



Seaton Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. We are off to a great start and I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week of getting to know the Seaton School Community plus the countless new procedures, forms and routines that leading a new school entails!

This is the fifth school I have worked at during my 26 year career and each one has been very different from the next. After spending seven years as Headteacher of a small school and is great to be back in a larger establishment and there is much I can bring to Seaton Primary School. I have many professional interests and these range from sport, the arts, pastoral care to creative writing. I am also the designated safeguarding officer for the school. Outside of school I lead a busy home life with my wife Sally and our two children aged 10 and 12. I also take time out for mountain biking, windsurfing and painting landscape scenes.

It seems a long time ago that I was appointed to the post here at Seaton Primary School but I have been fortunate to spend a few days last term at the school and during the holidays. I have been given the remit to keep the best things going at the school and over time provide opportunities for reflection and new ideas to help take the school forward.

I hope you find this newsletter informative and please check the website regularly as it is a great source of updates and reminders. Again welcome back and I am normally on duty both before and after school so please come and say hello.



Best wishes,
Nic George
Head

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Parentmail reminders have been sent to people who owe dinner money. Please do not ignore these reminders and ensure that your child's account is brought up to date and in credit. If you believe an error has been made on your child's account please contact the office. Children in **Reception and Years 1 / 2** are entitled to a free school dinner so please, please take advantage of this!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

To qualify for free school meals parents need to be receipt of one of the following –

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

If you qualify then please, please see the office. They will help you with the application process. Not only will your child will benefit from a dinner each day but the school receives **£1320** towards supporting your child's education!

CAR PARKING

We have been advised by the hospital that although hospital beds are now closed they are still running several very busy outpatient clinics and a physiotherapy department. Their car park is therefore still in constant use for both outpatients and community staff and the car park is for NHS use only.



JEANS 4 GENES DAY

Children and staff are invited to wear jeans on Friday 22nd September for a suggested donation of 50p. (Please wear your school uniform on top – trainers or casual shoes are fine.)

YEAR 6 MEAL DEALS

Year 6 Meal Deals begin on Friday 15th September. These have been discussed with the Year 6 children. They cost the same as a normal school dinner (£2.40). Please pay via Parentmail by adding funds to your child's lunch account in the usual way.

COLYTON LIBRARY

Colyton Library has won a place in the Marks and Spencer Community Energy Fund to win £4500 for solar panels for the library roof. As the building running and maintenance costs are now partly paid for by The Friends of Colyton Library the income from solar panels is really needed. Please help by voting at www.mandsenergyfund.com and select DEVON AND DORSET COLYTON LIBRARY

1ST SEATON RAINBOWS

1st Seaton Rainbow are hosting an open night on Wednesday 20th September at Seaton Methodist Church on Scalwell Lane from 3.30pm to 5pm. Rainbows is part of Girl Guiding and is for girls aged 5 to 7 years and its aim is to develop self-confidence, build friendships, try new things and have lots of fun. Please feel free to come along and join us for some or all of the session or contact Gail Welsh on 079566 255130. Alternatively email seatonrainbows@gmail.com

HONITON RUGBY CLUB

For boys and girls aged U7 on 3rd Sept (year 2). Come and join in the fun on Sunday 10th & 17th September 10.00 - 11.30am at the club. Parking available at Honiton sports centre. For more information call Tom Hattan on 07929601974



EXETER CHILDREN'S ORCHESTRA OPEN DAY

The Exeter Children's Orchestra (ECO) are having an Open Day on Saturday 16th September.

Anybody can come along and join in from 10am - 12pm. We run a policy of "no scary auditions" and the music will be selected to enable everyone to join in.

For those newer to music, we also have a separate Junior Orchestra from 11am - 12pm, so it would be great to also see those not as confident come along and join in too!

Obviously everyone will need to bring their instruments with them, and a music stand is always helpful!

We cater for Recorders, Flutes, Clarinets, Oboes, Saxophones (all kinds), Bassoons, Trumpets and Cornets, Tenor Horns, Baritone Horns, French Horns, Trombones, (Bass or Treble Clef), Tubas, Violins, Violas, Cellos,

String Bases (including bass guitars) and Percussionists. We'd even be happy to see harpists!

We will be serving refreshments, and we also run a tuck shop!

We also have a Facebook page and if anyone wanted to see what we do, there is a selection on there from recent concerts.

<https://www.facebook.com/exeterchildrensorchestra/>

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.



HOLIDAY REQUESTS

We cannot authorise holidays in term times unless these 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. 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.

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.

NEW TERM DATES

New term date sheets for 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 are available on our website. Paper copies are available from the school office.

Please note that the training day on Friday 17th November has been cancelled and moved to Monday 25th September. Children will not be in school on Monday 25th September.

to the game. The focus is on having fun, making friends and learning new skills through cricket related games on

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 13th September

Thursday 14th September

Thursday 21st September

50p.

Monday 25th September

Tuesday 25th September

Friday 20th October

Monday 30th October

Monday 4th November

Tuesday 14th November

Friday 15th December

Wednesday 3rd January

Friday 18th May 2018

Music lessons start

Axe Valley Academy presentation to Year 5 & 6 parents & pupils. School Hall 3.20pm.

Jeans 4 Genes Day. Children and staff invited to wear jeans for a suggested donation of

Training Day – no children in school.

Clubs Start this week. (Further details to follow).

Break up for half term

Children return to school.

Last week for clubs led by teachers and Seaton Primary staff.

School Photographer in school to take individual photos

Break up for Christmas holidays.

Children return to school.

School Photographer in school to take class group photos