

# Seghill First School Newsletter October 2023 edition 4

## Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 05 September 2023	93.6%
Whole school attendance this week	89.2%
98.5%	89.2%
93.3%	86.7%
88.4%	86.7%

Class of the week for this week is **Orange** class with 98.5% attendance. **Well done Orange class.** You have the attendance octopus and you have had a dip in the sweet box.

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 **Amelia** in Purple class.

**Orange** class is class of autumn term A, with 97.3% attendance. **Well done Orange class.** You will have Golden Time with Mrs Askew after the half term break.

**Manessa** in Red class won our £10 voucher for autumn term A as her name was pulled out of the hat.

### Star of the week

Our stars of the week are-

**Mrs Lyons**

**Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas**

**Miss Winter**

**Mrs Bell**

**Mrs Kembrey**

**Mrs Askew**

**Miss Chappell**

**Staff star**

Olivia;

Alannah;

Leila;

Sam;

Mila;

Grace;

Abel;

Mrs Bell.



### Birthdays

We have two birthdays in school this week.

**Bobby** in Blue class is 9 today; **Willow** in Purple class is 8 today.

Happy birthday to Bobby and Willow. We hope your birthday was special and fun.

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

We have no birthdays during the half term break.

### WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-

**Mrs Lyons**

**Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas**

**Miss Winter**

**Mrs Bell**

**Mrs Kembrey**

**Mrs Askew**

**Mrs Ellison**

**Mrs Miller and Mrs Jose**

Frankeey;

Bailey and Parker;

Thomas;

Leila;

Edie;

Alice;

Elizabeth;

Manessa.



### Meetings with class teachers

Thank you to everyone who attended our meetings for **parents and carers to meet with their child's class teacher** on **Monday 23 October and Wednesday 25 October.**

**As always, attendance was very high, at 97%.** Some of you spoke to the class teacher by telephone and the vast majority of parents and carers came into school for the meetings. Whichever method was used, it is so important to have the opportunity to speak to the class teacher.

If you are one of the 3 parents who has not seen your child's class teacher and who has not made an alternative appointment yet, class teachers will be speaking to you to make another appointment time.

## Events coming up the next term

Other school events	Fundraising and community events
Workshop for Early Years parents and carers Tuesday 14 November from 9:00am	Non uniform 1 for Christmas fayre Friday 10 November (general tombola)
Reception vision screening Wednesday 29 November time TBC	Children in Need Friday 17 November
Santa's reading challenge starts on Monday 04 December	Non uniform 2 for Christmas fayre Friday 24 November (chocolate and sweets tombola)
	Non uniform 3 for Christmas fayre Friday 08 December (bottle tombola)
Christmas	Christmas fayre Friday 15 December from 3:15pm
Christmas treat for children in key stages 1 and 2 Thursday 14 December morning	Film night Wednesday 20 December 3:15pm for Years 1 to 4
Years 1 to 4 Christmas concert Monday 17 Monday 18 December from 9:00am	
Years 1 to 4 Christmas concert Monday 17 December from 2:30pm	Celebration assemblies
Nursery and Reception Christmas concert Tuesday 18 December from 9:00am	Friday 22 December at 2:15pm
Year 1 and 2 Christmas party Tuesday 18 December from 1:30pm	
Christmas lunch all year groups Wednesday 20 December	School is closed on these dates-
Nursery and Reception Christmas party Wednesday 20 December from 1:30pm	Monday 25 December 2022 to Friday 05 January 2023 for the Christmas holidays
Year 3 and 4 Christmas party Thursday 21 December from 1:30pm	Monday 08 January 2024 due to a staff training day.

## Revised school meals menu

From **Monday 13 November** we will be launching our new **school meals menu**. A copy is on page 4. You will notice some of our traditional favourites and some new dishes. You will also note that this is a **four week menu**. Week one of the menu will be served from Monday 13 November. The menu always reverts to week one after every half term.

