

Seghill First School Newsletter November 2023 edition 1

Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 05 September 2023	93.0%
Whole school attendance this week	92.9%
69.2%	96.2%
95.7%	96.7%
88.9%	88.9%

Class of the week for this week is **Green** class with 96.7% attendance. **Well done Green class.** You have the attendance octopus and you have had a dip in the sweet box.

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 **Jimmy** in Red class.

Star of the week

Our stars of the week are-

Mrs Lyons

Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas

Miss Winter

Mrs Bell

Mrs Kembrey

Mrs Askew

Miss Chappell

Staff star

Orla;
Noah;
Sophie;
Will;
Sierra;
Rebeun;
Harry M;
Mrs Watson.



Birthdays

We have six birthdays in school this week.

Orla in Blue class is 9 tomorrow;

Charlie in Purple class is now 8;

Ethan, Eabha and Thomas in

Red class are now 6;

Harry in Nursery is now 4;

Happy birthday to Orla, Charlie, Ethan, Eabha, Thomas and Harry. We hope your birthday was special and fun.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-

Mrs Lyons

Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas

Miss Winter

Mrs Bell

Mrs Kembrey

Mrs Askew

Mrs Ellison

Mrs Miller and Mrs Jose

Ava;
Francesca;
Owen;
Harry;
Brogan;
Grace;
Hunter;
Hallie.



Autumn term B PE days

Class	Autumn term B PE days
Nursery Orange class	Wednesday and Friday
Reception Yellow class	Wednesday and Friday
Year 1 Red class	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2 Green class	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3 Purple class	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 4 Blue class	Monday and Wednesday

Children should wear a **plain white t-shirt, plain black or navy joggers, trainers and their school sweatshirt or cardigan** to school on their PE days. 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.

Events coming up this term

Other school events	Fundraising and community events
Workshop for Early Years parents and carers Tuesday 14 November from 9:00am	Non uniform 1 for Christmas fayre Friday 10 November (general tombola)
Reception vision screening Wednesday 29 November	Children in Need Friday 17 November
Santa's reading challenge starts on Monday 04 December	Non uniform 2 for Christmas fayre Friday 24 November (chocolate and sweets tombola)
	Non uniform 3 for Christmas fayre Friday 08 December (bottle tombola)
Christmas	Christmas fayre Friday 15 December from 3:15pm
Christmas treat for children in key stages 1 and 2 Thursday 14 December morning	Film night Wednesday 20 December 3:15pm for Years 1 to 4
Years 1 to 4 Christmas concert Monday 17 Monday 18 December from 9:00am	
Years 1 to 4 Christmas concert Monday 17 December from 2:30pm	Celebration assemblies
Nursery and Reception Christmas concert Tuesday 18 December from 9:00am	Friday 22 December at 2:15pm
Year 1 and 2 Christmas party Tuesday 18 December from 1:30pm	
Christmas lunch all year groups Wednesday 20 December	School is closed on these dates-
Nursery and Reception Christmas party Wednesday 20 December from 1:30pm	Monday 25 December 2022 to Friday 05 January 2023 for the Christmas holidays
Year 3 and 4 Christmas party Thursday 21 December from 1:30pm	Monday 08 January 2024 due to a staff training day.

Revised school meals menu

From **Monday 13 November** we will be launching our new **school meals menu**. A copy is on page 4. You will notice some of our traditional favourites and some new dishes. You will also note that this is a **four week menu**. Week one of the menu will be served from Monday 13 November. The menu always reverts to week one after every half term.

Children will continue to ask for a school meal or packed lunch during registration every day and meals will be cooked to order in the kitchen by Mrs Rogage. Special diets will continue to be catered for.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to get their school meal free of charge due to the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. If your child is in Nursery, Year 3 or Year 4 and you do pay for school meals, please **check your school meals balance** on School Gateway. I am aware that there have been technical issues with this system but I have been told that they have been resolved. There are quite a few **significant outstanding balances** and we would be grateful for the outstanding balances to be paid.

Hall floor

As explained in our previous newsletter, we employed a specialist company to **sand, varnish and seal** the hall floor. This was not only to approve the appearance of the hall floor, but also to make it safer. We had noticed a few splinters coming up recently so we used specialists to make sure that this does not happen again.

The company has also added a **marked court** on the hall floor which will help us in PE lessons.

This work was carried out during the half term holiday and we are delighted with the results. We paid for this work to be completed using our **Sports Premium funding**. It has definitely been money well spent.

