

# Seghill First School Newsletter November 2022 edition 4

## Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 07 September 2022	92.8%
Whole school attendance this week	92.2%
74.1%	92%
87.3%	91.4%
89.5%	97.7%

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

## Star of the week

Our stars of the week are-

- **Mrs Lyons** Coby;
- **Miss Winter & Mrs Watson** Roman;
- **Mrs Bell** Theo;
- **Miss Neal** Emily;
- **Miss Porter** Rowan;
- **Mrs Askew** Jaxson;
- **Miss Chappell** Amelia.



## Birthdays

We've had three birthdays this week.

- Ava in Purple class is now 8;
- Parker and Amelia in Green class are now 7.

We hope your birthday is special and fun.



## Christmas events, activities and deadlines

A summary of the events, activities and deadlines is below-

Christmas treat for Nursery and Reception	Thursday 01 December
Santa's reading challenge starts	Monday 05 December
Children's first names and surname initial for your child's class sent home	By Friday 16 December
Return raffle tickets to school	By Friday 16 December
Christmas fayre	Friday 16 December at 3:15pm
Deadline for ordering and paying for concert tickets	Friday 16 December
Deadline for ordering and paying for movie tickets	Friday 16 December
Deadline for ordering and paying for Christmas treats	Friday 16 December
Post box opens	Monday 19 December
Yellow and Orange class concert	Monday 19 December at 9:00am
Red, Green, Purple and Blue class concert	Monday 19 December at 2:30pm
Red, Green, Purple and Blue class concert	Tuesday 20 December at 9:00am
Red and Green class party	Tuesday 20 December
Orange and Yellow class party	Wednesday 21 December
Christmas lunch	Wednesday 21 December
Movie night for Years 1 to 4	Wednesday 21 December 3:15pm to 5:15pm
Purple and Blue class party	Thursday 22 December
Christmas treat for Years 1 to 4	Thursday 22 December
Celebration assembly	Friday 23 December at 9:00am

### Toy swap

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the toy swap. This took place in the hall this morning.

Thank you to the **three parents** who attended this morning. I must say it was very disappointing to see only three parents there, especially as this event has been mentioned in 4 previous newsletters and there were so many lovely things to choose from.

I can only conclude that support that we hoped this event would provide in the run up to Christmas was not something that parents felt they needed. The items will be donated to a charity so they do make a difference to some families.

### School streets

In addition to the new **bollards** which have been put up outside our school on Cheviot View, I am delighted to announce that both **Cheviot View and Parker Place** are going to become **School Streets**. This means that when the scheme is launched, there will be **no access to Cheviot View or Parker Place to any school traffic at either dropping off time or collection time. Parents and carers will not be able to drive up or down Cheviot View or Parker Place and they will not be able to park in either of these streets either.**

I do not have the exact start date of the scheme, but please be aware that this scheme will be starting soon.

### Being safe online



In assembly this week we were talking about **being safe online**. We know that at this time of year, children may ask for games or for a telephone, laptop, PC or tablet for Christmas. It is hard for parents and carers to know all of the rules and not to bow to peer pressure about what children should and should not be doing and viewing. To have an account for Tik Tok, Instagram, Snapchat or Facebook, you must be at least **13 years old**. Children should not be using an account which belongs to an adult or an older child to access these platforms.

We are all familiar with film age ratings to help us to choose films which are appropriate for our children to watch. In the same way, computer games have **Pegi age ratings**. Pegi age ratings ensure that entertainment content, such as films, DVDs, and games, is clearly labelled for the minimum age group for which it is suitable. Age ratings provide guidance to consumers to help them decide whether or not to buy a particular product. Since 2012, PEGI has been the sole system used in the UK for new console and PC games.

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BAD LANGUAGE	DISCRIMINATION	DRUGS	FEAR	GAMBLING	SEX	VIOLENCE	IN-GAME PURCHASES

If you are unsure about whether a game is suitable for your child, please check the Pegi rating.

### Christmas lights competition and Christmas Lights switch on tonight

As reported in last week's newsletter, Coby's winning design was sent to France and made into a Christmas light which will be hung in our village. Coby has been invited to switch his light on at the big **Christmas Light switch on at the Blake Arms tonight from 4:30pm to 5:30pm**. The lights on the Christmas tree will also be switched on at this time.

All children have been given 2 **gold lucky tickets**. The children must take their tickets to the Christmas Light switch on to have a chance to win a special prize.

The winners of the annual Seghill Christmas Lights competition were-

- First prize- Coby;
- Second prize- Klay;
- Third prize- Joey.

### Christmas treats for all children

Staff have arranged a special Christmas treat for all children.

