

Seghill First School Newsletter May 2022 edition 1

Attendance

Whole school attendance **this week is 94.8%**. Attendance **since September is 90.6%**. Attendance for each class since September is-

Nursery	92.2	Reception	90.9
Year 1	88.3	Year 2	93.4
Year 3	88.8	Year 4	92.8

Green class is the **class of the week** with the best attendance of 97.4%. **Well done, Green class.**

Summer term A PE days reminder

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

Please come dressed in school PE kit on PE days- plain white PE t-shirt and school jumper with joggers or shorts and trainers. Reminder- football tops should not be worn for PE. Please don't allow your child to wear their football top for PE.

National testing in Years 1, 2 and 4

All children in all schools across the country in Years 1, 2 and 4 will be completing some tests during the summer term. These tests are set by the Department for Education and are used in all schools across the country.

Children in **Year 4** complete the **Multiplication Tables Check**. The purpose of the Multiplication Tables Check is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is important now and in later life. Click [here](#) link to the information site for parents.

Children in **Year 1** complete the **Phonics Screening Check**. The purpose of the Phonics Screening Check is to see if your child can use and apply their phonological knowledge to both real words and nonsense words.

Children in **Year 2** complete the **end of key stage 1 assessments**. They will work on tasks to assess their knowledge, skills and understanding in reading, maths and spelling, grammar and punctuation (sometimes known as SPAG).

As a school, we receive very strict guidance on how and when we can administer these tests in school. However, we try to make the experience as stress free as possible for the children. We make sure that when they complete the tests they are working with staff that they know well and we keep everything as low key as possible. When we mention tests, sitting in silence in the sports hall in individual seats does spring to mind. Please be assured that this is nothing like how we tackle the tests in our school. Teachers will talk to you more about the tests in the coming weeks.

Reminder- Monday 02 May is a Bank Holiday- school is closed. We will re-open on Tuesday 03 May.

Star of the week

Our stars of the week are-

- **Mrs Lyons** Jimmy;
- **Mrs Hansell & Mrs Watson** Isabelle;
- **Mrs Bell** Jack;
- **Miss Neal** Alannah;
- **Mrs Kembrey** Frankie;
- **Mrs Thomas** Rosie;
- **Miss Chappell** Theo.



Connect the Classroom project update

School was due to be open throughout the Easter holiday because we were having work done to improve our wireless network. We have been successful in bidding for nearly £40,000 of funding from the Department for Education Connect the Classroom project which is funding this work. Unfortunately, this work was not completed during the Easter holidays. This was due to some of the hardware not being available from the manufacturer and staff absence in the installation team. Both of these issues were totally beyond our control and nothing to do with our school. As the project involves contractors working in all classrooms and working at height on ladders and possibly scaffolding, it does need to be done when school is closed, therefore we have rearranged the installation to be done during the summer holidays instead.

Parking on Barrass Avenue and Laycock Gardens

There have been some near misses and bottlenecks of traffic due to **parents and carers parking on the double yellow lines on Barrass Avenue and the entrance to Laycock Gardens**. The double yellow lines are there to protect our children, yet our parents and carers are the ones parking on them. Please don't park on the double yellow lines. I really do fear that one of our children is going to be run over.

Birthdays

Our birthday boys and girls from the end of April and beginning of May are-

- Elena in Orange class;
- Charlie in Yellow class;
- Theo and Marnie in Red class;
- William and Jayden in Green class;
- Freya, Klay and Coby in Purple class;
- Riley and Joey in Blue class.



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

Staffing update

Mrs Kembrey left us on the last day of the spring term to start her maternity leave. I am delighted to announce the safe arrival of baby Danny, born earlier this week. Our congratulations to Sarah, Barrie and big sister Delilah.

Miss Porter joined us just before the Easter holidays to work alongside Mrs Kembrey, as she will be covering Mrs Kembrey's maternity leave. I'm sure you will all help her to settle in.

Mrs Thomas will be leaving us on Friday 06 May to start her maternity leave. It's certainly a very busy time in Early Years.