



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 Parents and Carers,

It's the end of another busy week here at Seaton Primary School. I hope you find this newsletter informative and I wish you all a restful weekend.

STAFFING UPDATE

The advert for Mrs Fontes' maternity post closes on Monday and we will be looking at the applications then. Interviews are set for the week before half term. I will keep you informed of the outcome.

Miss Broom will be covering Miss Fontes' position as Key Stage 1 Maths Leader and Miss Curnock will take over her role as Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Team Leader.

This is Mrs Taylor's last day and we all wish her the very best for her maternity leave. We hope to see her very soon with pram and all! Mrs Taylor is our Key Stage 2 Maths leader and her role will be covered by Mrs Eriksson.

Interviews are taking place today for a new cleaner and meal time assistant. Jobs do crop up on occasions here at school. If you have something to offer us why not drop a CV into Mrs Markham in the office.

SWIMMING POOL NEWS

I received news yesterday from the Axe Beacon Federation Resources Team that the pool will need to be closed for the season as of yesterday. The team have recently invested in an automated / robotic cleaner which everyone finds fascinating but attaining the right chemical balances on a daily basis is proving tricky. They are investing in a new automated system and are intending to fully reopen either before Easter or immediately at the start of the Summer term. The closure of the pool will also provide an opportunity for some essential maintenance to occur. They apologise for the inconvenience in the meantime. We look forward to an intense programme of swimming next year and will ensure that the children receive all their lessons due to them.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER - FAMILY PHOTOS

The school photographer is visiting on Tuesday 13th November. After school, from 3.30pm he will be available to take family group photos. If you would like to book a family photo please contact the office to book a slot. (Please note siblings are normally photographed together but the after school slots are for families where the whole family can be photographed together). Family group photos make ideal Christmas presents!

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CHECKS FOR RECEPTION AND YEAR 6 PUPILS

Parents of pupils in Reception and Year 6 will have received an email at the beginning of term 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.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Parents of pupils in Year 6 are reminded to apply for a secondary school place by the 31st October. The easiest way is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline. Alternatively call 0345 155 1019 for a paper application.



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 19th September however the original link was incorrect. This is the correct link. <https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/?h=566c78bf89599bcbe57e65af9d685a79ba69cf00cd74528d7bfda92016d4ea10>

NON UNIFORM DAY – FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

Children are invited to wear non-uniform on Friday 23rd November. We are asking for chocolate items to be brought in that day for the chocolate tombola at the Christmas Bazaar.

CHARITY FUNDRAISER

A ladies evening is taking place at Seaton Town Football Club on Saturday 20th 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

EXETER CATHEDRAL SCHOOL – BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY

Every year Exeter Cathedral holds a special day for children from Devon school to experience a day in the life of a Cathedral Chorister. Children in years 3 to 5 are invited to attend this free event on Saturday 1st December from 10am to 6pm. For further information please contact clare.sturdy@exeter-cathedral.org.uk or pick up a leaflet from the school office.

SIDMOUTH SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Sidmouth Science Festival is taking place from now until 14th October. There are too many events to list in this newsletter but for full details please go to www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org

ABSENCES

When children are absent from school we ask that you contact the school by phone (20922), Parentmail or email (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.

SEATON LIBRARY DRAMA GROUP

Seaton Library run a free drama group for children aged 8 to 11 which starts on 3rd October from 4.15pm to 5pm. Please go along to take part in a play to be performed before Christmas.

REALLY WILD LEARNING AT SEATON LIBRARY

During half-term week on Tuesday 23rd October the library invites you along to meet a variety of creatures from 10am to midday. Entry is £3. Please see the poster displayed near the office for more details.

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

Thursday 11 th October	Flu vaccinations for Reception up to Year 5 pupils. Please follow the link to register.
Monday 22 nd October	Half Term week
Monday 29 th October	Return to school after half-term Parent's evenings to be held this week.
Tuesday 13 th November	Photographer visiting school for individual pupil photos (and family photos after school.)
Friday 23 rd November	Non-uniform day in return for chocolate items.
Friday 30 th November	Christmas Bazaar in the evening
Monday 19 th November	Height & Weight checks for Reception and Year 6 pupils. (see email)
Tuesday 11 th December	Carol Service for KS2 at 6.30pm (Ticket allocations nearer the time)
Wednesday 12 th December	Carol Service for KS2 at 2.30pm and 6.30pm (Ticket allocations nearer the time)
Monday 17 th December	KS1 Nativity 2pm & 6pm (Ticket allocations nearer the time)
Tuesday 18 th December	KS1 Nativity 9.30am & 6pm (Ticket allocations nearer the time)
Friday 21 st December	Last day of term
Monday 7 th January	Training Day
Tuesday 8 th January	Pupils return to school

Mr Nic George
HEADTEACHER

