

# Seghill First School Newsletter May 2023 edition 3

## Attendance

Our data management system has been down all day today, as it has been in other schools. Using good old pencil and paper, I've worked out that the Class of the Week for this week is **Purple class**. **Well done Purple class**. You have the attendance octopus and you all had a dip in the sweet box today.

I do not have the names of the children with 100% attendance and no late marks for this week. Hopefully we will be back up and running on Monday, and we will draw a name out of the hat then.

## 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**

Freya;

Beau;

Katie;

Charlie;

Rowan;

Finnlagh;

Ella R;

Mrs Jose.



## Birthdays

We have four birthdays in school this week.

**Finnlagh** in Orange class is now 4;

**Marnie** in Green class will be 7;

**Frankie** in Purple class will be 8; and **Joey** in Blue class is now 9.

Happy birthday to you all. We hope your birthday is 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**

Ava Betty;

Layton;

Willow;

Leo;

Zach;

Edie;

Thomas;

Sophie.



## Reminder about 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 was emailed out to parents and carers with last week's 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.

### Summer term events and activities

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

### Celebration assembly Friday 26 May

Celebration assembly will take place on **Friday 26 May at 2:15pm**. Please note that this is 15 mins earlier than the previously advertised time of 2:30pm. This is to allow us to get through everything and leave on time at 3:15pm.

### Topic homework

Your child will be coming home today with their **May half term topic homework**. This is an extended piece of homework to be completed in their topic homework book and handed in no later than **Wednesday 14 June**. 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.

## Seghill Gala

The Seghill Gala will take place on Saturday 03 June.

**Saturday 20 May**     **Register for your child's treat bag.** If you have not done so already, please register for your child's treat bag at the **Institute** on **Saturday 20 May** between **10am and 12 noon**. The treat bag will be given out at the Gala on Saturday 03 June and contains a packed lunch, some treats and a token for a free ride at the fairground.

**Friday 26 May**     **Non uniform for Seghill Gala-** please make a **donation** to come to school in non uniform. All of the money raised will go straight to the committee organising the Gala.

**Celebration assembly at 2:15pm.** We will be announcing the names of the Gala King and Queen, who have been chosen by the committee.

Your child will come home with a **crown**. This can be decorated at home and worn for the Gala parade.

**Saturday 03 June**     The main road through the village will be closed to allow for the parade to march through the village from Burnlea Gardens at 1pm to the Welfare Field. The parade will be accompanied by a band. One family will be chosen to carry the village banner at the head of the parade. We would love to see as many children as possible taking part in the parade with their families.



As you can see from the programme, there will be many exciting activities and attractions at the Gala. They include-

- Active Northumberland organising sports activities, including children's races;
- Bouncy castle;
- Dog show;
- Tug of war;
- Fire engine;
- Craft activities;
- Fairground rides.

The **pipe band** and the **mini rugby** will be showcasing their talents, which we are sure will be excellent.

It is amazing that our village can plan and host such an amazing event that welcomes everyone from our community. There is something for everyone to see or do at the Gala.

Please support this community event taking place on Saturday 03 June from 12 noon.

### Reminder about 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 last 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.