

Seghill First School Newsletter January 2023 edition 3

Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 07 September 2022	92.4%
Whole school attendance this week	96.3%
89.3%	99.0%
87.3%	98.5%
93.7%	98.6%

Class of the week for this week is **Yellow** class with 99.0% attendance. **Well done Yellow class.** You now have the attendance octopus and you all had a dip in the sweet box this morning.

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 **Freya** in Blue class.

Star of the week

Our stars of the week are-

Mrs Lyons	Henry, Isabelle, Christina, Klay, Ava-Betty and Joey;
Miss Winter & Mrs Watson	Layton;
Mrs Bell	Alannah;
Miss Neal	Sophie;
Miss Porter	Harry;
Mrs Askew	Rio;
Miss Chappell	Roman;
Staff star	Mrs Jose.



Birthdays

We have one birthday in school this week. Happy birthday to **Hallie** in Reception who is now 5. Hope you had a lovely day Hallie.



Ofsted inspection

Thank you to those of you who took the time to respond to the **parent view survey** which was circulated on Monday for our Ofsted inspection. We are unable to share feedback with you at this time as per Ofsted policy, but I can say with complete confidence that the children were fabulous, as was every member of staff.

Proposed industrial action on Wednesday 01 February

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to take strike action across the following dates: Wednesday 01 February 2023; Tuesday 28 February 2023; Wednesday 15 March 2023; Thursday 16 March 2023.

The following information is specific and limited to Wednesday 01 February 2023-

Having read guidance from the Government, Local Authority and Unions, and reviewed the number of staff available to me, I can confirm that school will be **fully open to all year groups on Wednesday 01 February 2023.**

Arrangements in school for the other proposed strike days may change during the course of industrial action. We will let you know when we have more information.

As all year groups are fully open, all children should attend school as normal unless they are too unwell to come to school.

Please check communications from other schools if you have more than one child. I am not aware of any other school in the locality that is fully open to all year groups.

Spring term events and activities

A summary of the events and activities is below-

Friday 17 February	Non-uniform for school funds
Friday 17 February 9:00am	Celebration assembly
Monday 20 – Friday 24 February	School closed for half term holidays
Monday 27 February	School opens for all pupils
Thursday 02 March	World Book Day book sale and coffee morning
Friday 10 March 2:30pm	Year 4 class assembly
Thursday 16 March 12 noon	Mother's Day lunch
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Friday 17 March	Red Nose Day
Monday 20 March	Easter times tables challenge starts
Wednesday 22 March	Movie night for children in Years 1 to 4
Friday 24 March 2:30pm	Year 3 class assembly
Monday 27 March 3:30 to 5:30pm	Meetings for parents and carers with class teachers
Wednesday 29 March 3:30 to 5:30pm	Meetings for parents and carers with class teachers
Thursday 30 March 9:00am	Celebration assembly
Friday 31 March	School closed- staff training day

Community sports information

Whitley Bay Barbarians have asked us to share this information with you-

'Interested in Rugby? Would your child like to come along to some FREE sessions? We have sessions running at Astley High School on Wednesday evenings from 4pm to 5pm for children in Years 1 to 5 and from 5pm for children in Years 6 and 7.

It's fun, friendly and free to take part, learning new skills along the way. If you would like to join in, follow the link below to register and we look forward to seeing you there!

<https://www.whitleybaybarbarians.co.uk/2023-minis-sessions/> '

South Beach Junior Parkrun

South Beach Junior Parkrun is held every Sunday morning in Blyth for 4 to 14 year olds. More information is available at the South Beach Estate junior parkrun Facebook page

World Book Day 02 March 2023

Staff are planning activities to take place on World Book Day on **Thursday 02 March** and throughout the week. Mrs Watson has a **£1 book voucher** for every child. In addition to this, she has also managed to secure a **free copy of one of the £1 World Book Day books** for every child in the school.

Please note that **we will not be dressing up this year for World Book Day**. We agreed some time ago that we would dress up every other year, and as we dressed up last year, we will not be dressing up this year.

We will be sending out more details soon about the **book sale and coffee morning** that will be taking place on Thursday 02 March.

Link to activities for February half term activities

Here are some links to ideas for activities for the half term holidays-

<https://www.visitnorthumberland.com/explore/things-to-do/events/family-events>

<https://www.northeastfamilyfun.co.uk/2019/02/whats-on-for-kids-north-east-february-half-term.html>

<https://letsgowiththechildren.co.uk/events/northumberland/>

In school this week

Children in Year 3 have been trying to grow some beans and carrots. Fingers crossed for a good crop to follow.



Year 3 are well into their **Schools Go Smarter child pedestrian training**. The programme aims to teach children important road safety skills, which they can use to keep themselves safe as pedestrians. The first and last sessions are classroom based. The other sessions are practical and take place outside. Each child will be given a **high viz waistcoat** to wear during these sessions. We are working with staff from the Schools Go Smarter team. The aim is for the children to become more confident with **The Green Cross Code- Stop, Look, Listen and Think**.



Reminder about pre-loved uniform

In school we have many items of **pre-loved school uniform**. The very vast majority of the uniform we have has been donated because children have grown out of it, rather than worn it out, so it is in **very good condition**.

If you would find it useful to top up the uniform that you have at home with some items from our stock of pre-loved items, please let us know. We have a full range of sizes. Please don't feel embarrassed about asking. We would be delighted to help out. There is **no cost** for anything that you take.

Please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Elliott in the school office about what you need, and hopefully we will be able to get everything you need sorted out.

