

Seghill First School Newsletter March 2023 edition 5

Attendance target 96.3%

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| Whole school attendance since 07 September 2022 | 93.0% |
| Whole school attendance this week | 96.4% |
| 84.2% | 96.3% |
| 100% | 93.8% |
| 94.4% | 98.8% |

Class of the week for this week is **Red** class with 100% attendance. **Well done Red class.** You have the attendance octopus and you all had a dip in the sweet box today.

Our winner for a **dip in the attendance prize box** as a reward for having 100% attendance and no late marks for the week is **William** in Purple class.

Our winner for spring term is **Esme** in Purple class, who received a **£20 Vue voucher**.

Our winner for spring term B is **Harry** in Yellow class, who received a **£10 W H Smith voucher**.

Yellow class is the class of the term, with 95.5% attendance. Their reward is to **wear non-uniform today**.

Blue class is the class of the half term, with 97.4% attendance. Their reward is an **extra afternoon of Golden Time with Mrs Lyons**.

Star of the week

Our stars of the week are-

Mrs Lyons

Miss Winter and Mrs Watson

Mrs Bell

Miss Neal

Mrs Kembrey and Miss Barratt

Mrs Askew

Miss Chappell

Staff star

Zach;

Jack;

Bailey;

Freya;

Edie;

Kieran;

Parker;

Miss Young.



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-

Mrs Lyons

Miss Winter and Mrs Watson

Mrs Bell

Miss Neal

Mrs Kembrey and Miss Barratt

Mrs Askew

Mrs Miller and Mrs Jose

Mrs Ellison

Klay;

Bailey;

Bobby;

Leila;

Luciana;

Jaxson;

Elizabeth;

Emily.



Birthdays

We have six birthdays in school this week and during the Easter holidays. Our birthday boys and girls this week are-

- **Kieran and Ethan** in Orange class will be 4;
- **Elena** in Yellow class will be 5;
- **William** in Purple class will be 8;
- **Jasmina and Freya** in Blue class will be 9.

Happy birthday to you all. We hope your birthday is special and fun.



Class assembly

Thank you to **Year 3** for their **excellent class assembly** last Friday. Year 4 had set the bar very high with their class assembly, but you did a magnificent job. Well done to you all.

We hope parents and carers of **Year 1 and Year 2** children will be able to join us for our next class assembly which will be on **Friday 28 April at 9:00am**.

Easter decorating competition

Thank you and well done to everyone who entered our **Easter decorating competition**. In last week's newsletter I asked if you could wow us with your creativity and craft skills and you have certainly done that.

Everyone who entered the competition will receive a prize for taking part. Winners have been selected from each class.

Orange class

Ethan

Yellow class

Rowan

Red class

Caiden

Green class

Willow

Purple class

Olivia

Blue class

Ava Betty

Please check out all of the amazing entries on our Facebook page.

Seghill First School Pedestrian and Cycle Zone

As mentioned in a number of newsletters this year, a road safety scheme on both Cheviot View and Parker Place has been planned. This is called the **Seghill First School Pedestrian and Cycle Zone**.

I have received notification from Northumberland County Council that the Seghill First School Pedestrian and Cycle Zone is **now active**. **This means that no vehicles can enter and proceed along the lengths of Cheviot View or Parker Place from Monday to Friday, 8:15am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 3:45pm.**

What does this mean in real terms?

Parents and carers should not drive up or down or park on Cheviot View or Parker Place on school days between 8:15am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 3:45pm. This includes parents and carers who are dropping off and collecting children from Red and Green class or parking in either street to drop off or collect from any part of our school.

In a nutshell, nobody other than residents should be entering this area 8:15am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 3:45pm on school days.

What happens if the rules of the Seghill First School Pedestrian and Cycle Zone are not followed?

Parents and carers who park or drive on Parker Place or Cheviot View between the times listed above are contravening the restrictions. If found doing this, **parents and carers are liable to a Fixed Penalty Notice served by the Police**. To avoid receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice due to parking or driving on Parker Place or Cheviot View between the times listed above, parents and carers are encouraged to use active travel such as walking or cycling rather than private vehicles.

The enforcement of the regulations of the Seghill First School Pedestrian and Cycle Zone and the serving of Fixed Penalty Notices lies with the Police. As a school, we have no authority to enforce the rules of Seghill First School Pedestrian and Cycle Zone, but ask for your support. The zone has been put in place to keep our children safe.

Term dates

School closes at 3:15pm today. **Friday 31 March** is a **staff training day**, when staff will be in school completing Emergency First Aid training.

Summer term begins on **Monday 17 April**. Please remember that **Monday 01 May** and **Monday 08 May** are both Bank Holidays and school will be closed. The summer term dates are listed on the next page. There will be additions to this list, such as school trips. Please keep this list handy so you know what is going on.

