



Seaton Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents & Carers

CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Please note, all after school clubs are cancelled next week (apart from Zumba) due to parents evenings.

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. Dear Parents & Carers,

It was great to see off Year 4 this morning as they ventured off to the British Museum in London for a fantastic day out to inspire their project on the Ancient Greeks. I'm sure they will all be tired when they return home later this evening but thank you Year 4 parents for supporting this visit and Mr Lewis and staff for organising it.

We have had a busy week at school and I am currently spending time in every class observing the teachers and teaching assistants at work. This is also a great opportunity for me to get to know the children better and have a good look at the work they are undertaking. This work will be invaluable for preparing future school improvements and understanding where we are as a school to move forward from.

PARENT FORUM

On Tuesday 7th November and Wednesday 8th November during the forthcoming parent evenings at school I will be holding a Parent Forum in the main hall. Please call in and contribute! I am really interested in finding out about your views and ideas regarding the school and your child's education. When you enter the hall you will see some tables set up with large pieces of paper on them. Each one will have a title –

Teaching and Learning

Communication

Opportunities

The Curriculum

Health and Safety

Post it notes with your ideas written on them can be added to each sheet with green ones indicating things you like and work well, with orange ones for your ideas for each area.

Tea and coffee will be provided. I will be running a similar forum for pupils in the near future too.

STAFFING NEWS

Sarah McCabe one of our TAs has a new job starting very soon. She is being replaced by Jess Hotchkiss who is upping her hours in school in order to cover a majority of her roles. We all wish Sarah the very best for the future.

POPPIES

Poppies and other poppy appeal items will be for sale in school **next week**. We have a variety of items including wristbands (50p) reflectors (50p), friendship bracelets (£1) and snap bands (£1). There is limited stock and items will be sold on a first come first served basis.

NON-UNIFORM DAY – FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

Children are invited to wear non-uniform on Friday 10th November in return for a chocolate item which will be used on the PTA chocolate tombola at the Christmas Bazaar. Please bring your chocolate items to school on Friday 10th. Thank you.

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.

LOST LUNCH BOX

Fritha in Year 4 has lost a blue Sistema Lunch box. It is clearly labelled with her name but may have been mistaken for another one that looks the same that has been left on the trolley. Please return it to school if you find it at home. Thank you.

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.

SEATON GUIDES

1st Seaton Guides are having an open evening on Tuesday 7th November. Guides is part of Girl Guiding and is for girls aged 10-14 years old; where we encourage activities to develop independence, confidence and a sense of fun. For more information email seatonguides@hotmail.co.uk or ring Jane on 01297 23409

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.

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.

EXETER CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS

Exeter Cathedral is hosting a free Chorister open day on Saturday 2nd December. This is open to boys and girls between the ages of 7 & 9 who enjoy singing. No previous experience is required – all are welcome to attend this free day of discovery and information. For more information about the event and how to book please contact Clare Sturdy by email. Clare.sturdy@exeter-cathedral.org.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 6 th November	Parents Evenings on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.
Friday 10 th November	Non uniform day in return for chocolate items (see above).
Tuesday 14 th November	School Photographer in school to take individual photos.
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Day. Wear your pyjamas for a suggested donation of 50p
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 (ticket arrangements will be announced nearer the time).
Wednesday 6 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at the Methodist Church (ticket arrangements will be announced nearer the time)
Monday 11 th December	2pm & 6pm Foundation and KS1 Nativity Play (ticket arrangements will be announced nearer the time)
Tuesday 12 th December	9.30am & 6pm Foundation and KS1 Nativity Play (ticket arrangements will be announced nearer the time)
Friday 15 th December	Break up for Christmas holidays.
Wednesday 3 rd January	Children return to school.
Friday 18 th May 2018	School Photographer in school to take class group photos

Best wishes,
Nic George
Head