



Seaton Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents & Carers

It has been a busy week at school with some long days for staff who have been undertaking Parents' Evenings this week. I hope you found them informative and took the opportunity to have a look at the children's books as well. The Parent Forum was well supported on the whole and many of you thanked me for the opportunity to come in and share your views and ideas. The sheets have already stated to be shared with the staff shared and I have managed to put together a summary for the next staff meeting next Wednesday. I will then be in a position to include the summary in my next letter and how we are going to follow many of these ideas suggested.

LOST PROPERTY PLEA!

We have an amazing amount of lost property that still accumulates on a weekly basis. Items that are clearly labelled almost always find their way home but many items are still not named. Once a fortnight I am sorting through the boxes and items that have no names and can't be resold are ending up in the clothes bank. Unclaimed water bottles, snack boxes and lunch boxes go to the recycling centre. We just don't have the space to keep the volume of items. Please look after your school items everyone – it feels like such a waste however a growing number of children in a far distant land are probably running around with Seaton Primary School sweatshirts on!

OPEN DAY – WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER – 9.30am to 11am and 2pm to 3pm

We will be holding an open day on Wednesday 29th November for prospective parents to come and see our school. Please come along and see what we do at Seaton Primary, meet the teachers and get to know us. Please encourage anyone you know with a child that is due to start school soon to come along.

CROSS COUNTRY EAST DEVON FINALS – BICTON COLLEGE

Last Friday, Seaton Primary were part of the East Devon Cross Country finals held at Bicton College. Out of 61 primary schools in East Devon, we were whittled down to the top 12. Despite being short of a few runners in the ¾ team due to the London trip, every child represented the school with determination and pride. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to compete at a very high level against children who are running for local clubs on a regular basis. Although every child deserves recognition, these children particularly stood out in their category;

Year 3 - Grace 6th position out of 59

Year 5 - Jenson 18th position out of 74

Year 6 - Charlotte 4th position out of 64

The 5/6 girls finished 6th overall and the 5/6 boys finished 8th.

Congratulations and thank you to all the staff for promoting the Daily Mile, which is clearly making a huge difference.

Mr Delfosse Sports Co-ordinator

YEAR 2 MULTI-SKILLS AT COLYTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

This Wednesday, Year 2 went to Colyton Grammar school to take part in a multi-skills session. The session focussed on a number of the core skills that KS1 develop in order to promote active lifestyles and improve coordination. The children were a credit to our school and were engaged and enthusiastic throughout. Thank you to all the Year 2 staff and to Anne Harris from Colyton, for organising and running this enjoyable afternoon.

Mr Delfosse Sports Co-ordinator

CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

Children in Need takes place on Friday 17th November. Children and staff are invited to wear their pyjamas for a suggested donation of 50p.

PLEASE VOTE FOR US AT THE CO-OP.

Please encourage everyone you know to vote for Seaton Primary PTFA to receive funds from the Co-op. The bigger the share of votes we have the more money we will get. If you're already a member of the Co-op you should receive an email asking you to select a charity. If you're not already a member you can join by paying £1 and following this link or pay in store https://membership.coop.co.uk/register?_ga=2.206127507.1809204942.1510257672-1733514159.1509732649

CLUBS ENDING

Please note that all clubs led by Seaton Primary staff (not Zumba), will be finishing on **Friday 17th November**. This is because of other events taking place in the lead up to Christmas including the Nativity, Carol Service and Christmas Bazaar.

WANTED

Year 2 would be very grateful of any donations of plimsolls or trainers if you have any old ones. Thank you.

STAFF VACANCY

We are seeking a new permanent part-time Lead Cleaner for our school at Shute with a view to forming a combined cleaning team in the near future with our Colyton School. Please see our vacancies on www.axebeaconfederation.co.uk or contact Adrian Hilliard on 01297 20922 for more details."

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

All children are invited to join in the celebrations and have a Christmas lunch on Thursday 14th December. A bright red letter is being sent home this week with a reply slip for EVERYONE to complete. If your child doesn't want a Christmas lunch please return it and tick the box to confirm that you'll send in a packed lunch on that day. All slips need to be returned by Friday 1st December to enable the kitchen staff to make preparations. Thank you.

