



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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Dear Parent and Carers,

We are just about at the end of the school year. I can't remember such a hot spell but if I remember rightly the Summer of 1976 was a hot one (I know, I'm showing my age there!)

There are a few important items within this newsletter. Firstly there are quite a few repairs happening at school over the holidays starting with an overhaul of the flat roof. Once this is done we can start work on the ceilings. Reception class are investing in quite a bit of new furniture and hopefully that will be in at the start of next term ready for the new classes. We now have a new caretaking team and they will be busy over the holidays sprucing up a few areas.

STAFF FAREWELLS

At the end of this term we say farewell to a number of staff. Firstly Mrs Di Winnett retires after 29 fantastic years of service to the school. We have so much to thank Di for and she has been a fantastic colleague and inspiration to our pupils over the years. Mrs Becky Jose, Mrs Helen Humphries and Dr Alison Trew are also leaving at the end of this term. My very best wishes to them and we wish them luck in their future careers or retirement.

PARENT SURVEY

Recently we undertook an OFSTED style parent view survey. It followed the exact format that OFSTED use and the results are below. The number of returned survey forms was fantastic with 205 responses in total.

My child is happy at school

Strongly agree / agree – 93%

Disagree / strongly disagree – 5%

Don't know – 2%

My child feels safe at school

Strongly agree / agree – 96%

Disagree / strongly disagree – 1%

Don't know – 3%

My child makes good progress at school

Strongly agree / agree – 91%



Disagree / strongly disagree – 4%

Don't know – 5%

My child is well looked after at school

Strongly agree / agree – 95%

Disagree / strongly disagree – 1%

Don't know – 4%

My child is taught well at school

Strongly agree / agree – 93%

Disagree / strongly disagree – 3%

Don't know – 4%

My child receives appropriate homework for their age

Strongly agree / agree – 78%

Disagree / strongly disagree – 15%

Don't know – 7%

Seaton Primary makes sure its pupils are well behaved

Strongly agree / agree – 87%

Disagree / strongly disagree – 6%

Don't know – 7%

Seaton Primary deals effectively with bullying

Strongly agree / agree – 56%

Disagree / strongly disagree – 14%

Don't know – 30%

Seaton Primary is well led and managed

Strongly agree / agree – 88%

Disagree / strongly disagree – 3%

Don't know – 9%

Seaton Primary responds well to any concerns I raise



Strongly agree / agree – 84%

Disagree / strongly disagree – 6%

Don't know – 10%

I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress

Strongly agree / agree – 85%

Disagree / strongly disagree – 10%

Don't know – 5%

Would you recommend Seaton Primary to another parent?

Strongly agree / agree – 93%

Disagree / strongly disagree – 1%

Don't know – 6%

The results are really positive overall. We are not remaining complacent though. The Governors of the Axe Beacon Federation have recently reviewed the Bullying Policy and I want to see how this fits alongside our Behaviour Policy in September in order to ensure we have continuity and best practice between both. Homework is always a slightly contentious issue with some parents wanting more and others a lot less. This policy is currently under review but when you attend the Year groups meetings in September the teachers will be setting the expectations for homework for the year ahead. This meeting will also be a great opportunity to receive a wide range of information and a chance to get to know the class teacher early on in the year. A large number of parents' report response forms have now come back in. The teachers and I read every one of them, so thank you for completing them.

SAFETY ONLINE

Next week we will be having a focused lesson for all Year 5 and 6 pupils on E Safety in relation to using apps and websites that offer facilities to chat, send messages and live stream. This will be a pretty hard hitting lesson using some of the materials from CEOPS (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Agency). This will add to a number of regular events / presentations that both parents and pupils have received during this and previous years.

I feel we are constantly hammering home the message about online safety but PARENTS YOU ALL NEED TO BE EXTRA VIGILANT AT HOME. DO YOU REALLY KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE? Please take time to talk with your child and take a strong interest in how they are using their devices and for what purposes.

FEDERATION SPORTS DAY

Here are the results of the recent Axe Beacon Federation Sports Days -

Year 5

1st Seaton 32 points

2nd Kilmington 21 points

3rd Colyton 16 points

4th Shute 11 points



Year 6

1st Seaton 29 points

2nd Kilmington 26 points

3rd Shute 17 points

Combined total: Seaton 61 points, Kilmington 47 points, Shute 28 points, Colyton (Yr 5 only) 16 points.

Very well done to everyone who participated and of course a big shout out to the Seaton Team who came out on top as both Year 5 / 6 and overall winners!

YEAR 2 PARENTS – SCHOOL MEALS

From September, children in the current Year 2 will move to Year 3 and will no longer be entitled to a Universal Free School Meal (UFSM). If you would like your child to continue to have a school meal you will need to ensure that your child's lunch account on Parentmail is credited with funds **in advance** of them having a meal. Meals cost £2.40 per day and we ask that you pay online or at the school office with a debit card. We **do not accept cash or cheques**. Please consider crediting the account with a lump sum at the beginning of term to cover several meals and please make sure your account is kept topped up.

If you believe you may be entitled to Free School Meals because you receive certain benefits, please log onto the Devon County Council Citizen Portal and follow the instructions.

YEAR 6 & LEAVERS - SCHOOL MEALS

Parents of pupils in Year 6 and others who are leaving next week are kindly reminded to ensure that you have paid for any meals that your child has had. If there is any credit left on your child's account once they have left the school we will transfer any remaining funds onto that of any siblings in the school. If you have paid by card we will refund any balances to the card that you paid with.

LAST DAY OF TERM SCHOOL CLOSING 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.

PARENTMAIL

99% of the families at Seaton Primary are using Parentmail however only 64% are using the mobile app. The android app has recently been updated and improved so please give it a go. If you have had trouble in the past paying for items through Parentmail this is probably because you have not verified your account. Verification codes have been re-sent today. Simply follow the instructions.

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.

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.

CHOCOLATE CHALLENGE

Are you up for a challenge? Do you like chocolate? Ex pupil Peter Johns is raising money to go to the world scout Jamboree next Summer and is selling a cryptic chocolate quiz for a £1. The prize is £10 to spend at Quarterdeck confectionary in Seaton. Quizzes are available from Mrs Johns in Y3 and Quarterdeck confectionary.

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.

ZUMBA CLASSES

JM DanceFit ZumbaKids Classes – Book NOW for AUTUMN TERM

KIDS HAVE FUN & IMPROVE FITNESS & CONFIDENCE LEVELS

New children are welcome to join these termly classes after the Summer break, which are open to all children whether they attend the school or not.*Every Monday*

3.30 pm - 4.15pm Seaton Little Starz* (4 - 7 year olds) - MAIN HALL

4.15pm - 5.15pm Seaton Junior Starz* (7-12 year olds) - MAIN HALL

Autumn Term Class Dates: September 10th, 17th, 24th, October 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th, November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, December 3rd, 10th, 17th Total

Autumn Term Class Fee: £ 56 (£4 per class x 14 classes) Cash payments to be provided in a named, sealed envelope no later than the child's first class.

If you would like to book your child a place, please contact Johanna directly on 07739518587 or at johanna@jmdancefit.co.uk For further details on all JM DanceFit Adult and Children's Zumba and FitSteps classes held in Seaton, Sidford, Sidmouth Beer, Newton Poppleford, and Exeter please visit www.jmdancefit.co.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 27th 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

Wednesday 5th September Children return to school.

Best wishes, Nic George

