

# Seaton House School Newsletter



For the week ending: **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

Dear Parents

As we complete the fourth week of term it feels as though the girls are beginning to hit their stride as they become more familiar with the weekly routines of school. Our Form VI pupils have been working very hard and we wish those who are taking the second stage of the selective tests the very best of luck on Saturday. The younger girls in Senior House are beginning to remember to take the right books home for homework and I noticed a particularly neat and tidy Reading Corner in Form I, that had just been beautifully sorted out by two pupils. To enhance the girls' learning, I would like to ask parents to continue to encourage their daughters to learn their spellings and times-tables, to check for accuracy and to spur them on. We all know how important these skills are and how seriously they need to be taken. The girls will always be rewarded for their efforts. Onwards and upwards!



In the fine weather, Gardening Club were planting bulbs, harvesting beans and pears and collecting sweet pea seeds. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Wilson  
Deputy Head



## Pupil Achievements

**Congratulations to the following girls:-**

### **Stage Coach**

**Nicole Kravtsov - RSL Level 1 Award in Musical Theatre Performance - Merit**

### **London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art**

**Delara Jamshaid, FII - Solo Introductory Stage Three - Distinction.**

### **Swimming**

**Khiana Chudasama, FIII - Rainbow Distance Award - 10 Metres**

**Annah Mawani, FIII - Rainbow Distance Award - 25 Metres**



## Netball - Seaton House v Ewell Castle



**A report by Abi Cruickshank.**

On 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Seaton House played a match against Ewell Castle. We won the toss and chose first centre pass. We played two halves, each lasting around 7 minutes. In the first half we had an excellent technique. We went in a zig zag, going from left to right. We had some amazing defending by Ximena, when the ball went into the semi-circle. When the ball got to our semi-circle, we had a good shot from Imogen. Then it was the second half. We had the ball a few times but we forgot our technique and sadly did not score. Then the whistle blew. We did three cheers and had a Twix bar and some water. Everyone did really well!

*Thank you Abi for this fantastic report - you really captured the excitement of the match.*

## FVI Responsibilities - Seaton House Proudly Introduces.....

.....Jayashree and Cara, our School Librarians. It is the girls' responsibility to take charge of the School Library on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes. They scan books in and out, and remind pupils if their books are overdue. They keep the Library tidy and are always on hand to recommend books to girls who are not sure what to read next. They decide which titles they would like to display or advertise, in order to engage all pupils and to encourage them to read further. This is a really important role and our Librarians are doing a fantastic job. This morning, both Librarians told a whole school assembly about Read for Good, an initiative that is taking place all next week throughout the school. Well done girls!



FVI Librarians Jayashree .....



..... and Cara



## P.O.S.H News



P.O.S.H. warmly invite you to the **Crazy Hair - Don't Care** Disco on Friday 13th October, 6-8pm. Early-bird entrance price **£5 per child** (to be paid in advance). For full details and to book your place, please see the flyer emailed out with the newsletter.

### **P.O.S.H AGM - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm**

Please attend this important meeting. We will be formally electing our officers (who will also be trustees of the charity) and adopting our constitution. A copy of the proposed constitution will be left in school office for all parents to view in advance.

### **Bag2School**

Following the success of the Spring Bag2School fundraiser, P.O.S.H has organised an autumn collection for the week after half term. With the weather on the turn, the coming weeks are the perfect time to go through your wardrobes and drawers and sort out any outgrown/unwanted clothing, shoes and household textiles. In addition to raising funds for the school, the scheme provides an environmentally friendly way to recycle unwanted textiles.

The collection date has been set for **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**.

Bag2School collection bags will be distributed w/c 16<sup>th</sup> October but should you wish to make a start, any bags are accepted.

Please note we cannot accept any donations before or after the collection date.

### **P.O.S.H Winter Fayre**

Our Winter Wonderland Fayre will now be held at the later time of 2-4.30pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you  
P.O.S.H

A fond farewell to.....

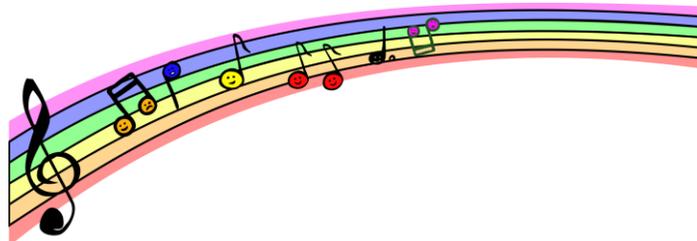
... Mrs Roberts. Yesterday we said goodbye to Mrs Roberts, School Librarian and, according to our pupils, 'just the best Librarian ever!' We will miss you Mrs Roberts. Thank you for helping us - please come back to see us anytime.



## Music Lessons - A Message from Mrs Morrison

- Please be advised that we are unable to hold certain time slots for the teaching of musical instruments for your daughters. No-one may have the monopoly of regular times during the school day. All girls have to be on a rota that enables them to miss different lessons every week. If we allowed a set time table, the peripatetic teachers would only be able to teach four pupils every day as this is the amount of slots that fall before school or at break times. If you sign your daughters up, please be aware that they will be pulled out of lessons at some point. However, every effort is made to ensure that they do not miss English, Maths or Science. Occasionally, there is a change to the daily timetable, which may affect the odd lesson with one of the core subjects but this will be the exception rather than the rule.

