

Seghill First School Newsletter May 2023 edition 2

Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 07 September 2022	93.4%
Whole school attendance this week	93.8%
100%	91.9%
93.8%	95.0%
94.4%	94.0%

Class of the week for this week is **Orange** class with 100% attendance. **Well done Orange 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 **Eabha** in Yellow class.

Last week's newsletter

Last week's newsletter was sent out named April edition 3. This should have been titled May edition 1. Apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

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

Klay;
Elizabeth;
Ella;
Sophie;
Will;
Kieran;
Emily R;
Mrs Lyons.



Birthdays

We have two birthdays in school this week. **Jayden** in Purple class is now 8 and **Coby** in Blue class is now 9. Happy birthday to you Jayden and Coby. We hope your birthday was special and fun.



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

Isabelle;
Declan;
Jack;
Rosie;
Manessa;
Jaxson;
Lincoln;
Esme.



Yellow and Orange class assembly

We are really looking forward to Yellow and Orange **class assembly this afternoon**. We hope parents of children in Yellow and Orange class can join us.

School site reminder

Children should not be on the **trim trail** before or after school. Children in Years 3 and 4 can play on the top yard before school but they should not be running around on the **field**, particularly when the field is wet. This week we've had children coming into school with soaking wet shoes and feet and dirty uniform from playing on the field before school. Mud and grass were trailed into school, making a mess in the classrooms and corridors.

As per previous reminders, children should not be playing in the **car park** or in the **garden next to the drive** before or after school.

We don't want to spoil anyone's fun but we would appreciate your support with this matter.

Summer term events and activities

Other school events	Fundraising and community
Year 4 residential trip to Dukeshouse Wood Wednesday 21 to Friday 23 June	Games night Wednesday 24 May from 3:30pm for Years 1 to 4
Years 1 to 4 sports morning Tuesday 27 June in PE lessons	Non uniform for Seghill Gala Friday 26 May
Nursery and Reception sports morning Wednesday 28 June in PE lessons	Non uniform for summer fayre 1 Friday 09 June (general tombola)
Year 4 leavers' assembly Thursday 20 July at 9:00am	Father's Day lunch Thursday 15 and Friday 16 June
Year 4 leavers' party Thursday 20 July at 6:00pm	Non uniform for summer fayre 2 Friday 23 June (chocolate and sweets tombola)
School is closed on these dates-	Non uniform for summer fayre 3 Friday 07 July (bottle tombola)
Monday 29 May to Friday 02 June 2023 for the half term holidays	Summer fayre Tuesday 18 July from 3:15pm
Monday 24 July to Friday 01 September 2022 for the Summer holidays	Celebration assemblies
	Friday 26 May at 2:30pm
	Friday 21 July at 9:00am

Father's day lunch

We are delighted to be able to offer a **Father's Day lunch on Thursday 15 or Friday 16 June**. This special event has always been part of our annual calendar, but we have been unable to offer it due to the restrictions arising from the global pandemic.

We are offering **two different lunchtimes** so that we can provide the best possible experiences to our guests- dads, grandads, uncles or special male friends. We are also offering two different lunchtimes to reduce waiting times for food and to allow Mrs Rogage to be able to make up to 100 extra meals spread across 2 days rather one day.

A **separate letter** about Father's Day lunch has been emailed out to parents and carers with this newsletter containing all the details about the meals on offer each day and how to book tickets. The payment portal is **open now** and will close on **Thursday 25 May**. **Food has to be ordered from the suppliers before we break up for May half term**. We will not be reopening the payment portal after Thursday 25 May.

Games night Wednesday 24 May from 3:30pm for Years 1 to 4

On **Wednesday 24 May** we are offering a games night to children in Years 1 to 4. Children are invited to bring games into school, and play with friends until 5pm.

If you would like your child to stay for games night, please book a ticket for them via **School Gateway**. Tickets cost **£3.00**, which includes biscuits and a drink. The payment tab is now open in School Gateway- School Gateway, payments, Games night Wednesday 24 May 2023 Years 1 to 4 then give consent and pay £3.00.

The deadline for payments is **Monday 22 May**. Children are encouraged to bring in board games and games that can be played with one or more other players. Please don't send in electronic games or devices.

Eat, Sleep, Play, Learn Fund

As part of the council's response to the cost of living pressures, they have allocated a fund to support our children and young people. We know that parents are feeling pressures and are making finance-based choices, and worrying about themselves, their families, and their schools.

The **Eat, Sleep, Play, Learn Fund** has four broad categories – eating, sleeping, playing, and learning also encompassing food, personal hygiene products and clothing. Examples of what the fund may help support are a travel pass, hygiene products, learning equipment, or even a light buggy for a young family to move around more easily on public transport. They will also look at school trips, or opportunities, school uniform, warm coats, and food support.

We have made an application for one of our families this week. They asked for help with bedding. This is what we were able to get them using money from the Eat, Sleep, Play, Learn Fund-



Applications can be made to the Eat, Sleep, Play, Learn Fund by school; individual parents cannot apply themselves. If you think that you would benefit from an application, please speak to me, stating what you need help with, and I will make an application on your behalf. No-one else needs to know about this and your application will be treated confidentially. This fund is available to support families, so please make the most of it if you need it.

Proposed Industrial Action by members of the National Education Union (NEU)

We have been told that there is not expected to be any further **industrial action** by the NEU between now and the end of term. A number of unions, including unions that represent both teachers and support staff, are balloting their members regarding possible industrial action starting in the autumn term.

There has been **6 days of industrial action** this year taken by NEU members this year. As a school, we have been fully open to all year groups on all 6 of these days. We are the only school in Seaton Valley where this has been the case, and we are definitely in the minority in terms of a Northumberland and national picture. Children in some schools have missed 6 days of learning and parents have had to find 6 days of child care.

The decision for teachers to take, or not take, industrial action is a very difficult one. Anyone who had chosen to take industrial action would have been fully supported to do so, and this will remain the case moving forward. When we have any new information about proposed industrial action by teaching and/or support staff unions, we will let you know.

