



## 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

February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Lighter mornings are starting to arrive and so are lighter evenings. It has been a dreary winter at times but it feels like more clement weather is at hand.

School is incredibly busy at present with so much to get done. A great deal of my time is spent looking at current practice in and around the school. This involves finding out what classes are up to and how our school improvement plans are being put into place across the school.

I hope everyone has now signed up for Parents Evenings. These events are so important and an excellent opportunity to find out how well your child is doing and how you can support them.

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

During half term the Reception outdoor area is having some new fencing and gates erected. This will be a great start to improving this area and I know a number of a substantial order for equipment is being prepared. During the new financial year we are hoping to develop a substantial plan for school improvement and resources which is great news.

### FIRST AID AND MEDICINES

This is an area which I have been reviewing since arriving in Seaton Primary School in September. Here are a few things that all parents including those parents whose children have a medical condition need to be aware of and support us with.

Children with medical needs have information about them contained within the ‘Medication Information’ register. This is updated at least every term by our Medical Liaison Officer. Every class register contains a copy of the ‘Medical Information’ register. Teachers ensure that the team of staff working within the phase are aware of particular children with high needs at the start of every year or when a child joins. This includes cover teachers.

As children move onto new classes the existing teacher goes through and passes on medical records to the next teacher before the child arrives in their class. At the start of every academic year, parents whose children have a medical condition should make an opportunity to speak to their child’s new teacher to inform / update them about their child’s medical condition at the very earliest opportunity, even if this is before they start in the next class. If you haven’t already done that then please do so.



## ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES, INCLUDING INHALERS

Only medication prescribed by a doctor will be given in school by school staff. Parents may come to school to administer other medication following consultation and agreement with the Head. A designated member of staff administers medication which is stored in the office safe or staffroom fridge if appropriate. A record is kept of any medicine administered under these circumstances. Before any of these medications are given, parents must give consent and complete the Medicines in school form.

Asthma inhalers should be clearly named and these are kept within a marked box for individual children along with the necessary 'School Asthma Card' which is completed by the parent.

Parents need to inform staff about the use of these and ensure that they are within date. A spare inhaler should always be present in school. If an inhaler runs out then the spare comes into use and the teacher requests a new inhaler to be brought in.

Epi pens for individual children are kept in the office in a marked box with their photo on. Parents are responsible for checking these are within date etc.

## GLASSES

We have another pair of glasses at the office that have been handed in. They are purple with a princess on the arm. Please come and claim them if they are yours.

## LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property boxes around the school are extremely full again and sadly many items are un-named. Unclaimed items will be disposed of at half-term so please come and check the boxes especially if you think you have lost something.

## SIGN2SING

Sign2sing is an annual event, organised by the Deaf Health Charity SignHealth, which raises essential funds to help vulnerable deaf children and adults. Within assemblies we have started practicing the new sign2sing song 'Friends Forever' in preparation for performing on Thursday 8th February. On Thursday we will be asking for a voluntary donation of 50p (or more) to show your support for the deaf health charity Sign Health. We will be encouraging the children to learn the song and sign in school and at home. Please see the blog on the school website for more information about sign2sing and a step by step video teaching us how to sing and sign the song.

Imagine living in a world where you cannot communicate with the people around you, from your doctor to someone in a shop. That's what the world is like for many deaf people. Deaf people can often feel isolated, unable to access information and advice that can help them live happy and healthy lives. Something hearing people take for granted. sign2sing helps fund projects that improve the lives of vulnerable deaf children and adults by helping them access help and advice on the things that matter to them in their own language - Sign Language.

Miss Crockett  
Year 5 Teacher

## GRIZZLY WEEKEND JUNIOR RUNNING EVENTS

On the weekend of Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March the famous Grizzly running event takes place here in Seaton. Thousands of runners from all over the country and abroad arrive in Seaton to take part in one of the toughest multi terrain runs in the UK. Lots of local runners including some of our staff and parents will be taking part too. On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> there will be special events taking place for children and it would be fantastic to see a large number of children from Seaton Primary taking part.

2k Fun Run for under 8's starting at 2pm

2k Junior Cub for aged 8-11 (primary school yrs 3-6) starting at 2.45pm

4K Junior Grizzly for over 11's (no upper age limit) starting at 3.15pm

Mementos for all the finishers

Postal applications [http://axevalleyrunners.org.uk/grizzly/external/grizfest\\_entry\\_2018.pdf](http://axevalleyrunners.org.uk/grizzly/external/grizfest_entry_2018.pdf)

Please post to Robert Kerr, Thatch Barton, Branscombe, EX12 3DE

Or pop into the hook & parrot from 11am, (pre entry advisable)

Entry on the day £5 each, single entry £5, two entrants £9, £12 for three or more family entrants



## 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.

## STAFF VACANCIES

We are still looking for 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 £7.78 per hour). Casual hours often lead to permanent positions.

## 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.

## WINTER ACTIVITIES IN EAST DEVON

There are various activities taking place at Seaton Wetlands including bird watching for children on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February, nest box building on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Mother's Day treats on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March. For further details please book online at [wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk) or call 01395 517557.

## 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.

**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

W/C 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents evenings this week.
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**

