



# 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”*

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather certainly has turned a bit wild this week. Autumn is definitely here and the leaves are falling all around us. However as a keen windsurfer these conditions are optimal!

## **BEES AND WASPS**

You may well have noticed that we have a small colony of bees in the Devon Banks near the entrance to school. These are ‘Miner Bees’ who live in burrows. They are most active in the warmer months and I have been told that they are generally a fairly docile variety. However please be aware of them and don’t let your children climb on the bank. So far I have sought advice from East Devon Council and the East Devon Bee Association. I can’t really get any proper advice in terms of managing or safely removing them so I will be in contact with Devon County Council Property Services next. With the onset of Autumn they are due to retire for another season.

## **PTA NEWS**

We had a really good turnout for the AGM on Monday night. Last year the PTA donated over £10,000 towards school projects! That is amazing and very well done, however don’t be complacent folks. They really need lots of volunteers at events and without help they simply don’t occur. So come on everyone, rally round your PTA!

## **INTERACTIVE TEACHING BOARDS**

Mr Lewis and Andy our caretaker have just about installed all the new boards. The teachers are delighted! The project has been long awaited and we are finally almost there. It also represents a huge investment on behalf of the federation.

## **OPEN DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS – RECEPTION INTAKE 2019**

We will be holding an Open Day on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November for those interested in starting Reception in 2019. Please look out for further information nearer the time and tell anyone you know who may be interested in a place at our school.

## **Year 5 & 6 PARENTS – SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS**

If you plan to visit any of the local secondary schools during their open days please inform the school office in advance. If you plan to attend an event in the morning, there is no need for your child to come in to school first thing as long as the office staff are aware of your child’s whereabouts. Many thanks.

## **HALF MARATHON**

This Sunday, Mr Delfosse, Mr Johnson, Miss Curnock and Mrs Bee will be running the Bristol Half Marathon in aid of the British Heart Foundation. This will be Mr Johnson’s first half marathon and we would like to wish them all good luck and favourable running conditions. If you would like to make a donation to the charity please pop it in to the school office.

## **CAKE SALE THANKS**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the cake sale last week. We raised just under £100 for the British Heart Foundation.



## HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CHECKS FOR RECEPTION AND YEAR 6 PUPILS

Parents of pupils in Reception and Year 6 will have received an email earlier this week regarding height and weight checks. Please read the email carefully and return the reply slip if you do NOT want your child to be checked.

## FLU VACCINATIONS

Pupils from Reception to Year 5 will be offered a flu vaccination this term. Further information has been sent in a Parentmail email on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September however the original link was incorrect. This is the correct link.

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/?h=566c78bf89599bcbe57e65af9d685a79ba69cf00cd74528d7bfda92016d4ea10>

## CHARITY FUNDRAISER

A ladies evening is taking place at Seaton Town Football Club on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October from 7pm. Tickets are £10 per head and your ticket gains entry into a £50 cash draw.

Dress code is "Think Pink" and the evening is in aid of Breast Cancer.

If you would like a ticket or for further information, please contact Sharon Rooke on 07817911525

## CHOCOLATE QUIZ

The closing date for Peter Johns' chocolate quiz is the 30<sup>th</sup> September. Please return completed entry forms to Quarterdeck Confectionary or Jane Johns.

## ABSENCES

When children are absent from school we ask that you contact the school by phone (20922), Parentmail or email ([admin@seatonprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@seatonprimary.org.uk)) by 9.30am at the latest. If the phone is engaged please leave a clear message on the answerphone remembering to tell us the nature of your child's illness or other reason for absence. If your child is going to an appointment before school and likely to come in late, when leaving your message please remember to let us know if they need a cooked lunch booked for them. **When children are missing at register time we do not automatically book a lunch.**

If no contact by a parent is made to the school by mid-morning then members of school staff have to visit the home and if no response is gained then the police are informed of a missing child.

## SINGING LESSONS

Singing lessons are available in school with Mrs Elliott on Friday afternoons. Please call 01297 624019 for further details.

## PARENTS PLUS ADOLESCENT PROGRAMME

An 8 week course takes place at Axminster Hospital. The course will promote effective communication and positive relationships in families with adolescents aged 11 to 16. The course starts on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September and finishes on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. For further information and to reserve your place please contact [Lucy.A.Knight@devon.gov.uk](mailto:Lucy.A.Knight@devon.gov.uk) or call 07580848808.

## ADULT ENGLISH AND MATHS COURSES

English and Maths courses covering the Axminster, Seaton, Honiton and Cranbrook area are starting soon. For more information please contact [Cheryl.gibbs@devon.gov.uk](mailto:Cheryl.gibbs@devon.gov.uk) or Lorraine on 07530 825413.

## 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.

## HOLIDAY REQUESTS

We cannot authorise holidays in term times unless there are exceptional circumstances. (e.g parents of forces children). Devon County Council are now tightening their rules on this issue and fines are again being issued for 5 or more days absence across the academic year. I totally understand some of the circumstances on the request forms, however, rarely can a holiday be authorised. Any time off school must be requested via the absence request form available from the office.

Unauthorised absences due to holidays is a concern for the school – please AVOID taking them!

## PUPIL PREMIUM

To qualify for Pupil Premium (the old free school meals) parents need to be in receipt of certain benefits.



Not only will your child benefit from a dinner each day (if they want it) but the school receives £1320 towards supporting your child's education. The money is primarily spent on our academic and pastoral support staff but each pupil is allocated **£80 per term** towards a variety of costs to support families e.g. subsidy of school uniform and trips. To see if you are entitled please log onto the Devon County Council Citizen Portal.

## NUTS

ALL YEAR GROUPS.... 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

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Optical checks for Reception pupils
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu vaccinations for Reception up to Year 5 pupils. Please follow the link to register.
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Half Term week
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Return to school after half-term  Parent's evenings to be held this week.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Photographer visiting school for individual pupil photos
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Height & Weight checks for Reception and Year 6 pupils. (see email)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service for KS2 at 6.30pm (Ticket allocations nearer the time)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service for KS2 at 2.30pm and 6.30pm (Ticket allocations nearer the time)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity 2pm & 6pm (Ticket allocations nearer the time)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity 9.30am & 6pm (Ticket allocations nearer the time)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Training Day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupils return to school

