



## Seaton Primary School

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*“Caring now, and for the future of our community, those in need, our lifestyles, one another, our education and the future itself”*

# NEWSLETTER

19th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you find this newsletter informative. Firstly, a big thank you to Mr Lewis for running the E Safety training / talk for parents this morning in the main hall. A number of you came along and the feedback was excellent. Children today face enormous challenges when managing the fast world of computing and ICT. It is an incredibly exciting world out there but there are many pitfalls and dangers to consider. Our E safety week in school has gone really well but please call in if you have any further questions or need information on this subject matter.

You might have noticed that attendance was mentioned last week in my newsletter along with the usual reminder regarding holidays in term times. On occasions parents may or may not be aware of their child's overall attendance and we are duty bound to let you know when a concern is starting to arise. Good attendance at school is really important and it isn't easy for the children to catch up when they have had to take time off school. I fully understand that we are just about coming out of the flu season but I am still obliged to make you aware if absence is currently high for your child.

On Wednesday morning the children enjoyed a fantastic show in the hall. The cast and crew from M & M productions performed Beauty & the Beast and this hilarious show included lots of audience participation, cheering and laughter. Many thanks for your £1 donations towards the cost. **If you haven't already sent in your donation it's not too late and your contributions will help fund future visits like this that otherwise could not take place.**

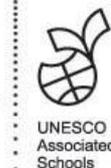
Year 5 went on a trip to "We the Curious" in Bristol this week. They took part in a workshop about forces and explored the downstairs area looking at a waterwheel, speed camera and other hands-on exhibits. Upstairs they explored animation and the 3D planetarium. Many thanks to Mr Delfosse and Miss Crockett for organising such a great trip.

### CHILD'S WATCH FOUND

Have you lost a child's watch? Please come to the school office to claim it.

### READING HELPERS NEEDED IN RECEPTION

Reception are in need of parent/adult volunteers to come and hear the children read on an individual basis. This could be for as little or as long as you could spare. Any time during the week, except Tuesday pm, would be suitable. Please come and speak to Miss Mabin or Mrs Burkill who are outside the Reception classrooms most mornings and afternoons. Please extend this invitation to grandparents or other family members who may wish to help. Thank you.



## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We have a significant number of families who are entitled to free school meals. If you fit the criteria below then I would urgently ask you to see the office if you haven't already. 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 etc and many families have seen the benefits of it.

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

## LOST PE KIT

Reece in Year 1 has lost his PE kit. It's in a blue Mario bag. If you have seen it please take it to the office.

## URGENT STAFF VACANCIES

We urgently require casual meal time assistants, kitchen assistants and cleaners who are willing to help us cover sickness and other short notice absences. Mealtime assistant hours are 12.15pm to 1.30pm, kitchen hours will vary but are mornings and cleaning is for 2 hours after school. If you are able to help us out, please pop in to the office, phone or email to register your interest. (Hourly rate of £7.70 per hour). Casual hours often lead to permanent positions.

## RECEPTION CLASS VISION CHECKS

Children in Reception classes have been sent home with letters about vision checks. You only need to return the reply slip if you DO NOT want your child to have their eyes tested.

## THE INCREDIBLE YEARS PROGRAMME

We have been told about a 14 week course for parents and carers of children aged 3 to 5 which will be held at the Axe Valley Children's Centre. The course explores the rewards and challenges of being a parent or carer of a young child. For more information please contact the centre on 01297 20542.

## YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 2018

Organised by Honiton Camera Club

[www.honitoncameraclub.co.uk](http://www.honitoncameraclub.co.uk)

Honiton Camera Club is organising a 'Wildlife or Pets' photograph competition for children aged 8-11. Entry is free and work submitted must be 7" x 5" (black and white or colour).

Each photograph should have a title, name, age of entrant and contact number.

Entries should be sent to Mrs J Stephens, Sidbury Mill, Sidbury, Sidmouth EX10 0RE before the 31st March 2018. Prizes range from £20 to £60. All entries subject to the discretion of judges will be exhibited at The Gallery, Sidbury Mill on Saturday 5th May at 2pm. All exhibitors are invited to attend

## 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.



## 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 use the Parentmail app, leave a message on the answerphone (01297 20922) or email [admin@seatonprimary.org.uk](mailto: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.

## JACK & THE BEANSTALK

Branscombe Players are performing Jack & The Beanstalk on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February at Branscombe village hall. Tickets are £6.50 for adults and £3 for children available from Nic & Kay Smith on 01297 680593.

**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

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| Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January | Eye tests for Reception pupils.                          |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February    | Break up (normal time) for half term week.               |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February   | Return to school.  |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March   | Break up for Easter. (Normal time).                      |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April     | Pupils return to school.                                 |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018   | School Photographer in school to take class group photos |

Best wishes,  
**Nic George**

