

Seghill First School Newsletter March 2023 edition 4

Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 07 September 2022	92.9%
Whole school attendance this week	95.5%
93.7%	95.5%
86.2%	94.5%
97.8%	98.6%

Class of the week for this week is **Blue** class with 98.6% attendance. **Well done Blue class.** You have the attendance octopus again and you all had a dip in the sweet box today.

Our winner for a **dip in the attendance prize box** as a reward for having 100% attendance and no late marks for the week is **Jake** in **Purple** class.

Star of the week for 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

Olivia;
 Bobby;
 Ella;
 Emily;
 Edison;
 Sierra;
 Eabha;
 Mrs Rogage and Miss Neal.



Birthdays

We have three birthdays in school this week. Our birthday girls this week are-

- **Mila** is Orange class is 4;
- **Emily and Leila** in Red class are now 6.

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

Layton;
 Joey;
 Olivia W;
 Leo;
 Harry;
 Jax;
 Freya C;
 Alannah.



Easter decorating competition

Our Easter decorating competition is now open. We would love you to wow us with your creativity and craft skills.

What do you need to do?

You can decorate a boiled egg or a potato. You can use felt tips, craft materials and recycled items to make your design. You could make a famous person, a character from a book or a game, an animal or a unique design or pattern of your own. You can ask adults for help but please try to do most of the work yourself.

When do you bring your entry into school?

The Easter decorating competition will take place on **Wednesday 29 March**. Your entries need to be brought into school by then.

Are there any prizes?

Yes, there is a prize for everyone who enters. Please don't forget to **put your name** somewhere on your design so we can see it. There will also be a prize for the **most creative and unique design for each class**.

Who will see the finished competition entries?

Everyone! Hopefully we will be able to display all of the competition entries so they can be seen by everyone who comes to our **Celebration Assembly** next Thursday at 9:00am.

Spring term events and activities

Monday 27 March 3:30 to 5:30pm	Meetings for parents and carers with class teachers
Wednesday 29 March 3:30 to 5:30pm	Meetings for parents and carers with class teachers
Wednesday 29 March	Easter times tables challenge ends
Thursday 30 March 9:00am	Celebration assembly
Friday 31 March	School closed- staff training day

Seghill First School Pedestrian and Cycle Zone

As mentioned in a number of newsletters this year, a road safety scheme on both Cheviot View and Parker Place has been planned. This is called the **Seghill First School Pedestrian and Cycle Zone**.

I have received notification from Northumberland County Council that the Seghill First School Pedestrian and Cycle Zone is **now active**. **This means that no vehicles can enter and proceed along the lengths of Cheviot View or Parker Place from Monday to Friday, 8:15am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 3:45pm.**

What does this mean in real terms?

Parents and carers should not drive up or down or park on Cheviot View or Parker Place on school days between 8:15am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 3:45pm. This includes parents and carers who are dropping off and collecting children from Red and Green class or parking in either street to drop off or collect from any part of our school.

In a nutshell, nobody other than residents should be entering this area 8:15am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 3:45pm on school days.

What happens if the rules of the Seghill First School Pedestrian and Cycle Zone are not followed?

Parents and carers who park or drive on Parker Place or Cheviot View between the times listed above are contravening the restrictions. If found doing this, **parents and carers are liable to a Fixed Penalty Notice served by the Police**. To avoid receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice due to parking or driving on Parker Place or Cheviot View between the times listed above, parents and carers are encouraged to use active travel such as walking or cycling rather than private vehicles.

The enforcement of the regulations of the Seghill First School Pedestrian and Cycle Zone and the serving of Fixed Penalty Notices lies with the Police. As a school, we have no authority to enforce the rules of Seghill First School Pedestrian and Cycle Zone, but ask for your support. The zone has been put in place to keep our children safe.

Leave of absence during term time requests

As we move into the summer term we tend to receive an increased number of leave of absence during term time requests.

We do completely understand that the cost of family holidays during the school holidays can be astronomical. However, we have a **legal duty** to follow the law around attendance, including only authorising leave of absence requests that have **evidence of exceptional circumstances** and referring to the Local Authority for a **fixed penalty notice** to be issued for all unauthorised leave of absence requests.

Parents and carers requesting leave of absence during term time must **submit the request at least two weeks in advance** using the **leave of absence during term time form**. The only leave of absence during term time requests that will be authorised are those where **evidence of exceptional circumstances** is provided. Leave of absence that is taken **without a leave of absence request form being submitted** will not be authorised and will trigger an application from school to the Local Authority for a **fixed penalty notice** to be issued. Leave of absence that is taken **which has not been authorised** is extremely likely to trigger an application from school to the Local Authority for a **fixed penalty notice** to be issued.

Summer term events and activities

Summer coffee mornings at 9:00am – 9:45am	Fundraising and community
Years 1 and 2 Monday 24 April	Bags2school collection Thursday 27 April
Years 3 and 4 Tuesday 25 April	Non uniform for Seghill Gala Friday 26 May
Nursery and Reception Wednesday 26 April	Games night Wednesday 24 May from 3:30pm for Years 1 to 4
	Non uniform for summer fayre 1 Friday 09 June (general tombola)
Class assemblies	Father's Day lunch Thursday 15 and Friday 16 June
Year 2 and Year 1 class assembly Friday 28 April at 9:00am	Non uniform for summer fayre 2 Friday 23 June (chocolate and sweets tombola)
Nursery and Reception class assembly Friday 12 May at 2:30pm	Non uniform for summer fayre 3 Friday 07 July (bottle tombola)
	Summer fayre Tuesday 18 July from 3:15pm
Other school events	Celebration assemblies
Key stage 2 visit to Hexham Book Festival Friday 28 April	Friday 26 May at 2:30pm
Year 4 cycling with Richard Rothwell Tuesday 02, Wednesday 03 and Thursday 04 May	Friday 21 July at 9:00am
Years 1 to 4 sports morning Tuesday 27 June in PE lessons	
Nursery and Reception sports morning Wednesday 28 June in PE lessons	
Year 4 leavers' assembly Thursday 20 July at 9:00am	
Year 4 leavers' party Thursday 20 July at 6:00pm	
<p>School is closed on these dates- Monday 01 May for the May Bank holiday. Monday 07 May for King Charles' coronation Monday 29 May to Friday 02 June 2023 for the half term holidays. Monday 24 July to Friday 01 September 2022 for the Summer holidays.</p>	

There will be additions to this list, such as school trips. Please keep this list handy so you know what is going on.

Next week

Meetings for **parents and carers with class teachers** will take place in the hall on **Monday and Wednesday** next week. Please use **the main Reception door** on Cheviot View to enter and leave the school.

Celebration Assembly will take place on **Thursday 30 March** in the hall from 9:00am. We very much hope you can join us.

School closes at 3:15pm on Thursday 30 March. **Friday 31 March** is a **staff training day**, when staff will be in school completing Emergency First Aid training.

Nursery and Reception spotlight



As you can see, children in Yellow and Orange class had a fantastic time when the Police officers visited school this week.