



SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well and looking forward to the Easter break. I would like to update you with a couple of recent events in school and give some key information for the Easter holiday period and beyond.

It is hard to believe that we have been back to full school for 3 weeks. It has been fantastic to have all of our pupils back and on the whole, I think pupils have settled back into school life really well. For a few, it has been a challenge but we are hopeful that after Easter, and being back in school for the whole summer term, those who have found it difficult will be less anxious, and able to settle themselves back into routines and expectations.

We have had a couple of successful and enjoyable events during the last few weeks, despite lockdown and restrictions.

World Book Day

In early March we had lots of fun activities for World Book Day. Pupils had to guess the 'Masked Reader', took part in all sorts of book-related activities and some even dressed up - at home and at school!



Comic Relief

Comic Relief was a great success also. An assembly about the work of Comic Relief, a 'wear something silly' non-uniform day and subject related jokes from the teachers, kicked off the day with a smile. Afternoon activities included funny films, joke competitions, red nose and spoon races, quizzes and a 'design a red nose' competition. All in all, we raised an impressive £353.





A big thank you to all the staff involved in organising these two events.

Free School meals

Families entitled to Free School Meals will be issued with a £45 supermarket voucher to cover the Easter Holiday period. This is made up of £15 per week plus an additional £15 funded by the DWP Winter Support Grant. Any queries regarding these vouchers should be directed to the Finance Department, finance@svf.org.uk

Contact Tracing

If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 at any time over the Easter holidays you should arrange for them to have a PCR Test as soon as possible. If this test returns a positive result, you should contact school as a matter of urgency in order for us to carry out close-contact tracing. Please email reception@svf.org.uk

Home Testing

KS3 pupils will be bringing home tests to be completed over the Easter holidays. Year 7 will bring their tests on Thursday and Year 8 will bring theirs home on Friday. Testing is voluntary but it would be appreciated if pupils could complete a test the day before returning to school. Further test kits will be issued after the Easter holidays.

School Uniform

We have been very flexible about uniform in the last three weeks, as we recognise that parents may have found it difficult to purchase uniform items at such short notice. After Easter, however, it is expected that **all pupils will be wearing the correct uniform**, including shoes and have the correct PE kit also. (Full Uniform information is available on the school website).

School will close on Friday, March 26th at the usual time of 3.25pm for the Easter holidays. Monday, April 12th is a Teacher Training Day so pupils will be expected to return on Tuesday, April 13th.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing everyone back in April.

Best wishes,

Karen McSparron
Head of School