Children in **key stages 1 and 2** are going to the Tyne Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast on **Thursday 22 December**. Tickets cost **£11.00 per child**, plus the cost of the coach hire is **£580**. The total cost per child would be **£19.05**.

Children in **Nursery and Reception** are going to Seven Stories to see 'Naughty or Nice? The Missing Lists' on **Thursday 01 December**. Tickets cost **£7.50 per child**, plus the cost of the coach hire is **£260**. The total cost per child would be **£15.63**.

The total cost to school for these two trips is **£1872**. We are using money from our fundraising activities to pay for both of these treats, so parents and carers **will not be asked to contribute** anything towards the cost. I hope you agree that this is an excellent use of our fundraising money, and hopefully the children will really enjoy going out to seeing a live performance in a special setting.

### Free NUFC Women tickets

We ended up with **4 pairs of tickets to see Newcastle United Women play Barnsley Women at St James' Park on Sunday 27 November**. This was one more pair of tickets than we were expecting. Kick off is at 2:00pm.

Each pair of tickets gives free entry to the game for one adult and one concession. Names were drawn out of the hat in front of some of the children this morning. The lucky winners are **Henry, Ava-Betty, Frankeey and Leila**. Congratulations to you all.

If you were not a winner in our draw, you can still buy tickets. Advance prices for admission are £3 per adults and £1 per concession. Admission prices on the day are £6 for adults and £2 for concessions.

### Spring term milk

Spring term milk letters are being sent home today. The deadline for consent, and payment if required, is **Wednesday 21 December** on School Gateway. We have to order milk from the dairy by this deadline with our order for the first week of the spring term.

Once that order is made, it cannot be changed until the summer term. We cannot continue to add names to the milk list throughout the spring term.

### Countdown to Santa's Reading Challenge

Santa's Reading Challenge starts on **Monday 05 December**. Our literacy lead, Mrs Watson, will be sending out more information about the reading challenge soon. It is important that children continue to read in the run up to Christmas as part of their normal routine, as this maintains fluency and interest in books. We know it can be difficult to fit everything in at this time of year, but hopefully, the "little and often" approach is more manageable than reading lots of pages once a week.

### **Pupil voice**

We have spoken to some of the children about the rewards we use in school, and asked them what they think about them. This is what we have agreed to do following discussions with the children.

### **Star of the week**

Children will continue to get a certificate and have their photograph taken and displayed on the star of the week board. In addition to this, all stars of the week will have a **dip in the star of the week prize box** as a reward for being picked as star of the week.

### **Weekly 100% attendance with no late marks**

Children will continue to have their name put in the hat each week if they have 100% attendance and no late marks for that week. At the end of each half term, one name will be pulled out the hat (see below). In addition to this, we will pull one name out the hat each week, and the winner will have a **dip in the attendance prize box** as a reward for having 100% attendance and no late marks for the week.

### **Half termly 100% attendance with no late marks**

In addition to the arrangements for the weekly prize, all names with 100% attendance and no late marks from each week are put in the hat and a name is drawn out during celebration assembly at the end of each half term. We are currently giving out £10 vouchers for the cinema. The children have asked us to extend this to include **cinema vouchers, book vouchers or Argos vouchers**, so this is what we will be doing.

### **Weekly class with the best attendance award**

The class with the best attendance each week gets the attendance octopus in their classroom. In addition to this, we have agreed that all of the children in the best class for that week can have a **dip in the sweet box**.

### **Half termly class with the best attendance award**

The class with the best attendance at the end of each half term currently gets an extra afternoon of Golden Time. Children have asked us to add in the extra options of **sketching, colouring in or watching a movie**.

### **Termly class of the term**

The class with the best attendance at the end of each term currently gets to wear non-uniform on the last day of term. Children have asked us to add in the extra options of getting some **sweets, watching a movie and having popcorn and pop**.

### **Behaviour policy**

We are going to review our **behaviour policy**. This is part of an ongoing cycle of policy review. We will be writing to you to share our draft updated policy and asking for your feedback after Christmas. We will also be asking the children about the current system of rewards and sanctions to find their views about what is working well and what they think needs to improve. Your views, and the views of the children, will form part of the review process.

### **Dukeshouse Wood meeting**

We have arranged a meeting for parents and children to tell you more about our annual visit to Dukeshouse Wood for children in Year 4. This will take place in Mrs Lyons' classroom straight after school on **Tuesday 29 November 2022**. Even if you have an older child who has been to Dukeshouse Wood before, it is definitely worth attending to find out all the information about the visit.

### **Raffle tickets**

Thank you to those of you have returned your raffle tickets and money so far. You are super speedy. If you would like any extra raffle tickets, please see **Mrs Elliott** in the school office, and she will get them for you.