



Seaton Primary School

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"Caring now, and for the future of our community, those in need, our lifestyles, one another, our education and the future itself"

NEWSLETTER

15th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we have come to the end of a very busy Autumn term. Many thanks for all the kind 'welcomes' I have received from the school community. I've been really impressed with the number and quality of events taking place throughout this term but I must say I really enjoyed the Carol Concert at the Methodist Church and the performance of 'Lights, Camel, Action!'. It's wonderful to see all our pupils participating so well and brimming with confidence. Look out for the next newsletters and class updates early next term as there will be a busy calendar ahead.

Many thanks for supporting the school this term and your children's education. There has been a great deal of fundraising on behalf of the PTFA and donations received at the concerts. All of these will go towards enhancing the children's education here at Seaton Primary School.

Whatever Christmas festivities and traditions you and your family get up to, have a great time and enjoy. As normal I will be taking to the sea at Exmouth for the annual Christmas day swim where the word 'cold' takes on a whole new meaning! Best wishes to everyone from the staff and I. Have a restful, peaceful Christmas break.

THANK YOU TO THE KITCHEN

The staff and children enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch yesterday with lots of music, crackers and everyone dressed in their festive jumpers. Many thanks to the kitchen staff who cooked over 800 dinners.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Parents and carers are reminded to inform the school if your child is diagnosed with a medical condition. It is very important that we are aware of any medical conditions so that they can be added to children's records and where necessary, in an emergency for instance, information shared with medical teams. If your child needs to take prescribed medicine in school hours please ensure that medical forms are completed (from the office).

ADVICE FOR NEW TECHNOLOGICAL GIFTS

Many children will be looking forward to receiving a new device this Christmas. These are often expensive items and will be used and used by children for many hours. To get the most from these items and to keep your child and your family safe, it is important to set these devices up correctly. Please do not wait until your child has started to use their smartphone, tablet, console before implementing parental control features, do this before giving the gift.

Parental controls differ from device to device, but with smartphones and tablets, it is possible to put codes on different apps to restrict access even if you are unable to remove them from the machine. With smartphones and tablets there can also be third party apps that can extend the restrictions available from the device itself. Putting these codes on devices keeps you as the parent in control.

There are many devices around, please use the links to help you find the right information to enable you to keep your child safe.



Consoles, Smartphones and Tablets

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology>

Parental Controls across the home

<http://parentalcontrols-on.org/>

Game information

<http://www.askaboutgames.com/family-games/>

iPhone

https://www.common sense media.org/blog/step-by-step-tips-to-set-up-your-kids-iphone?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social

AXE BEACON FEDERATION ONLINE SAFETY WEEK

We will be holding an online safety week across the federation on the week beginning Monday 15th January. More details will follow in the new year, including an invitation to a parents' session to further inform you about the apps and practices that young people are engaged with online.

TRIBUTE TO MR MORRISH

We were saddened to hear the news this week that Mr John Morrish, a former headteacher at Seaton Primary School has passed away. Some of our current parents will be aware that he was the headteacher at Seaton Primary School from 1974 to 1982 and may well have been taught by him. He was instrumental in organising the move of the school from the old site in Fore Street (now the Children's Centre) to our current site, having worked extensively with the architects on the final school design. After retiring in 1982 he was very active in St Michaels Church in Axmouth. We send our condolences to his family and friends.

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

A resident in Mead Way has contacted the school to complain about parking outside the school. A silver car has been spotted regularly parking on double yellow lines both before and after school and is parked in such a way that it is reducing the road to one lane. Please park considerately and safely outside school and if you cannot park in a layby then you will need to park further away, in a more suitable place.

EXETER CHILDREN'S ORCHESTRA OPEN DAY

The Exeter Children's Orchestra (ECO) are having an Open Day on Saturday 20th January. They can come along and join in from 10am - 12pm. We run a policy of "no scary auditions" and the music will be selected to enable everyone to join in and see if they like playing with a friendly children's orchestra. For those newer to music, we also have a separate Junior Orchestra from 11am - 12pm, so it would be great to also see those not as confident come along and join in too! For those who are more experienced and higher up their grades - we have a Youth Orchestra.

Obviously everyone will need to bring their instruments with them, and a music stand is always helpful! We cater for Recorders, Flutes, Clarinets, Oboes, Saxophones (all kinds), Bassoons, Trumpets and Cornets, Tenor Horns, Baritone Horns, French Horns, Trombones, (Bass or Treble Clef), Tubas, Violins, Violas, Cellos, String Bases (including bass guitars) and Percussionists. We'd even be happy to see harpists!

We will be serving refreshments, and we also run a tuck shop!

We also have a Facebook page and if anyone wanted to see what we do, there is a selection on there from recent concerts.

<https://www.facebook.com/exeterchildrensorchestra/>

Contact: exeterchildrensorchestra@gmail.com



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.

ACTIVITIES AT SEATON WETLANDS

There are various activities on offer at Seaton Wetlands during December including Wreath Making, Bird Ringing demonstrations, a Reindeer Trail and a Wassailing Walk. For more information and to book online please go to www.wildeastdevon.co.uk

THELMA HULBERT GALLERY HONITON

THG will be leading a fun family workshop for the first day of the Christmas Holidays. [Papercrafting Workshop](#)
Saturday 16 December

Drop in anytime between 11am and 3pm.

Join artist Kathy Norris to create Christmas decorations out of paper. Create your own festive mobiles, garlands inspired by the simplicity of Scandinavian design. There will be something for all ages.

Materials provided, just bring your festive spirit!

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Suggested donation £2/child.

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.

JM DANCEFIT ZUMBAKIDS CLASSES

Book NOW for January

KIDS HAVE FUN & IMPROVE FITNESS & CONFIDENCE LEVELS

New children are welcome to join these termly classes after Christmas, which are open to all children whether they attend the school or not.

***Every Monday* RECOMMENCING January 8th 2018**

3.30pm - 4.15pm Seaton Little Starz* (4-7 year olds) - MAIN HALL

4.15pm - 5.15pm Seaton Junior Starz* (7-12 year olds) - MAIN HALL

Spring Term Class Dates: January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, February 5th, 19th, 26th, March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th.

Total Spring Term Class Fee: £44 (£4 per class x 11 classes) Cash payments to be provided in a named, sealed envelope no later than the child's first class.

If you would like to book your child a place, please contact Johanna directly on 07739518587 or at johanna@jmdancefit.co.uk For further details on all JM DanceFit Adult and Children's Zumba and FitSteps classes held in Seaton, Sidford, Sidmouth Beer, Newton Poppleford, and Exeter please visit www.jmdancefit.co.uk

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

Wednesday 3rd January Children return to school.

Friday 18th May 2018 School Photographer in school to take class group photos

Best wishes,
Nic George



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