



Seaton Sluice First School

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PTFA Father's Day Event

This is a very advanced warning about an event planned for Father's Day by the PTFA. On Friday 17th June (EY's, year 1 and year 2) and Monday 20th June (year 3 and year 4) dads, granddads and male careers will be able to have lunch in school with their child and some playtime with them outside afterwards to celebrate Father's Day. Parents/carers will pay for their lunch in advance. Keep the date free if you would like to take part!

Parent View

Seaton Sluice First School is due an OFSTED inspection at any time in the near future. It will be a one day inspection in the first instance converting to a second day if there is any question of a change to our current judgement which is 'good'. One of the first lines of enquiry the lead inspector will follow-up is to look on the Parent View website www.parentview.gov.uk.

Parent View allows parents and carers to share their views about the school online. The most recent views run from September 2015. I know many of you have used the site previous to this date - thank you. It would be most helpful if as many parents/carers as possible could take part in parent view so that we have enough responses for the information to be accessible. At present there are not enough new responses from September 2015 for this to be the case.

If anyone has problems accessing the site please do come into school and we can help with accessing on a school computer so that your views can be recorded.

Many thanks in advance for your support with this.

PTFA funds

We have had a very successful run of PTFA events in the past year and currently have a very healthy bank balance. PTFA have recently agreed to buy keyboard stands, new costumes for Christmas performances, penny whistles and have subsidised class visits to bring down the price of the trip per child. We are very grateful for this great fund-raising for the school and for the opportunities the events provide for getting together as a school community.

The Early Years Foundation Stage classes are encouraged to do much of their learning outside. In this climate this can present problems with harsh winds and keeping dry and warm. Many schools have added a 'canopy' to their outside area which enables planning for activities outside much easier. We have had some estimates for a canopy to be fitted on to our Early Years Unit which is very reasonable compared with some of the commercial prices available. We intend to go ahead with the canopy being fitted during February half term.

Cancer Run

We will not be taking part in the Children's Cancer Run this year as a school. If you would like to take part individually or as a family further details can be found at www.childrenscancerrun.co.uk

Open Afternoon

SSFS will be hosting an Open Afternoon on Tuesday 9th February. The children will be showcasing work carried out during our themed science week 'Ship Ahoy' (1st - 5th February) and our Number Morning (5th Feb) both of which will have taken place in school the previous week. The plan is for number activities and demonstrations to be shown in the hall and for the science work to be showcased in the class rooms. Children will be invited to wear their 'ONSIES' on Number Day!

Staffing in Year One

As many of you will know Miss Chivers is expecting a baby at the beginning of May. We have advertised for a maternity leave post to be taken from the start of the summer term for two terms. The interviews for this will be held before we break up for February half term. I will keep you informed of any further details.

Car Safety

The Senior Civil Enforcement Officer Mr Martin Lindores was on duty outside of school this morning. He came into school to report that a large number of parents/carers are driving at unacceptable speeds outside of school. Due to the large number of parked cars it is necessary to drive with extra caution and care due to the number of children and pedestrians in the area at busy times. Please be considerate and help keep our children and families safe.

FUTURE DIARY DATES

Thursday 28th January - PTFA Coffee Morning at 9.00am ALL WELCOME.

Week beginning Monday 1st February - Themed science week - 'SHIP AHOY'

Friday 5th February - Number Day in support of NSPCC (Bring a £1 for the NSPCC and wear your ONSIE!)

Tuesday 9th February - Open afternoon to showcase work from 'SHIP AHOY' & Number Day

Wednesday 10th February - PTFA Hot Dog Night

Thursday 11th February - Year 4 Racket Festival at Blyth in the morning

Friday 12th February - Dress Down Day for PTFA 'Bring a Mother's Day Gift' (more info to follow)

Friday 12th February - School closes for half term at 3.15pm and re-opens on Monday 22nd February 2016 at 8.55am for main school and 8.45am for Nursery.

HALF TERM

Tuesday 23rd February - Year 1 multi-sports club five sessions 3.15 - 4.15pm led by Premier Sport (information to follow)

Thursday 3rd March - PTFA sale of mother's day gifts

Saturday 5th March - Litter Picking at Seaton Sluice beach 'CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN'

Monday 7th March - Scholastic book fair all week

Monday 21st March - PTFA Easter disco with G-Force

Tuesday 22nd March - Easter hat competition entries to be in

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Thursday 24th March - Easter Service at St Paul's Church 1.30pm (pupils only)

Thursday 24th March - School closes at 3.15pm for the Easter holidays

School is closed to pupils on Monday 11th April for staff training

School re-opens on Tuesday 12th April at 8.55am for main school and 8.45am for nursery.

Seaton Sluice First School MUSTS!

Pierced earrings **MUST** be removed on PE days

Scooters and bicycles **MUST** not be ridden on the yard before and immediately after school

Children **MUST** not play in the bushes at the bottom of the field

Children **MUST** be supervised by parents/carers before and after school on school premises

Parents/carers **MUST** make themselves visible at picking up time so that children can be handed over safely

Dogs **MUST NOT** be brought onto the school site

Parents/carers **MUST** check book bags daily for letters/homework/messages etc...

Book bags and water bottles **MUST** be brought to school every day