

# Seghill First School Newsletter September 2022 edition 2

## Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 07 September 2022	91.1%
Whole school attendance this week	94.6%
85.4%	98.0%
90.0%	99.5%
97.9%	94.5%

Class of the week for this week is **Green class**. **Well done Green class**.

## Autumn term coffee mornings

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for our class coffee mornings this week. If you were unable to attend, class teachers will be sending home information about **what the children will be learning** this term and about **what you can do to support your child's learning**.

## The death of HRH Queen Elizabeth II

All members of our school community were very saddened to hear of the death of HRH Queen Elizabeth II. We have been talking to the children about her life, and looking back on the recent Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Monday 19 September will be the date of the funeral, and this will be a Bank Holiday. School will be closed on **Monday 19 September** and will re-open on Tuesday 20 September.

## Star of the week

Our stars of the week are-

- **Mrs Lyons** Joey;
- **Miss Winter & Mrs Watson** Declan;
- **Mrs Bell** Charlie;
- **Miss Neal** Charlie;
- **Miss Porter** Archie;
- **Mrs Askew** Kieran;
- **Miss Chappell** Frankeey F.



## Birthdays

We've only had two birthdays so far this year, and that's brother and sister Layton in Purple class who is now 8 and Luciana in Yellow class who is now 5. Happy birthday Layton and Luciana. We hope your birthdays were special and fun.



## Jeans for Genes

Staff and children are invited to wear **denim** and pay a donation on **Friday 23 September** to support the Jeans for Genes charity.

This charity does amazing work to support families where a child has a **genetic disorder**. We have been learning about the difference between **jeans and genes**. We have been watching short films about the lives of children with genetic disorders, identifying what is the same and what is different about their lives and our lives and thinking about the challenges they face.



### Information for parents and carers

**Thank you** to parents and carers who have returned the information that we sent out last week. We are still waiting for the information to be returned from a number of families. Please complete and return the forms to school as soon as possible so we have all of the information that we need.

### School Gateway reminder

All newsletters and information letters are sent out via **School Gateway**. School Gateway is the method for paying for clubs, school meals and milk and for giving consent. It is also used to send out text messages and emails.

If you have not downloaded the School Gateway app, please do so. We will try to help you to resolve any issues that you have, but cannot do so unless you have the app.

Schoolgateway



### Events coming up this half term

School closed due to a national Bank Holiday	Monday 19 September
Reception to Year 4 nasal flu vaccinations	Thursday 22 September
Jeans for Genes non-uniform	Friday 23 September
Macmillan coffee afternoon	Friday 30 September 2:15pm
Autumn term interviews for parents and children with class teachers	Monday 17 October from 3:30pm for Nursery, Reception and Years 2, 3 and 4
Autumn term interviews for parents and children with class teachers	All year groups Wednesday 19 October from 3:30pm
Celebration assembly	Friday 21 October at 9:00am, including harvest festival
October half term holidays	Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022

### Autumn term milk

The deadline for payment and consent for milk this term was 20 July and the **payment portal is closed**. If you have not signed up and paid for milk for the autumn term by now, your child will not receive milk this term. It takes at least a week between us receiving notification of your consent and/or payment for milk on School Gateway and your child receiving milk. The dairy requires a week's notice to change our milk order.

Order forms for spring term milk will be sent out at the beginning of December and the spring term milk payment portal will be opened. We cannot send order forms out before this time, as the price of milk is calculated by the market value at that time, rather than it being a fixed cost.

We do want as many children as possible who want milk to have it, but we cannot continue to reopen payment portals and change our order with the dairy when the deadline has been missed.

### Nasal flu immunisations

Here is the link to the **online consent form** for the nasal flu immunisation. If you have already completed the online consent form, you do not need to do it again <https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

### Access to YogaBugs portal for families

I am pleased to inform you we have bought into the **YogaBugs Virtual Programme** for our school, and this includes access to YogaBugs videos and mindfulness techniques for you and your children. We are working closely with YogaBugs in school to help all our children, teachers and parents with their mental health and overall wellbeing.

On the **YogaBugs Parent Portal** you will have access to Yoga and Mindfulness videos, chair yoga for you to try, a video about the benefits of YogaBugs, along with helpful mindfulness activities and visualisations that you can download and use for you whole family.

The benefits of you using sessions are huge:

- The YogaBugs Virtual programme has been designed and created by mental health first aiders
- Every session is age appropriate and challenging
- The classes can be used on a laptop, phone, tablet, or smart TV
- You can pause the sessions at any time and come back to them
- All classes end with Relaxation and Mindfulness
- We incorporate curriculum-based themes and subjects to help enhance learning
- All classes are physical and educational
- The physical benefits are massive helping with core strength, balance, coordination flexibility and much more
- All sessions are proven to help with concentration, behaviour, listening and stimulate imagination.

To register and log into the YogaBugs Parent Portal please click on the link below and register your details:

<https://www.thebugsgroup.com/member-registration/>

\*\* please note this link cannot be sent to anyone else as the school has signed a confidentiality agreement \*\*

Once you have registered, you will create your own password which will then gain access to all our sessions.

We hope you find these sessions beneficial. We welcome photos and any feedback to us and YogaBugs so we can see how the children and you are getting on with the sessions. Please feel free to share on our facebook page or to our email: [info@thebugsgroup.com](mailto:info@thebugsgroup.com) <https://www.facebook.com/YogaBugs/>

### Macmillan Coffee afternoon

We will be holding our annual Macmillan Coffee afternoon on **Friday 30 September from 2:15pm**.

This is always an excellent event while raising money for a fantastic charity. We would like to welcome as many of you as possible. Please feel free to ask family and friends to come along too. The children will be joining us in the hall for the coffee afternoon.

We will be asking for **donations of cakes and goodies** nearer the event.

We really hope that you will be able to join us.



### Pre-loved school uniform

We regularly receive **donations of school uniform** in very good condition. If you would like any item of school uniform from our pre-loved selection, please let us know and we will be happy to help you. The very vast majority of the items we have are in **excellent condition**. Please let us know if you need anything.

