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NEWSLETTER

6th October 2017

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you find this newsletter useful. There are a few updates in it and some reminders too.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This was a great success this year and many thanks to Rev Trew and St Gregory's Church for hosting this event. I was very impressed with the new Reception children and how they coped with such a big event. They spoke and sang with great enthusiasm and confidence. Here a few highlights of the service.

Year 4 shared their research about the Harvest in Ancient Greece about the Greek goddess of harvest, Demeter, Reception children sang a harvest song to the tune of 'Mambo Number 5' and Year 3 shared their amazing bread wheat sheaves. We finished the service with Rev Trew telling us about the importance of harvest and how we are blessed with food, then the children sang 'Harvest Rock and Roll Roll' with great gusto!

Many thanks for all the donations of food. They will go towards some great local causes.

REAR SCHOOL GATE

At the end of the school day, the rear gate by the field / Rupert's Preschool will be locked at around 3:35pm. This will help make the playground and school more secure at the end of the day. Parents picking up from clubs or coming into school after that, time need to come in via the front gate please. If an older child is attending a sports club on the field/ playground after school and they walk home independently then I'm sure the teacher in charge will open it for them to leave. The gate will continue to be locked at 9am each morning.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CHECKS FOR RECEPTION AND YEAR 6

Children in Year 6 and Reception have been sent home with a letter regarding height and weight checks. If you did not receive it please contact the office.

YEAR 6 SENIOR SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Parents and carers of pupils in Year 6 are reminded to apply for senior school places by the 31st October deadline. A separate Parentmail PMX message was sent regarding this on Wednesday.

FREE SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Thank you to everyone who collected Sainsbury's Active vouchers earlier this year. We were able to collect enough vouchers for lots of new PE equipment including bean bags, cones, footballs and a cricket set.

CHESS CLUB

Don't forget that Chess club takes place on Tuesday lunchtimes in the small room between Years 5 & 6. Everyone is welcome to attend from years 3,4,5 & 6 no matter what your chess ability. Mr Ross will be there from 12.30pm onwards.

PTA EVENTS

Parent Coffee & Pastry Morning - Monday 16th October 9am

All parents and carers are welcome for coffee, pastries and chat in the school hall on Monday 16th October from 9am - 10am. This is an informal social event organised by members of the PTFA.

Christmas Bazaar - Friday 24th November 5:30pm - 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

One of the questions which we frequently get asked at Seaton Library and the Owl and Pyramid Bookshop is, "How do I get my child interested in reading?"

One of the things that can really enthuse a child to read is to meet an author and hear them talking about books, so this weekend, we're offering a range of activities where they can do just that – why not come along and join us at one of them?

Saturday 7 October

Poetry Walk with Sarah Acton: currently Jurassic Coast poet in residence, Sarah will lead a walk finishing at Pebbles Café, pausing to enjoy poetry on the way. Suitable for adults. Mostly flat walking. Price £3.50

10.30am Jurassic Tales with Tony Lambert. Suitable for ages 5 to 11 (and parents). Inspired by our fantastic Jurassic landscape, Tony will be talking about and reading from his short stories for children. Price £2

2pm Amazing Brains and Time Travel with Barbara Spencer. Barbara will be talking about her novels for teenagers. Suitable for ages 11+. Price £2

3pm Storytime and Craft session for under 5s at the Owl & Pyramid Bookshop with Jenny Eagles. Jenny will introduce younger readers to Pip and Posy and other animal stories. Price £3 (includes a goody bag)

More information and tickets for all these events are available from Seaton Library and The Owl and Pyramid Bookshop.

LADIES NIGHT

Raising money in aid of Mental Health U.K. - £10 a ticket

Venue: Seaton Town Football Club

Date: Fri 10th Nov

Dress Code: Something blue (fancy dress is preferred)

Disco/cocktails - 7 for 7.30pm til late

Your ticket number will be entered into a prize draw.

Please let me know if you would like a ticket or for any enquiries or donations please message. Sharon Rooke on 07817911525

Tickets are limited and selling fast.

SEATON BROWNIES AND RAINBOWS COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 7th October at Seaton Methodist Hall. 9.30am to 12pm. 20p entry. Raffle £1 a strip. All proceeds will be split between Brownie, Rainbows and Macmillan Cancer. Table top sale £5 per table (to book a table call 01297 792571)

ACTIVATE EXETER – SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER

As you already know, a group of 17 runners (9 staff members, 4 relatives of staff and 4 parents) will be representing Seaton Primary School in the Great West Run Half Marathon on Sunday 15th October.

During the half marathon weekend a brand new event will be taking place on **Saturday 14th at Exeter Arena** from 12 noon until 5pm. There will be a variety of sporting attractions and activities for everyone to have a go at with the highlight of the day being the 2.5km and 5km challenges that take place from 3pm. These runs are open to all adults and children – no matter what your current ability is. Go along and get moving...run, jog or walk. The route takes you around the Exeter Arena, surrounding streets and back for a stadium finish. If you'd like to get involved and run alongside double Olympian James Cracknell, go to the Great West Run website and register. Use the code ACT2017 to receive a 10% discount. Online entries close on Monday 9th October but entries will be accepted on the day – just arrive in plenty of time to register. It would be great to see a large group of children from Seaton Primary taking part and we have a limited number of Seaton Primary t-shirts that you might like to wear to represent the school. If you register to take part and would like to borrow one please contact the office.

The team taking part in the Half Marathon the following day need all the support they can get around the 13.1 mile course and would love to see lots of supporters from Seaton Primary to cheer them on. The full route can be found on the GWR website so why not come along on Sunday morning, hold up a placard, bang a drum, hand out jelly babies and give us a shout.

FAMILY PHOTOS

The school photographer is visiting on Tuesday 14th November to take individual pupil photographs. From 3.15pm onwards he will be available for family group photos. These make ideal Christmas presents! If you would like to book a slot please contact the school office.

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 10 th October	Meeting in Mr Hunt's class about Year 4 London Trip. 3.30pm
Monday 16 th October	PTFA Social Coffee Morning 9 to 10am.
Friday 20 th October	Break up for half term Flu vaccinations in school for R,1,2,3 & 4
Monday 30 th October	Children return to school.

Monday 4 th November	Last week for clubs led by teachers and Seaton Primary staff.
Tuesday 14 th November	School Photographer in school to take individual photos. Family group photos slots are available from 3.15pm onwards. Please contact the office to book a slot.
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Day. Further details to follow.
Friday 24 th November	PTFA Christmas Bazaar. 5.30pm to 7.30pm.
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