LAST DAY OF TERM – FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

The school will close at **1pm** on Friday 15th December. Children will have a slightly early lunch, registers will be taken after and then they will leave at **1pm**.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 5.30PM TO 7.30PM

Please put the date in your diaries for our much anticipated annual Christmas Bazaar which will take place in school. This is a family-fun event organised by the PTFA to get you into the festive spirit with a mix of stalls, games, raffle prizes, Santa's Grotto, mulled wine and hot food. All money raised on the evening will go towards the PTFA fundraising target.

FOUNDATION STAGE AND KEY STAGE 1 NATIVITY

The nativity takes place on Monday 11th December (2pm and 6pm) and Tuesday 12th December (9.30am and 6pm). We know how popular the performances are and with limited seating in our school hall we do our best every year to give people the tickets that they request. We have to limit tickets to **3 per child** to enable everyone the opportunity to see the show and although this seems unfair when more members of the family often want to come, it is the only way that we can ensure all families have an equal chance given the size of our hall. Tickets are free and are allocated on a first come first served basis. In the past, parents had to queue up at the office to obtain tickets but this system was unfair for working parents or those who were unable to come to school to queue. Last year we used email which worked a lot better and meant that working parents didn't need to take time off work or arrange for someone else to queue on their behalf. Full instructions on how to get tickets will be sent out on Thursday 23rd November by Parentmail (at the end of the day) AND in the form of a letter. Please look out for the Parentmail message or paper copy on Thursday 23rd. Please be assured that all children will be allocated 3 tickets for at least one performance, we will do our best to give you your chosen dates and nobody will be refused tickets for their child.

RUPERTS BINGO NIGHT

Rupert's Under 5's are holding a bingo night on Friday 17th November in our school hall. Doors open at 7pm and eyes down at 7.30pm. £4 entry includes the first game of bingo, snacks, a raffle ticket and one drink. Bingo and raffle tickets are available from Ruperts Under 5's or on the night. Extra games are £1 and raffle tickets 20p each.

SEATON FOOD BANK REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Seaton Food Bank are asking people to join in the reverse advent calendar campaign again this year. Each day you add an item to your box (tins, toiletries and non-perishable items) for distribution AFTER Christmas. For further information please contact Stephen Page on 01297 24796. Your donations can be dropped off at No1 Harepath Road on Wednesday December 20th between 2pm and 4pm where you will be welcomed with a hot drink, mince pie and a chat.

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

We cannot authorise holidays in term times unless these 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. 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.

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.

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 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

To qualify for free school meals parents need to be receipt of one of the following –

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

If you qualify then please, please see the office. They will help you with the application process. Not only will your child will benefit from a dinner each day but the school receives **£1320** towards supporting your child's education!

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

Tuesday 14 th November	School Photographer in school to take individual photos.
Friday 17 th November	Clubs led by Seaton Primary staff end. (Not Zumba)
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Day. Wear your pyjamas for a suggested donation of 50p
Thursday 23 rd November	Foundation and KS1 Nativity letter and Parentmail message to be sent regarding tickets.
Friday 24 th November	PTFA Christmas Bazaar. 5.30pm to 7.30pm.
Wednesday 29 th November	Open day for prospective parents. – 9.30am to 11am and 2pm to 3pm.
Tuesday 5 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at the Methodist Church 6pm (ticket arrangements will be announced nearer the time).
Wednesday 6 th December	KS2 Carol Concerts at the Methodist Church 2pm and 6pm (ticket arrangements will be announced nearer the time)
Monday 11 th December	2pm & 6pm Foundation and KS1 Nativity Play
Tuesday 12 th December	9.30am & 6pm Foundation and KS1 Nativity Play
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas lunch. (PLEASE RETURN YOUR SLIP)
Friday 15 th December	Break up for Christmas holidays – FINISH AT 1PM

Wednesday 3rd January

Children return to school.

Friday 18th May 2018

School Photographer in school to take class group photos

Best wishes,
Nic George
Head