Kind regards  
Mrs Debbie Morrison  
Headmistress



## Early Years News - Scooter Training

On Wednesday, Nursery and Reception pupils came up to Seaton House to do their Scooter Training. It was hard work, but lots of fun. We learned how to scoot along and, more importantly, we learned how to stop!



## Barnardo's Christmas Brochures

You should all have received your Barnardo's Christmas Brochures which were distributed on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. The school has been a supporter of this charity for many years, and we are delighted to offer parents this opportunity to get ahead with their Christmas preparations, so that their orders can also benefit the charity (and the school will also receive some commission too). If you would like to place an order, please complete the order form contained in your brochure, and return it with your payment to the school office, no later than Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Any unwanted brochures can also be returned, and then reused by the charity. Completed orders will be returned to school after the half term holiday. Many thanks for your ongoing support.





## Quote of the Week – By Srikala, FII



'Whatever you do, Mrs Stublely, don't panic!'

*Wonderful advice, thank you Srikala*

### Reminders and Updates

- Hooray! Ocarinas and Hymn Books are now in stock and available to purchase from the school office. Ocarinas are £9.50 and Hymn Books are £5.00



- Early Birds. Please could Senior House girls bring their own paper or notepads to school if they are not going to participate in the games.
- Winter Uniform for all pupils from next Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, please.
- Swimming and PE are part of the National Curriculum. Please bear in mind that if a pupil is well enough to be at school, she is well enough to go swimming.



## Parking Issues

We are still receiving complaints from local residents about careless parking. One Seaton House parent was so alarmed by a driver collecting from Nursery, she sent us this photo.



Unable to find a space on the right side of the road, the driver has parked right up on the pavement, in front of the polite notice asking parents to park considerately. Earlier this week, a driver parked right across the Junior House driveway at collection time. Mrs Morrison had to go out and ask the parent to move his car as it was blocking our drive and he looked totally surprised – and a little offended – at being asked to do so. Please, please take care when parking at drop off and collection times.

We are running a **Read for Good Sponsored Read** for 5 days from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.



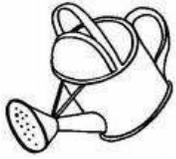
Motivating kids to read

This event is open to all pupils in Junior House and Senior House. Please pay sponsorship money online or bring it to school. Form teachers will collect the money at registration, from Monday from 9<sup>th</sup> October.

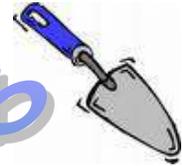
**Read for Good** is the UK's national sponsored reading event for schools. **Read for Good** encourages children to read for pleasure - an activity proven to increase children's chances of success and personal happiness for the rest of their lives. The money raised helps the charity Read for Good to regularly give brand new books and storyteller visits to children's hospitals across the UK

Sponsors can pay by cheque or cash, or pay online by [www.readathon.org/sponsor](http://www.readathon.org/sponsor). Please do support your child's reading efforts. Above all, we hope they have fun!

Thank you  
Mrs Payne  
FVI Teacher



# Gardening Club



## Rota

Date	Classes	Staff
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Form VI + Form I	Mrs Brooks
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Form V + Form II	Miss Goodsell
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Form IV + Form III	Mrs Simpson
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Form VI + Form I	Mrs Wilson
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Form V + Form II	Mrs Brooks
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Form IV + Form III	Miss Goodsell

Always wear gloves when working in the garden and wash your hands afterwards



Please remember to bring wellingtons or old trainers or shoes to wear when gardening.



## Diary Dates

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October: Winter Uniform for all. Readathon Week. Gym Squad Practice 15.30pm - 17.00pm.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: Readathon Week. Whole School Drop In Morning. CADA Dance 12.45 - 1.15pm. U8 & U9 Netball Workshop with Banstead Prep (A) 1.45 - 3.15pm. Musical Theatre 3.45 - 4.45pm.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October: Readathon Week. DramaBuds 3.45 - 4.45pm.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October: Gym Club (FI & FII) 3.45-4.45pm.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Festival Celebrations in school hall:- Junior House 9.30am - 10.30am. Senior House 11.05am - 12.00pm. Parents warmly invited. FVI to Eversfield House - 1.30pm. Swimming FIII, FIV & FV. Learn to Ride 3.45-4.45pm.

## Second Hand School Uniform



**Wow wow wow!** The second hand uniform store has had a flying start to the year - raising **£465.00** already. Thank you to all who have donated and your ongoing support. Going forward we will no longer be accepting or selling the old style summer dresses in order to help facilitate the new style fully phasing-in over the next few years. Our limited existing stock (including those donated for part-private sale) will be donated to a charity rags collection at half term.

**FLASH SALE.** Any 3 blouses (short/long sleeved) for £5. Please contact [em.penman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:em.penman@hotmail.co.uk) stating which size and sleeve you would like.

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Delivery Dates for Autumn are as follows:-

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

## Life Cycle of a Butterfly - Soha FII

