

# Seaton St. Paul's C of E Junior School

***'We Believe, We Achieve, We Succeed!'***



**9th September 2022**

We were all very sad to hear about the death of the Queen yesterday. The majority of us have known no other monarch in our lives – she has always been there, a constant figure for us all. At Seaton Junior School we have enjoyed, over the years, celebrating all the special milestones throughout her reign. The most recent celebrations were in the summer term, when we had a wonderful time celebrating her Platinum Jubilee! We had our first Celebration Assembly this morning where we took time out to reflect on her lifetime of service and gave thanks for all that she stood for in our country. Rest in Peace Your Majesty.

## **WELCOME BACK**

We have been delighted to welcome the children back to school this week!

Our new starters in Year 3 have settled in fantastically and there are lots of happy, smiling faces! We are delighted with the way they have all adapted to their new school and our expectations.

All our children seem very happy to be back in school and it is wonderful to see happy faces around school once again!

We will continue to produce a newsletter every week. Our newsletter will be uploaded (every Friday) on to Facebook and on to our Website too. The newsletters contain lots of important information and diary dates, so please take the time to read them each week.

## **Attendance**

Well done to 3Ni & 4D with 100% attendance this week! 😊

## **Homework**

Strive for Five for all year groups will begin on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September. You will be advised of other homework routines in due course.

## **Morning Snack**

With effect from Monday, children will no longer be able to bring their own morning snack from home. This initiative began during Covid, as we were not allowed to sell snacks at that time. Fresh fruit & drinks will continue to be sold at morning break time and are only 35p each. Please ensure children bring some money with them, if they would like to buy a morning snack. Thank you.

## **Swimming Lessons – 5H**

Children in 5H will begin their course of swimming lessons next week. They will go swimming every day next week and will need to bring the appropriate kit each day.

A separate letter was sent home earlier in the week with more details.

## **Year 3 & Year 4 – End of Day**

Please note that with effect from Monday, parents who would normally collect their children from the main gates at the end of the day, will now need to collect their children from the school grounds. Year 3 children will need to be collected from their cloakroom door and Year 4 children from their outside classroom door. We hope that this will alleviate the congestion at the main gate at home time.

Please note that if you have made prior arrangements for your child to walk or to meet you elsewhere, this has not changed and children can still continue to do so. These arrangements are purely for parents who usually wait at the main gate.

### Uniform

The children all look very smart in their uniform, but please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name, so that everything comes home as it should! We cannot promise to reunite clothes with their owners without names. Please ensure that all long hair is tied back for school (boys & girls). Children can wear either black shoes or black trainers for school, but trainers must be plain black with no logos or other colours. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### School Opening Time

We have noticed this week that many children are arriving far too early for school and are standing outside the school gates. Children should not be arriving before 8.40am in the morning and left to stand by the gates. If parents need to drop children off early, please use our breakfast club and then we know that children are safe and being looked after. We cannot be responsible for children before 8.40am. We will be monitoring the situation and may contact parents of those children if necessary.

### Mobile Phones

Towards the end of the summer term, we were seeing an increasing number of children bringing mobile phones into school. We realise that there are exceptional reasons where a child may need to bring their phone to school. If you feel that there is a reason why your child must bring their phone to school, we now require parents to complete a permission form. You must state why your child needs to bring their phone into school; your request will then be reviewed by the Headteacher. Parents will be notified as to whether their request has been agreed or not. If you need a permission form, please contact the school office and we will send one home with your child. If your request is agreed, children will need to bring their phone to the school office at the start of the day and collect at 3.30pm.

### School Lunches

Please remember that children who have a school lunch, must have a meal pre-ordered by 9.30am each day. Meals can be selected up to three weeks in advance. Children can get involved at home with their choices and ensure that they are selecting a lunch that they will enjoy. School lunches are £2.65 per day and are paid for online via our 'Lunchshop' system. Please note, that even if your child receives a free school meal, lunches will still need to be ordered on this system. Children can alternate between school dinners and packed lunches if they wish, but please remember to place your order! Thank you. 😊

### After School Clubs

If you sent in your request to join an after school club, you should have been notified if your child has been successful in gaining a place. All clubs begin next week and are £2.00 each. With the exception of football & gymnastics, we still have some spaces available on all other clubs. All clubs finish at 4.30pm.

### Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast club is open daily from 7.50am-8.50am and the cost is now only £2.00! There is no need to book in advance, simply arrive at the main entrance and ring the 'Breakfast Club' bell. Children can have a selection of cereal and toast, as well as juice or milk.

### Swimming Dates for this half term

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| Swimming – Class 5H | Every day - w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> September |
| Swimming – Class 5J | Every day - w/c 19th September             |
| Swimming – Class 6C | Every day - w/c 26 <sup>th</sup> September |
| Swimming – Class 6M | Every day - w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> October    |

### PE Days

On the day your child has PE, please can they come to school wearing their PE kits. We have found that this works really well and also reduces the amount of lost uniform and PE kits! Children should wear their PE T-shirt, PE Hoodie along with plain black or navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings.

### PE Days are as follows:

| <b>YEAR GROUP</b> | <b>PE DAYS</b> |
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| Year 3            | Monday         |
| Year 4            | Tuesday        |
| Year 5            | Wednesday      |
| Year 6            | Friday         |

### And finally...

Please do not hesitate to contact the school at any time if you have a concern. We are a listening school at Seaton St Paul's C of E Junior School and your feedback and thoughts on school are very important to us. Open and honest communication is always the best way.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Kindest regards

Mrs Lynn Carini  
Headteacher