Summer term events and activities

| Summer coffee mornings at 9:00am – 9:45am | Fundraising and community |
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| Years 1 and 2 Monday 24 April, focusing on the Y2 tests and Y1 phonics screening check | Bags2school collection Thursday 27 April |
| Years 3 and 4 Tuesday 25 April | Non uniform for Seghill Gala Friday 26 May |
| Nursery and Reception Wednesday 26 April | Games night Wednesday 24 May from 3:30pm for Years 1 to 4 |
| | Non uniform for summer fayre 1 Friday 09 June (general tombola) |
| Class assemblies | Father's Day lunch Thursday 15 and Friday 16 June |
| Year 2 and Year 1 class assembly Friday 28 April at 9:00am | Non uniform for summer fayre 2 Friday 23 June (chocolate and sweets tombola) |
| Nursery and Reception class assembly Friday 12 May at 2:30pm | Non uniform for summer fayre 3 Friday 07 July (bottle tombola) |
| | Summer fayre Tuesday 18 July from 3:15pm |
| Other school events | Celebration assemblies |
| Key stage 2 visit to Hexham Book Festival Friday 28 April | Friday 26 May at 2:30pm |
| Year 4 cycling with Richard Rothwell Tuesday 02, Wednesday 03 and Thursday 04 May | Friday 21 July at 9:00am |
| Years 1 to 4 sports morning Tuesday 27 June in PE lessons | |
| Nursery and Reception sports morning Wednesday 28 June in PE lessons | |
| Year 4 leavers' assembly Thursday 20 July at 9:00am | |
| Year 4 leavers' party Thursday 20 July at 6:00pm | |
| School is closed on these dates- Monday 01 May for the May Bank holiday. Monday 08 May for King Charles' coronation Monday 29 May to Friday 02 June 2023 for the half term holidays. Monday 24 July to Friday 01 September 2022 for the Summer holidays. | |

Summer term A PE days

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | Red | Yellow | Yellow | Purple |
| | Green | Orange | Red | Blue |
| | Purple | | Green | |
| | Blue | | | |

Children should wear a **plain white t-shirt, plain black or navy shorts or joggers, trainers and their school sweatshirt or cardigan** to school on their PE days. We hope to have PE lessons outside whenever possible. Please ensure long hair is tied back for PE. Children cannot wear earrings for PE. If your child cannot remove their own earrings they should not wear them on PE days. Staff are unable to remove earrings for children.

Leave of absence during term time requests

As we move into the summer term we tend to receive an increased number of leave of absence during term time requests.

We do completely understand that the cost of family holidays during the school holidays can be astronomical. However, we have a **legal duty** to follow the law around attendance, including only authorising leave of absence requests that have **evidence of exceptional circumstances** and referring to the Local Authority for a **fixed penalty notice** to be issued for all unauthorised leave of absence requests.

Parents and carers requesting leave of absence during term time must **submit the request at least two weeks in advance** using the **leave of absence during term time form**. The only leave of absence during term time requests that will be authorised are those where **evidence of exceptional circumstances** is provided. Leave of absence that is taken **without a leave of absence request form being submitted** will not be authorised and will trigger an application from school to the Local Authority for a **fixed penalty notice** to be issued. Leave of absence that is taken **which has not been authorised** is extremely likely to trigger an application from school to the Local Authority for a **fixed penalty notice** to be issued.

Year 4 transition

We are working closely with staff and leaders from Seaton Sluice Middle School and Whytrig Middle School to prepare for **Year 4 transition** to middle school in September 2023.

Transition week will take place during week beginning **Monday 10 July**. Children will go on a visit with their new school on **Monday 10 July**. On **Tuesday 11 July**, children will be here at our school working with Mrs Lyons and a teacher from SSMS. If your child is going to Whytrig, they will go to another SVLP first school on Tuesday.

On **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**, Year 4 children will spend each day at their middle school. **Morning sessions** at middle school will start at **9:15am** on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and **end at 3:00pm**. This is to allow parents to drop off siblings at feeder first schools and to alleviate potential traffic congestion caused by additional vehicles carrying first school children to middle school sites. Please note that **transport** to and from middle school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday is **not provided**. It is the responsibility of Year 4 parents and carers to drop off and collect their child at middle school on these three days.

Open Evenings will take place on **Thursday 13 July at SSMS** and **Wednesday 12 July at WMS**.

If you have any questions about transition, please see Mrs Lyons or Miss Chappell.

Appointments with class teachers and parent surveys

Thank you to everyone who attended a meeting with their child's class teacher this week. Attendance at these meetings was extremely high. We saw (or have arranged to see) 98 out of 103 parents and carers, which is **95%** of our parents and carers. This is excellent.

Thank you to those of you who completed and handed in a survey. We are still working through your responses, although I can say that **100% of parents and carers who completed and submitted a survey would recommend this school to another parent**. This is great news.

We will publish the results and the suggestions and comments that you made in our next newsletter. The winning raffle ticket from the parents' surveys was drawn in assembly this morning. The lucky winner was **Rowan** from **Yellow class**.