



Seaton Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 24th November is finally here with THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR this evening. I hope you all have a wonderful evening with all proceeds going towards the school. Money being raised this year will go towards a number of items and enhancements for the school outdoor environment. I'd like to thank all members of the PTFA and Year 6 pupils /parents for all their efforts in helping to make this evening a great success.

SCHOOL ETHOS

One of my focuses this term is to fully understand and where need be clarify what our school really stands for. Our school ethos should be central to everything that we do to help the children to grow and mature. We have always had a clear set of values and these are now becoming more prominent within the school environment, talked about in assemblies and referred to in a variety of contexts. Our 'Values and Ethos' poster is attached and further information can be found at <https://www.seaton-primary.devon.sch.uk/information/ethos-and-values/>

Throughout this term we have been reviewing our behaviour policy. The school has always had a set of rules and I have recently been talking to the pupils about these in assembly. They are now on display in each classroom and other places around the school. It's really useful to refer to these on occasions and help reinforce our school ethos and values.

Be respectful (be polite, listen to others and take care of property)

Be kind (think about other people's feelings; treat other people the way you would like to be treated)

Be truthful (being honest helps you to earn respect from others)

Be responsible (be sensible and take responsibility for your actions)

Be the best you can (do your best in everything you do and own up, to then learn from your mistakes)

CHOICES DISPLAY

Every pupil is here to learn and develop. Progress is not always linear whether we are talking in academic or personal terms. Pupils need to know where the boundaries are in school and have the opportunity to know when these are being pushed so they can learn to modify their behaviour.

Each classroom now has a GREEN – ORANGE – RED choices display. Everyone is GREEN at the start of the day which means 'great', 'good' or 'going the right way'! If a teacher needs to give a warning then the pupil proceeds to ORANGE. Continued or more serious misbehaviour can lead to RED (which means there is a 'consequence' e.g. I've made a terrible mess and now I have to tidy it up or I've wasted time in a lesson and now need to make up that time). The consequence so to speak fits the crime and puts things right. Pupils have the opportunity to get back on GREEN during the day. If your child has had a RED consequence or several ORANGE warnings in a week then a teacher will have a chat with you and see what can be done to help support them.

PLAYGROUND GAMES

This week a load of new playground equipment arrived in school which included football posts, basketball posts, balance boards, a variety of balls, skipping ropes, hand held catchers, ankle skips, playground skis etc. As you can imagine there was quite a deal of interest on the playground yesterday as Mrs Dyer and I were unpacking all the items. The playtime leaders in year 6 are also excited about the new equipment and have a golf game which is going to prove very popular I'm sure.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Devon and Cornwall Police.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved. Mrs Russell and Mrs Salter are trained and have a good understanding of domestic abuse here within school and our Family Support Adviser Gerry Fry is also a great asset to the school (T: 07496398656 or email gry@axebeaconfederation.co.uk).

If you suffer from Domestic Abuse, we can help! Please come and see us in confidence for support or visit <https://www.splitz.org/devon.html>

WOODLAND TRUST TREES

Recently, the Woodland Trust donated trees to our school. We were lucky to be chosen by them to receive the trees as not all schools that applied were sent any. The children in Year 3 has spent the last fortnight planting the Rowan, Cherry and saplings around the school grounds and you can spot them as they have

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

KS2 CAROL CONCERT

The KS2 Carol Concert takes place on Tuesday 5th December at 2pm and 6pm and Wednesday 6th at 6pm. (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR WEDNESDAY BUT IS NOW ON TUESDAY).

Tickets will be available for collection from the school office **from 9am on Tuesday 28th November**. If you are unable to come to the office for your tickets please either call the office on 20922 or send a short note into the school with your child detailing which tickets you would like. Tickets will be sent home with children so please check your child's bag.

Due to limited space in the Methodist Church, we are able to allocate 3 tickets per child. Tickets for Tuesday 5th at 2pm are BLUE, Tuesday 5th at 6pm are RED and Wednesday 6th December at 6pm are GREEN.

If you have any queries please contact the school office.

RUPERTS PRE-SCHOOL THANKS

Ruperts Pre-School would like to thank everyone who attended or supported their Christmas bingo last Friday. They raised an amazing £839.72.

POPPY THANKS

We had a fantastic response to the poppy sales this year and raised a whopping £547.99. (Last year we raised £276.81). Thank you to everyone who donated. Our collection boxes collected the most money in the whole Seaton area!

THE GREAT SEATON BOOK SWAP!

We will be holding a **children's book** swap/donation event here at school. Details below:

Step 1: Bring in a child's 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.**

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

All children are invited to join in the celebrations and have a Christmas lunch on Thursday 14th December. A bright red letter was sent home over a week ago 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**.

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 were sent out on **Thursday 23rd November by Parentmail AND in the form of a letter**. 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.

SEATON BROWNIES AND RAINBOWS

Seaton Brownies and Rainbows are hosting a coffee morning on Saturday 25th November from 9.30am to 12pm at Seaton Methodist Church. For further details call Gail on 07956 255130 or 01297 792277.

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 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

TONIGHT (FRIDAY 24TH NOV) PTFA Christmas Bazaar. 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Wednesday 29th November Open day for prospective parents. – 9.30am to 11am and 2pm to 3pm.

Thursday 30th November The Great Seaton Book Swap

Saturday 2nd December PTA Christmas Wreath making 10am to 12pm. All welcome. (See posters)

Tuesday 5th December KS2 Carol Concert at the Methodist Church 2pm & 6pm

Wednesday 6 th December	KS2 Carol Concerts at the Methodist Church at 6pm
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