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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

27th April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you find this newsletter informative. Last week at a staff meeting we confirmed a number of key dates coming up and these will filter through very shortly via the usual school communications. It is going to be a VERY busy term ahead! Not only is there a lot going on as we take full advantage of finer weather for events but the staff will be writing final year reports and undertaking assessments. I would like to welcome all our new families whose children will be starting here in September. We look forward to meeting you all soon.

KEY STAGE 2 SATS WEEK – 14th May

Key Stage 2 SATS tests for Year 6 pupils take place on the week beginning 14th May. We need EVERY pupil there for that week. NO leave will be granted at all as these assessments are not only reported back to families but provide essential information for both secondary schools and the government.

SNACKS

Just a quick reminder morning snacks consist of FRUIT ONLY. The BBC started a very interesting series with the local presenter, food writer, farmer and owner of River Cottage Hugh Fernley Wittingstall. Hugh talks about the rise of obesity in the UK, changes to the high streets and consumerism. He looks then at opportunities to turn this around. Well worth a watch. Catch up on iPlayer <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09m8l63>

ASSEMBLIES

Here are the themes for this term. Should be interesting! The first few weeks are dedicated to our LEARNING BEHAVIOURS which are considered, valued and celebrated in each class on a daily basis and give a firm affirmation of the qualities we need for both learning and life as well. ‘Open The Book’ our local church group members continue to take assemblies every other week here and help bring Bible stories to life and relate them to modern day living.

Learning behaviours – Keeping going

Learning behaviours – Working together

Learning behaviours – The Bigger Picture



Learning behaviours – Making links

Ramadan – Islam

Learning behaviours – Curiosity

Positive thinking

Positive relationships

World refugee day

Decision making

Living with a disability

Who do we respect?

Looking back...looking forward

Change

PTFA FUNDING

So far this year the PTFA have donated £3000 toward new outdoor resources for both the Reception and Year 1 Classes with a bit more to come. Six very large picnic benches are on order and will be with us at half term. I am in the process of revamping the large play apparatus and I am hoping they will fund a couple of new pieces for that..... grovel, grovel!

The Summer Fete is booked in for Saturday 7th July!

SPORTS DAYS

We now have Sports Day booked in for Friday 29th June! Further details to follow.

HEADLICE

The ongoing problem for EVERY school in the country occurred in one class last week. Our procedure is consistent with every other school in the country I'm afraid and that is if we see live lice then the pupil will be sent home for treatment. Help on this can be found at –

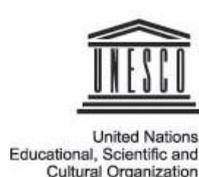
<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/head-lice-and-nits>

Head lice are difficult to eradicate! One treatment and a comb through is never enough I'm afraid and please be vigilant with all family members.

SICKNESS, DIARRHOEA BUG and SWIMMING

If your child has had a bout of the Sickness and Diarrhoea bug then I am sure you all know that they cannot return to school for 48 hours after the symptoms have ceased. Unfortunately in relation to swimming they should not participate for 2 weeks. This may sound extreme but the NHS guidelines set this out –

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/diarrhoea-vomiting-children/>



PAYING FOR MEALS

I am concerned at the number of people who are in arrears on their child's school lunch account despite reminders being sent regularly and the facility for parents to check balances on Parentmail. Please remember that meals should be paid for in advance and we do not operate a credit system.

SWIMMING

We are pleased to announce that the pool is now ready and we have started swimming. Swimming forms part of the National Curriculum and is an important part of our PE programme. Living in a seaside and riverside town we believe swimming is also an important life skill for all of our children. As usual we have asked Mrs Zoe King and her team of highly qualified swimming teachers (Swim South West) to come and deliver our swimming lessons. The cost of the lessons has been subsidised by the school but we are asking parents to support this by making a voluntary contribution of £15 per child. If you have already paid your contribution for the 2017/2018 academic year then please ignore this request. Otherwise please log in to your Parentmail account to pay or come to the office with a card.

Please remember to send your child to school with their kit clearly named. Children may wear their own goggles and will require flip flops or jelly shoes to wear poolside. All children must wear a swimming hat and we have a limited supply available from the school office (£2 each – cash only).

HAND IN HAND PARENTING COURSE

A free Hand in Hand Parenting Course, in partnership with Devon Family Resource is taking place from 1st May for 6 consecutive weeks. This is suitable for parents of children from birth to 13 years of age. The venue will be in central Exeter. For more information please see the poster on the office window or contact sanchia.hyltonsmith@eci.org.uk

HOST FAMILIES WANTED

Host families are required to look after students visiting from Germany arriving for 2 weeks from the 8th of July. Hosts are asked to provide breakfast, packed lunch and dinner. Payment of £300 per student paid.

Please contact Sharon on 01297 625875 or email shardav5@aol.com

BEER BLAZER

The Beer Blazer first started in 2012 and is still going strong! There are three different levels of ability; 10K, 5K (Minimum age 12 years) or a children's one mile (11 years and under) multi-terrain fun run with all proceeds being donated to Beer Primary C of E School. The courses are mainly over private land covering fields, tracks, challenging pebble beach, 'The Stairway to Heaven' undercliffs, cliff tops and open common with breath-taking views of the Jurassic Coast. This fundraising event is held under the Association of Running Clubs (ARC) rules and is part of the East Devon Community Race Series. P.T.F.A. barbeque, cakes and refreshments will be available. Ben the Juggler and a bouncy castle (weather permitting) for entertainment. Updated details on Facebook event are at Beer Blazer 2018. We look forward to seeing you!

Morning registration open from 9am on Sunday 20th May 2018

Race starts at 10.30am on Sunday 20th May 2018

Start Point: Pecorama's Top Car Park, Underleys, Beer, Devon EX12 3NA

Venue: A traffic-free course run over A.V.R. 'Grizzly' territory.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/beerblazer>

Online race entry: <https://www.fullonsport.com/event/beerblazer/profile>



School website: <http://beer-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk>

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.

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.

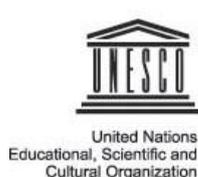
SICKNESS & DIARRHOEA

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 7th May	Bank Holiday – school shut
Week Commencing 14th May	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 18th May 2018	School Photographer in school to take class group photos Year 6 & Year 2 cinema trip
Friday 25th May	School closed
Mon 28th May to Fri 1st June	Half term
Monday 4th June	School closed (training day)
Tuesday 5th June	Children return to school



Wednesday 13th June Axe Valley Academy parent and pupil information evening for new intake Yr 6

Thursday 14th June Axe Valley Academy New Intake Day for Year 6 pupils

Wednesday 20th June Woodroffe Induction Day for Year 6 pupils

Tuesday 26th June Colyton Grammar Induction Day for Year 6 pupils

Friday 29th June Sports Day

Monday 2nd July to 4th July Sidmouth College New Intake Days for Year 6 pupils

Saturday 7th July Summer Fete 11am to 3pm

Friday 27th July Break up for summer holidays

Best wishes,

Nic George

