

SEATON PRIMARY SCHOOL
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4th December 2008

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

It is always good to see and hear the children performing. A performance is about putting into practice the skills they have been learning. These skills are not just their ability to read, sing or play an instrument, but their ability to work with others, to perform to an audience and demonstrate their growing confidence. Putting on a nativity play and a carol concert may be a seasonal treat that reminds us of the reason for the season, but for the school it is a real opportunity to show off your fantastic children and their many and varied gifts. I am sure that everybody involved grows from these experiences and builds happy memories of life at the school.

With this in mind, I expect every child to attend every performance. Every child has a part to play and needs to be there. The performances are the culmination of many hours of practice and this will have been wasted if they do not take part. It will also let down their classmates. There needs to be a very good reason why anyone cannot attend every performance and this needs to be communicated to the class teacher beforehand by letter. A register will be taken to check that the children are in attendance.

I am sure that most of you are looking forward to these events and will already be making arrangements to ensure your child is at each performance. Details about times to drop off and collection will be sent home directly from your child's teacher in the next few days.

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

In the event of adverse weather conditions, a decision about whether to close the school will be made between 8.00am and 8.30am. Factors affecting the decision to close the school are:

- * Number of staff in school
- * Whether the secondary schools are open
- * Police safety advice regarding travel
- * If the buses are running

If the school is to be closed:

- * Local radio stations will be advised (Gemini FM and BBC Radio Devon) – please tune in
- * A notice will be displayed outside the school gate
- * No child will be unsupervised within the school
- * No child will be allowed home unless collected by parents or responsible adult.

SCHOOL CLUBS

All clubs will finish this week. A new list of clubs will be sent out early in the next term.

SCHOOL LINK BOOKS

Orders have now been received and are awaiting collection from the office. Books not collected by Monday morning will be sent home with the children in the afternoon.

GOODY BOXES

We are distributing some leaflets on behalf of a local charity called 'inaheartbeat', who are putting together 'Goody Boxes' to give to needy families in the area at Christmas. We would appreciate your sending in non-perishable food items to support them. There will be a collection box in the office area until 15th December.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

On 9th January 2009, the term of office of Parent Governor, Mr Gil Ross, comes to an end. Mr Ross presently serves on two important committees which deal with Personnel and Finance matters and management of the school's after-school club. Mr Ross has indicated that he is prepared to serve for a further four year term, but as an elected representative, any qualifying parent/guardian is entitled to stand against him. If any parent is interested in becoming a governor, please return the slip at the end of this newsletter by Friday 12th December.

BRITAXE SPIRIT COMBAT CLUB

On Saturday, 29th November, seven of us went up to Tolworth, Kingston-on-Thames, with the Adults' Club. We all took part in Viking Gladiator Combat and Numchuck competitions which was good fun and we all got through to the semi finals(B Category) in March. Even though it was a very long, tiring, day we all had great fun and met lots of new friends. A big thank you to Mr Warren who drove us all to the competitions. – by Lucy & Chloe W, Jermaine and Ethan D, Jamie D, Harriet and Matilda G.

PTA NEWS from Claire Ross

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Bazaar, especially those who volunteered to help. We took a wonderful £1,310 on the evening which (allowing for expenses) means our funds have swelled by about £1,100. The following tickets were drawn at the raffle last Thursday and have not been claimed: Yellow 194, Yellow 163, Yellow 575. If you have one of these tickets, please call into the office to collect your prize.

Also last Thursday evening, Seaton Carnival Committee donated £200 to the PTA. This was a generous offer, which has been gratefully received.

Finally, there will be a short committee meeting on Friday, 12th December, 3.30pm – 4.00pm to agree which school requirements should be funded first!

Yours sincerely

Alan Simpson
Headteacher

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To: Mrs J Warner

SCHOOL GOVERNOR

I am interested in having some information about becoming a school governor.

Name: -----

Tel No:

Name of child: _____

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