Topic homework

Your child was given their **October half term topic homework on Friday 20 October**. This is an extended piece of homework to be completed in their topic homework book and handed in no later than **Wednesday 15 November**. During this time there will be no Maths or English homework set. Please note that even though we will not be sending home maths and English homework at this time, spellings will still be given out each week and children should continue to read at home and return their reading book and reading record to school every day.

Topic Homework is given instead of three weeks' worth of maths and English homework. With this in mind, we expect to see a minimum of three tasks that are completed to a high standard, and reflect the equivalent of three weeks' worth of homework. Models, paintings and sculptures that children have completed should be brought in alongside their topic homework books.

In previous years we have received some super examples of just how creative you are, including excellent models, pictures, writing and drawings. Staff will include ideas of activities that children can complete in their topic homework, but we want to see what you can do.

Pictures of completed topic homework will be shared and celebrated via our **school Facebook page** and the **homepage of the school website**, so please keep an eye out for them.

We would really appreciate your support with Topic Homework so all children have at least three pieces of high-quality work which they can be very proud of.

A message from Seaton Valley Food bank

Thank you to everyone for the donations for our harvest festival. If you came to Celebration Assembly you would have seen everything displayed on the stage.

All items were donated to the **Seaton Valley Food Bank**. Mrs Bell collected everything up and took it to the food bank. We received this message from David Freeman, an engagement and development Officer for Seaton Valley Community Council-

"The council would like to thank the students and staff from Seghill First School for their kind and generous donations to the Food Bank from their Harvest Festival.

Since 1 April this year, the council have issued 180 food parcels to families and individuals in Seaton Valley who needed a little extra support to help them get by.

The items that have been donated will go a long way in helping support the food bank and once again I thank everyone for their generosity."

Showing respect and remembrance

We are all extremely proud of our children for taking part in our **two minutes of silence** at 11:00am today.

The children were all extremely respectful and observed the silence beautifully. Well done everyone.



Arrangements for Christmas

We had our Christmas staff meeting this week. Next week we will be sharing information with you about the **arrangements** for our packed programme of **Christmas activities** (see the calendar on page 2).

Donations for the Christmas fayre

Thank you to everyone who wore non uniform and brought in a **donation for the general tombola** today. Your kindness is very much appreciated and we have some great prizes for the tombola.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chef's choice	Beef burger in a bun	Chicken and tomato pasta bake	Cheese and tomato pizza	Roast pork with Yorkshire pudding	Fish fingers
On the Side	Oven baked potato wedges Garden peas Sweetcorn	New potatoes Green beans Salad	Potato croquettes Broccoli Carrots	Roast potatoes Crushed swede Green beans Gravy	Chips Mushy peas Baked beans
Sweet choice	Lemon drizzle shortbread served with milk	Chocolate orange muffin	Fruit jelly served with ice cream	Pancakes served with toffee sauce and sliced banana	Marbled sponge served and custard

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chef's choice	Pork sausages	BBQ chicken sub	Pasta Bolognese	Roast turkey with Yorkshire pudding	Fish fingers
On the Side	Creamed potato Carrots Garden Peas	Oven baked potato wedges Mixed Salad Coleslaw	Wholewheat pasta Sweetcorn Broccoli	Roast potatoes Crushed swede Green beans Salad	Chips Mushy peas Baked beans
Sweet choice	Frozen yoghurt	Shortbread biscuit	Chocolate swirl cookie served with milk	Ice cream sponge served with raspberry sauce	Syrup sponge served with custard and peaches

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chef's choice	Sweet chilli chicken wrap	Beef burger in a bun	Mince and dumplings	Roast pork with Yorkshire pudding	Fish fingers
On the Side	Potato Croquettes Mixed salad Coleslaw	Oven baked potato wedges Garden Peas Carrots	Brown rice Broccoli Sweetcorn	Roast potatoes Crushed swede Green beans	Chips Mushy peas Baked Beans
Sweet choice	Shortbread biscuit served with milk	Raspberry muffin	Ice cream served with peaches	Cornflake cookie	Orange sponge served with custard

Week 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chef's choice	BBQ chicken sub	Cheese and tomato pizza	Pork sausages	Roast turkey with Yorkshire Pudding	Fish fingers
On the Side	Oven baked potato wedges Mixed salad Baked beans Coleslaw	Potato Croquettes Sweetcorn Broccoli	Mashed potato Carrots Garden Peas	Roast potatoes Crushed swede Green beans	Chips Mushy peas Baked beans
Sweet choice	Oaty crunch biscuit served with milk	Ice cream served with peaches	Chocolate Brownie	Ice cream sponge served with raspberry sauce	Lemon drizzle sponge served with custard and mandarin oranges