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# Parent Update



Dear Parent and Carers

## Happy New Year!

I hope that you have all had a good start to the New Year and new term. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children and seeing them work hard and enjoy their lessons.

## Senior Leadership Team

I'm delighted to have joined the Seaford Primary School senior leadership team –

Mr David Etherton – Headteacher

Mrs Suzannah Ayres – Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Corinna Scott – Assistant Headteacher / EYFS

Mrs Elaine Wattam – Inclusion Manager (Monday to Thursdays)

## Vision and Values: *Journey together, work joyfully and excel*

Seaford Primary School is all about being inclusive and working together as a team - whether playing games, problem solving or performing a show. This links to our school values of *respect, empathy and friendship*.



I believe in the importance of working with parents and carers who know their child the best. We need to work together to help them thrive socially, emotionally and academically. It's not just about being a team, but going on an adventurous learning '**journey together**'.

**YouTube** – Thank you to everyone who watched my introductory videos. There were over 1,000 views! If you have not watched them, please visit: [Seaford Primary School - East Sussex - YouTube](#)



We hope to record the Choir and upload them to our channel in due course (subject to parental permission). We would love to celebrate some of the many fantastic activities happening in Seaford Primary School! We will write to you separately about this.

You are very welcome to talk to me on the school playground before and after school. However, you are very welcome to join me for a cuppa so we talk about what is going well and what could be even better:

## Meet the Head – All parents and carers are welcome!

Fri day 31<sup>st</sup> January 2.15pm Cedar Room (please sign in via the school office)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 8.40-9.30am Cedar Room (go straight from the playground)

Further evening date to be added – likely to be in a local pub.



## Assemblies

This term I will be leading 'Magic Monday' assemblies on our school value of 'enjoyment'. Parents and carers are welcome to attend at 8.50am (Key Stage 2) or 9.50am (Key Stage 1)



Mrs Ayres and Mrs Scott will continue to lead the Friday Celebration Assemblies. Parents will be invited to these assemblies.

If you are joining one of our assemblies, please use the path and entrance on the left of the building.

### Fearless

Recently Chris Sheehan, from Fearless Academy, talked to the children in assembly about physical and mental health.

He shared some pictures of bungy jumping and said:

- You don't get confident unless you have had a go
- All you need to start with is a little bit of courage
- You get confidence by practicing and being committed to what you are doing



You can change how you feel in an instant: Music, a cold shower, exercise and sport, looking at photos of family, pets and holidays. This applies to both children and adults!

## Safeguarding and Child Protection

Safeguarding is always our number one priority. If you have any concerns about a child, please speak to our safeguarding team:



- Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) – Ms Wattam
- Deputy DSLs – Mrs Ayres, Mrs Scott and Mr Etherton

Likewise, if you have any worries about home or school, please talk to a member of the safeguarding team. Outside of school hours you can:

- [Report a concern about a child or a teenager | East Sussex County Council](#)
- Ring Childline 0800 1111 or visit [Childline | Childline](#)
- Dial 999 for emergencies

## Finally



Seaford Primary School is a fantastic school but, like any school, there are always things that can be improved. As I mentioned above, please do catch me on the school playground, attend one of the 'Meet the Head' meetings or send me an email to share your thoughts. Thank you to those who have already made suggestions – your views and insights are welcome!

Kind regards

Mr David Etherton

Headteacher

## Date List – Updated 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Please note further dates are to be added e.g. school trips. We will update you as soon as we can.

Date	Activity
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> January 8.50-9.30am	<b>Parents Phonics Workshop</b> – In the hall and then visits to classrooms – Mrs Ayres
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2.05-3.05pm	<b>Meet the Head</b> – Coffee and chat in the Cedar Room (please sign in via the school office) Mr Etherton
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 8.50-9.30	<b>Meet the Head</b> – Coffee and chat in the Cedar Room (go via the playground after drop off) Mr Etherton
10-14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Book Week</b> – Full timetable to follow but authors include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb - Lindsay Galvin in Y5/6 and David Fuller in Y3/4</li> <li>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb - Graham Carter in KS1</li> </ul>
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Last day of Term 4</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>Half term break</b>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>INSET day – training for all staff:</b> (School closed for children)
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>First day of Term 4 for children</b>
Tues 18 March 8:50 - 9:50am	<b>Inclusion Coffee morning for parents</b>
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar 3.30-6.00pm	<b>Parent consultations</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 3.30-6.00pm	<b>Parent consultations</b>
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Last day of Term 4</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Easter break</b>
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>First day of Term 5</b>
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Bank holiday</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Summer half term break</b>
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Last day of Term 6 for pupils and staff</b>
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>INSET day</b> (School closed for children)
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>INSET day</b> (School closed for children)

### 2025-26 – Advance notice

- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 – INSET Day**
- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September** – First day of term for children.
- **INSET days** – A further four INSET days to be confirmed.
- **ESCC Term dates for 2025-2026:** [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/term-dates](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/term-dates)