



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

4th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the end of another busy week here at school. Enjoy the long weekend ahead and I hope you manage to get out and about to enjoy the fine weather forecast.

STAFFING

Last week we appointed a new Year 3 / 4 Leader. Mrs Annaleah Eriksson will be joining us in September to lead Year 3 & 4. Annaleah currently works in a primary school in Kingston, London and she will bring a wealth of experience to our school. I was fortunate to watch one of her lessons in her present school and talk at length to her about her ideas and experience. She greatly impressed us and will be visiting us before the end of the academic year in order to meet her new class and the staff.

At the end of this academic year Dr Trew will be moving on to a new post. She already works part of the week for the Primary Science Teaching Trust and she has been offered a full time job with them as she continues her role as 'Area Mentor for Dorset (West), Somerset, Devon & Cornwall'. Good luck to Dr Trew and a big thank you from everyone here for all her contributions and helping to bring science to life within her exciting lessons.

ASSEMBLIES

Reverend Becky from the Methodist Church has kindly offered to lead some of the themes for assembly this term. I'm really looking forward to her input and I'm sure she will bring a unique perspective and some creative ideas for the children to reflect on.

LATE ARRIVALS

As part of our commitment to improving the attainment of our pupils, we monitor pupil attendance on a regular basis. This includes 'late' marks in the register. Both good punctuality and attendance is vital if children are to reach their full potential. The school opens at 8:40am with the bell going just before 8:53am approximately. The register is taken at 8:55am so lessons can begin at 9am promptly.

KEY STAGE 2 SATS WEEK – 14th May 2018

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.



SEATON CYCLE FESTIVAL – SUNDAY 1st JULY

A great event and message from the Town Council.....

'Cyclefest is organised in conjunction with British Cycling and 1st Chard Wheelers to offer a full day of exciting bike races for all age groups along the seafront. There will also be entertainment, a market and the town will be buzzing with people, our local community, neighbouring communities, visitors and competitors. This year we are continuing our popular school relay race for primary school children at 2pm in the afternoon of Sunday July 1st. There will be fun prizes, the chance to be in the local paper and much more.' We should be getting some more information through but sounds like great fun!

SEATON LIONS CLUB

Many thanks to Seaton Lions Club who donated £250 to update our Year 1 resources!

DANGEROUS PARKING

An ambulance was unable to access St Gregory's Court one morning this week due to parked cars on either side of the road in Mead Way. When dropping off outside school please consider whether an emergency vehicle would be able to get through and think about parking a little further away from school and walking in.

SEATON PRIMARY SPORT

We have had an especially busy week of sport, with 5 sporting events in 5 days! Huge congratulations to the Rounders team who competed at Axe Valley Academy for the second week and made huge improvements, winning 2 of their games. I also heard good reports from Miss Fleming about the 8 Year 3/4 children who took part in their first week of the Colyton Grammar Mini-tennis league. Congratulations go to the 5/6 Quad Kids teams who came in 1st (qualifying for the East Devon finals) and 3rd place. They showed superb team spirit and determination, continuing the excellent results the school has had in athletics in recent years. On Thursday afternoon, 6 children from years 5/6 took part in the Super Sixes tournament at Honiton Golf Club. They took part in mixed pairs four-ball-better-ball, with each pair supporting their partner and showing good etiquette. The top 3 teams were separated by 1 shot after the scores were combined. Seaton came out victorious with a total of 65 shots and qualify for the Summer School Games in Plymouth this June. This afternoon, 32 children from Years 3/4 went to Colyton Primary to take part in a multi-skills Federation event, focussing on teamwork and developing the core sporting disciplines.

Thank you to all the children who represented the school this week and to the staff and parents for enabling us to offer such an enriching and enjoyable sporting curriculum.

Mr Delfosse

SMARTIES CHALLENGE RAISES £281!

Before the Easter Holiday's the children were given a tube of Smarties and asked to complete tasks over the break in exchange for 20p's. The PTA would like to thank the children for all of their hard work and also the parent's for getting involved in this activity. Together, we raised an excellent £281! The money raised will be put towards our continuing plans to improve the outdoor learning environment at the school. The PTA would also like to extend a special thank you to WH Smith Local for supplying the Smarties at a 10% discount.

SPORT RELIEF

Thank you for your donations last term. We raised £168.50 so well done everyone.

AUTISM AWARENESS CAKE SALE

At a recent cake sale we raised £75.10. Thank you

RSPCA CAKE SALE

Well done to the girls in Year 5 who managed to raise £74.30 with a cake sale on Tuesday after school. The money will be sent to the RSPCA.



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).

STAFF VACANCIES

The Axe Beacon Federation is currently recruiting for the following roles -

Federation Lead Caretaker based primarily at Seaton Primary School

Federation Caretaker based at Colyton and Shute Primary Schools

Cleaner based at Colyton and Shute Primary Schools

Please see the Federation website for further details : www.axebeaconfederation.co.uk

THELMA HULBERT GALLERY HONITON

THG invites you to a fun-packed Garden Party on Saturday 19 May (the day of the Royal Wedding!)

Enjoy live music from Dr Stomp, family art activities, wood-fired pizzas, face painting, stilt walkers and a bar. Artists will help you make your own seed bombs and mini automata to take home.

5 to 9pm (art activities until 8pm)

Thelma Hulbert Gallery (THG), Dowell Street, Honiton EX14 1LX

www.thelmahulbert.com

ABSENCES

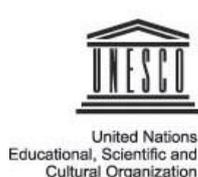
Parents and carers are reminded to contact the school by 9.30am if their child is going to be absent from school due to illness. PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL EVERY DAY THAT YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT. Please use the Parentmail app, leave a message on the answerphone (01297 20922) or email admin@seatonprimary.org.uk. 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.

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 info 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 29 th 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 2.30PM
Friday 27th July	Break up for summer holidays

Best wishes,

Nic George

