsley from the Legacy to Landscape Project suitable for all ages – you can help us recycle old books to create an alphabet of bugs and beasties, or make a mini wildlife banner (or both!). Legacy to Landscape is a three year project involving the community and celebrates a hidden area of landscape in an area of East Devon based on a 1780s map of the Shute estate.

Friday 2 June – 3-D Printing Workshops with FabLab Devon at Colyton Library

FabLab Devon will be visiting Colyton Library this Half Term to run two 3-D printing workshops for both children and adults. You will learn how to make a 3-D keyring and personalise it using the latest technology and you can see designs being printed off on the 3-D printer.

Both workshops are taking place on Friday 2 June and will cost £15 per person. The children's session is suitable for children aged 8 - 16 and will run from 10.30 – 12 noon and the adult workshop will run from 1 – 2.30pm.

Booking is essential as places are limited to 10 people per workshop. You can book your place through the FabLab website <http://www.fablabdevon.org/events-workshops/>

TRY TENNIS FOR FREE

You can try tennis for free at Seaton Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club on Saturday 13th May. For more information go to www.lta.org.uk/gbtw

CHARD SWIMMING CLUB

Chard Swimming Club is a competitive club with swimmers aged 6 years and over who train at Axminster Flamingo Pool, Chard and Crewkerne. If your child is ready for a new swimming challenge, wants to make new friends, improve their skills and perhaps be the next Adam Peaty or Rebecca Adlington please go to info@chardswimming.org.uk for further details.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS

Don't forget we're collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids tokens. Please bring them to school and pop them in the box near the office.

ABSENCE AND SICKNESS

Please remember if your child is unwell you should contact the school office by 9.30am at the very latest on 20922, via Parentmail or by email. You should contact us every day that your child is ill unless informed by the office not to do so (eg Chicken pox or another longer illness).

PLEASE SAVE YOUR STAMPS

Please save any postage stamps and bring them to school for the Children's Hospice South West. All used British and foreign stamps are welcome and can help raise funds for the charity. The box is on the shelf just outside the office.

DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING

In line with NHS and Department of Education guidelines, children should not come in to school for at least 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Friday 19th May - School photographer visiting for class group photos.
- Monday 22nd May - Year 1 Parent Involvement 9.30 to 11.30am
- Tuesday 23rd May - Sponsored Scramble
- Friday 26th May - SCHOOL CLOSED (Occasional day)
- Monday 29th May - SCHOOL CLOSED for Bank Holiday Monday followed by half-term week
- Monday 5th June - SCHOOL CLOSED for staff training day
- Tuesday 6th June - Children return to school
- Wednesday 21st June - Year 6 pupils going to Woodroffe taster day.
- Thursday 22nd June - Non uniform day in exchange for a bottle for the summer fete tombola
- Wednesday 28th June - Year 6 pupils going to Axe Valley Academy & Colyton Grammar taster day.
- Friday 23rd June - Sports Day for whole school
- Monday 26th June - Year 5 walk to Seaton Hole
- Friday 30th June - Reception Sports Day (morning)
- Mon 3rd, Tues 4th, Wed 5th – Year 6 pupils going to Sidmouth College transition days.
- Thursday 6th July - Provisional sports day (if bad weather the week before NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM 7th)
- Friday 7th July - Natural Seaton Festival
- Saturday 8th July - Summer Fete 11am to 2pm
- Tuesday 11th July - Year 5 Beer to Branscombe walk
- Monday 17th July - Parents open evening (informal) 3.30pm to 6pm
- Tuesday 18th July - Year 6 production 2pm & 6pm (tickets available nearer the time)
- Wednesday 19th July - Year 6 production 6pm (tickets available nearer the time)
- Wednesday 26th July - Year 6 leavers assembly for parents at 9.15am
- Wednesday 26th July - Break up for summer holidays (1pm finish after lunch)
- Tuesday 5th September - Children return to school

K G McFarlane

HEAD OF SCHOOL in Friday evenings from 1000hrs and would love to see you there. All participants