

Seghill First School Newsletter October 2016 edition 2

Staffing update

Mrs Watson will be returning to work from maternity leave on Wednesday 02 November. Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Watson will both teach Year 1; Mrs O'Donnell at the beginning of the week and Mrs Watson at the end of the week.

Mrs Lyons will be leaving on Friday 18 November after covering Mrs Watson's year-long maternity leave. I am sure that you will join with me in thanking Mrs Lyons for all of her hard work with the current Year 1 class and with last year's Year 1 class, who are currently in Year 2. Best wishes, Mrs Lyons.

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of baby **Delilah Rose-Mary Kembrey** on 06 October. Mrs Kembrey and her husband are over the moon.

Mrs Vacher will be leaving us at Christmas as she is relocating overseas with her family.

Miss Fluke will be leaving us soon to take up a post in the health service. I will let you know when her leaving date is confirmed.

Mrs Hedley left us on Friday after working here for many years as a cleaner. We thank them for their hard work and wish them all well in the future.

Recent events

The **school photographer** was in school on Tuesday and took individual photographs of all pupils and family photographs on request. Proofs will be sent out after half term. Please ensure you **send payment and orders by the deadline** to ensure you receive your order in time for Christmas.

Thank you to parents and carers who attended the **meetings with class teachers** earlier this week. We hope you found them useful.

We will be looking at the answers you provided with the **questionnaires** given out at the meetings to help us celebrate what we do well and look at areas where we can continue to make our school better. Responses will be collated and uploaded on to the school's website in the parents section.

Reminders

It is getting cold now so we expect all children to be wearing a coat to school. Please ensure **coats and school uniform are named**.

A reminder of dates and events for **November and December** are attached to this newsletter.

Events in October

The **Halloween party** will take place on **Monday 31 October**. Children will not be able to attend unless they have bought tickets by the end of today. A letter explaining the arrangements for the party has been sent out with the tickets. Children who attend wearing any sort of clown costume will be asked to remove the costume or parents will be telephoned to pick them up.

Future events

We will be offering an after school **football club** and **gymnastics club** for Years 3 and 4 after half term. The deadline for applications is **Friday 04 November**. Homework club (invitation only) will continue after half term.

We have organised a series of **5 half day bike rides** for all children in Year 4 over the course of the school year. The class will be split in half and one group will do a bike ride in the morning with **Mrs Bell** and **Richard Rothwell** from **Cycle Generation**. The other group will stay in school with Miss Chappell. Groups will swap at lunchtime so everyone will take part in a bike ride in either the morning or afternoon session. **Bikes and helmets** will be provided for all children by Cycle Generation. The first ride will take place on **Wednesday 02 November**.

We have paid for this programme using our **Sports Premium** funding, which is provided by the government to fund additional and sustainable improvements to the provision of PE and sport and to encourage the development of healthy, active lifestyles.

There is a meeting for anyone interested in **fundraising** for our school on **Monday 07 November at 5:00pm** in the Club Room. We will be organising the details of the Christmas fayre. Please come along if you have ideas about fundraising activities or you are willing to help.

We will be silent for two minutes on **Friday 11 November at 11:00am**.

E-safety workshops for parents and carers have been organised for **Monday 21 November at 5:00pm** and **Tuesday 22 November at 8:45am**. Mr Clark will be giving a presentation to parents and carers about keeping children safe online. A questionnaire about keeping children safe online will be sent home soon. Mr Clark will plan his presentation around the issues raised in the questionnaires. We hope you can join us for either of these meetings.

There is a meeting for parents and children in the current **Year 3 class** on **Thursday 17 November at 5:00pm** about next year's visit to Dukeshouse Wood in September 2017.

Children In Need day is on **Friday 18 November**. More details to follow soon.

Children in the **choir** in Years 3 and 4 will be singing at the **Christmas sale** at the Institute on **Saturday 19 November** at noon.

October half term

We break up for October half term today. School re-opens from 8:35am on Monday 31 October. Workmen will be in school during half term completing installation of our new boilers. We look forward to returning to a warmer school.

November 2016	
Wednesday 02	Year 4 bike ride 1
Monday 05	5:00 Fundraising committee meeting Football club starts 3:15pm to 4:15pm
Tuesday 06	Gymnastics club starts 3:15pm to 4:15pm
Wednesday 09	Full governing body meeting 6:00pm
Friday 11	Two minutes silence at 11:00am Year 3 hula hoop festival at Blyth Sports Centre from 9:00am
Thursday 17	Dukeshouse Wood meeting for current Year 3 children and parents 5:00pm
Friday 18	Children In Need
Saturday 19	Year 3 and 4 choir singing at Seghill Institute at noon
Monday 21	E-safety workshop for parents at 5:00pm
Tuesday 22	E-safety workshop for parents at 8:45am Meeting for parents and carers of Nursery January starters 2:00pm
Wednesday 23	Year 4 bike ride 2
Thursday 24	Seghill Christmas lights switch on
Friday 25	Nursery January starters stay and play session 1:00pm Raffle tickets sent home
December 2016	
Thursday 01	Nursery January starters stay and play session 2:00pm
Friday 02	Non uniform for Christmas fayre Santa's reading challenge starts for 2 weeks
Wednesday 07	Year 4 bike ride 3
Friday 09	Early Years class 1 and 2 Christmas performance at 9:00am Christmas fayre at 3:15pm
Saturday 10	Year 3 and 4 choir singing at the Seghill senior citizens Christmas party
Monday 12	Key stage 1 and 2 Christmas performance at 2:15pm
Tuesday 13	Key stage 1 and 2 Christmas performance at 2:15pm
Wednesday 14	No Nursery this morning Christmas lunch Early Years class 1 and 2 Christmas party from 1:00pm Film night
Thursday 15	Christingle service to be confirmed Key stage 1 Christmas party 1:00pm to 3:15pm
Friday 16	8:45am Celebration assembly End of Santa's reading challenge Key stage 2 Christmas party 1:00pm to 3:15pm School closes for Christmas holidays at 3:15pm
Monday 19 to Friday 30	School closed- Christmas holidays

