



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”

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How long is this hot weather going to continue? I suppose we should enjoy it though my hay fever has not been good of late! There are a number of items in this newsletter for you and I have to say this last week has been so busy.... I have been walking around with my diary as I need constant reminders with so much going on. Seaton Primary School is such a busy place and I am really impressed with the number of fantastic first hand learning experiences that are going on. Many thanks to the staff for going the extra mile to organise these.

PTFA SUMMER FETE

What a glorious day we had in the school grounds. The weather was perfect and the event was well attended. If you need to go on a crash diet then get yourself an inflatable dinosaur costume..... Believe me they work!!!! I haven't seen the final figure for fundraising but the money was certainly rolling in! The Summer Fete is a culmination of weeks of planning by the PTFA and the amount of work that goes on in the background is astounding. The PTFA is an evolving group of individuals but they are always on the lookout for new members to join or volunteers to help out with events. These events wouldn't happen without everyone mucking in. Please look out for the meetings in September, especially the AGM. On behalf of myself, the staff and pupils I would like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA for the school fete and all the work they have put in this year. All our pupils benefit from their considerable fundraising. Well done.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Tonight you will receive your child's end of year report, an attendance certificate and a parent comment sheet. The lower half of this letter needs to be returned to the class teacher please. On occasions, the teachers feel it is best to mix up the two parallel classes. This isn't always the case year on year and it depends on the composition, chemistry and dynamics of the cohorts of pupils. Teachers have a really good think if there is reason to mix up classes and I feel it is right to do so on occasions. As we closely operate in parallel classes with shared playtimes, joint lessons, trips / activities and work spaces children from each class have ample opportunity to keep up with a broad range of friends.

PARENT VIEW SURVEY

Parent view results look encouraging and the response has been terrific with over 190+ responses! I will share these results with you very soon.

SEPTEMBER PARENTS MEETING

During the first full week back we will be holding a parents meeting for Year 1 – 6. These will be spread across the week. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher, find out about the curriculum and how you can support their learning at home.

OPEN EVENING

On Monday 16th July we will be holding an Open Evening here at school. It starts at 3:30pm and finishes at 6pm. This is a great opportunity for you to come in, see what your child has been up to of late and catch up with the teacher. This is an informal evening so no appointments are necessary.



LAST DAY OF TERM SCHOOL CLOSES 1PM

Please note that on the last day of term (Friday 27th July) we will be closing at 1pm. Children will have an early lunch and be registered before leaving at 1pm.

SPORTS

We have had another very busy couple of weeks for sport competitions, festivals and training. Last week, 20 Year 5 children went to Colyton Grammar to be trained as Play Leaders in preparation for September. They learnt how to deliver a range of playtime activities within confined spaces and managing groups of children. Mrs Harris reported that they were hugely engaged and conscientious and she is excited to hear how they get on next term. In addition, children from Years 3 & 4 went to the Kings School for the Quad Kids athletics finals. Despite clashing with the Year 4 Escot trip and clearly being tired from the swamp walk, every child pushed themselves to set personal bests and showed pride in representing our school at the highest East Devon level.

This week, Year 6 attended the multi-skills festival at AVA, taking part in a range of sport sessions to earn points for their assigned country. The children reported that it was a great day out and enjoyed getting to mingle with other schools.

Yesterday the PE Academy went to the Exeter Chiefs ground and had 2 training sessions with their outreach coach. They also had the opportunity to tour the stadium and learn about what it is like to train and compete as a professional athlete. Furthermore, they even had the privileged of watching the Chiefs' train for 15 minutes! I want to congratulate the PE Academy children on being selected for the programme this year. They have been singled out by teachers as demonstrating excellent sporting ability and tactical awareness.

This afternoon, Seaton hosted the Federation Sports Day for years 5/6 who competed in a range of athletic disciplines. Congratulations to the 16 children for being selected and whatever the outcome they showed excellent team spirit and self belief. Results for this event will follow shortly on a school blog.

Mr Delfosse
Year 5 Teacher & PE Coordinator

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Please note that the school library will be closing on Wednesday 18th July in order to get all the books logged back in. Please ensure that all books are returned by Tuesday 17th July at the latest. Many thanks

SINGING LESSONS AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL

Mrs Elliott visits our school once a week to give individual singing lessons. If your child is in Year 3 or above please call Mrs Elliott on 01297 624019 if you are interested.

LOST ITEMS

Lots of items have been lost or misplaced since the Year 4 trip to Escot. Please check your child's belongings and make sure that the things you have belong to you. Emma has lost a black sleeping bag cover which may have been taken home by someone else by accident.

Ollie in Year 6 has lost his leaver's hoodie. Please check the labels on your child's to make sure you don't have his by mistake.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS – COFFEE MORNING!

A 'SEND Coffee and Cake Morning' is taking place on Monday 16th July from 9.00am to 10.30am and will be held in our Nurture Room. I've been in contact with some parents since returning to work; however this would be a great opportunity to get together, informally for a catch up. It would be excellent if you could come along for as long or short as you wish. I would also like to take the opportunity during the morning to show you the online system we use called Widgit Online, to create our visual resources for children, which may also be of use at home.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Many thanks,
Mrs Maeve Kay
SENDCo

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

I have had a number of requests for time off school recently. As you know I CANNOT authorise holidays unless there is EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES e.g. a parent is in the armed forces. I would ask all



parents to really stop and think before they consider asking for time off school. Unauthorised absence of 5 or more days (or 10 half days) within a six month period is highly likely to result in a fine from Devon County Council. Please be mindful everyone.

CAR BOOT, TABLE TOP, COFFEE MORNING

Seaton Brownies and Rainbows are holding a Car Boot, Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning TOMORROW at Seaton Methodist Church. Car Boot and Table top £5 for sellers. Children's activities, raffle and cakes. Contact 01297 792571 or 792277 for further details.

CHANGE OF DATE

The non-pupil day on the 23rd of November 2018 has been moved to 4th September 2018. This means we have two non-pupil days on the Monday 3rd September and Tuesday 4th September at the start of the term. The Autumn Term for pupils starts on Wednesday 5th September 2018. Updated information regarding term dates for the entire year has already been sent out and the website is being updated ASAP.

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 16 th July	Open Evening 3.30pm to 6pm SEND Coffee Morning 9am to 10.30am in the Nurture Room.
Tuesday 17 th July	Year 1 Picnic in the park Year 6 Show "Porridge" 6pm
Wednesday 18 th July	Year 6 Show "Porridge" 9.30am & 6pm
Thursday 19 th July	Year 5 & 6 Fun Day Year 3 & 4 Fun Evening
Friday 20 th July	World of Country Life Trip for Reception Classes
Friday 27 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly (parents of Year 6 pupils invited to attend) 9.15am for approximately 1 hour.
	Break up for summer holidays at 1pm

Best wishes, Nic George

