

# 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 pupil 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.

## Future events

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 with 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.

We will be offering an after school **gymnastics club** for Years 3 and 4 after half term. A letter about this will be coming out soon. Football club and homework club (invitation only) will both 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 interesting 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 **Tuesday 15 November at 8:45am** and **Thursday 17 November at 2:30pm**. 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. Mrs Clark will plan his presentation around the issues raised in the questionnaires. We hope you can join us.

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.

### 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**.