



Seaton Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

During the Parents' Evening of 7th and 8th November a Parent Forum was held in the school hall. This gave parents the opportunity to express their positive views and ideas for improvement in a range of areas in relation to the school. Please see the attachment to this newsletter for a full breakdown of the comments.

PLAYTIME EQUIPMENT

I have just put in an order for a substantial amount of playground games and equipment. The Year 6 Play Leaders, Meal Time Assistants and I will be working out how best to organise it all when it comes in. It should last a long while and will be thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. I have managed to use a proportion of our National Sports Grant to support this which is an invaluable pot of money that each school receives - long may it continue!

LITTER

This week has seen a build-up of litter within the school grounds. We encourage all children to put all rubbish in the bin but looking at the kind of litter I'm seeing, it might well come from snacks children receive when school finishes. At the end of lunch time there is very little litter around but it appears to have returned later on after school has finished. Please use the bin everyone, including much younger siblings.

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.

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 or Art with Mrs Hilder), will be finishing on **TODAY**. This is because of other events taking place in the lead up to Christmas including the Nativity, Carol Service and Christmas Bazaar.

THE GREAT SEATON BOOK SWAP!

We will be holding a book swap/donation event for the children here at school. Details below:

Step 1: Bring in a book (or more than one) that you'd be happy to swap. Any types of books are fine – just make sure that they are not missing any pages! **Books can be brought into class from Monday 27th November.**

Step 2: Swap your books for tickets. 1 book = 1 ticket. Each ticket can be used to acquire a book from the book swap event.

Step 3: Come to the book swap on Thursday 30th November and get new books that other people have brought. Each book will 'cost' 1 ticket, so the amount of books you bring in equals the amount of new books you'll be able to get. This is a great chance to add some new books to your collection!

Children may wish to simply donate a book and not 'purchase' another one, knowing that they are helping others to enjoy reading. Due to not knowing which books may be donated we cannot guarantee your child will find a replacement book that they want. But please remember, 'tis (almost) the season to be jolly & charitable!

If you do not have any old books available at home, you can still purchase leftover books from the event for a suggested donation of 50p the following week.

**The Great Seaton Book Swap will be held on Thursday 30th November
3.15 - 4.15pm in the Hall.**

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.

WANTED

Do you have any unwanted Christmas lights or red fabric. We would be grateful of any donations for Santa's Grotto. Please drop them into the school office if you have any.

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 **TONIGHT** 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.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION TABLE TOP SALE

Seaton Royal British Legion are holding a table top sale on Saturday 9th December at the Methodist Church Hall. Set up from 8.15am, Doors open 9.15am, clear by 1pm. Tea, coffee and a warm welcome – raffle draw and ample free parking. Raising money for the Poppy appeal. Contact Ray Evans on 01297 624313.

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.

THG THELMA HULBERT GALLERY DROP IN FAMILY MONTHLY WORKSHOP

A Box For Something Precious

Saturday 25 November, drop in anytime between 11am and 3pm.

Join artist Monica Shanta Brown for a fun art activity! You will be creating your own box and decorating it to make a little world. All ages and abilities welcome. Suggested donation £2 / child.

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

Friday 17 th November	Clubs led by Seaton Primary staff end. (Not Zumba)
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.
Thursday 30 th November	The Great Seaton Book Swap
Saturday 2 nd December	PTA Christmas Wreath making 10am to 12pm. All welcome. (See posters)
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 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