**The menu for week beginning Monday 06 November will be the week 1 menu on the existing menu.**

Children will continue to ask for a school meal or packed lunch during registration every day and meals will be cooked to order in the kitchen by Mrs Rogage. Special diets will continue to be catered for.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to get their school meal free of charge due to the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. If your child is in Nursery, Year 3 or Year 4 and you do pay for school meals, please **check your school meals balance** on School Gateway. I am aware that there have been technical issues with this system but I have been told that they have been resolved. There are quite a few **significant outstanding balances** and we would be grateful for the outstanding balances to be paid.

## Staffing update

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed a new **office manager**. **Miss Linsey Best** will be joining our staff team from Monday 06 November.

Linsey currently works in another school office and is a former pupil of our school. She has been visiting school over the last couple of weeks to get to know how everything works. I'm sure she is going to be a great addition to our existing staff team. The office will be open from 8:30am to 3:30pm every day. It will be closed for lunch from 12:15pm to 12:45pm.

### Topic homework

Your child was given their **October half term topic homework last Friday**. This is an extended piece of homework to be completed in their topic homework book and handed in no later than **Wednesday 15 November**. 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.

### Reminder autumn term B extra curricular clubs

Letters have been sent home earlier this week about the **four extra-curricular clubs** for boys and girls in **Years 1 to 4** for next half term.

The details of the clubs are below-

- Christmas crafty club with Mrs Lyons and Miss Winter for Years 3 and 4;
- Singing club with Mrs Askew for Years 3 and 4;
- Games club with NUFC for Years 1 and 2;
- Christmas crafty club with Mrs Lyons and Miss Winter for Years 1 and 2.

We have received lots of replies so far. Please make sure that payment is made on School Gateway to book a place for your child into any of these clubs. Returning the reply slip without paying does not book a place for your child into the club.

We hope you all have a lovely half term break and we will see you again on **Monday 06 November**.



### Harvest festival

Thank you to everyone for the donations for our harvest festival. If you came to Celebration Assembly today you would have seen everything displayed on the stage.

All items will be donated to the **Seaton Valley Food Bank**. Since April 2018 they have been working in partnership with Blyth Food Bank to provide a food parcel distribution service to residents in Seaton Valley who require support from the food bank. In these difficult times for everyone, it is great to see what we can do to help each other.

### Hall floor

School will be open over the October half term break as we are having some work done.

A specialist company is coming in to **sand, varnish and seal** the hall floor. This is not only to approve the appearance of the hall floor, but also to make it safer. We have noticed a few splinters coming up recently so we are using specialists to make sure that this does not happen again.

Obviously, this job could not be done during term time so we are taking advantage of the school being closed to pupils to get it done.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Chef's choice</b>	Beef burger in a bun	Chicken and tomato pasta bake	Cheese and tomato pizza	Roast pork with Yorkshire pudding	Fish fingers
<b>On the Side</b>	Oven baked potato wedges Garden peas Sweetcorn	New potatoes Green beans Salad	Potato croquettes Broccoli Carrots	Roast potatoes Crushed swede Green beans Gravy	Chips Mushy peas Baked beans
<b>Sweet choice</b>	Lemon drizzle shortbread served with milk	Chocolate orange muffin	Fruit jelly served with ice cream	Pancakes served with toffee sauce and sliced banana	Marbled sponge served and custard

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Chef's choice</b>	Pork sausages	BBQ chicken sub	Pasta bolognese	Roast turkey with Yorkshire pudding	Fish fingers
<b>On the Side</b>	Creamed potato Carrots Garden Peas	Oven baked potato wedges Mixed Salad Coleslaw	Wholewheat pasta Sweetcorn Broccoli	Roast potatoes Crushed swede Green beans Salad	Chips Mushy peas Baked beans
<b>Sweet choice</b>	Frozen yoghurt	Shortbread biscuit	Chocolate swirl cookie served with milk	Ice cream sponge served with raspberry sauce	Syrup sponge served with custard and peaches

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Chef's choice</b>	Sweet chilli chicken wrap	Beef burger in a bun	Mince and dumplings	Roast pork with Yorkshire pudding	Fish fingers
<b>On the Side</b>	Potato Croquettes Mixed salad Coleslaw	Oven baked potato wedges Garden Peas Carrots	Brown rice Broccoli Sweetcorn	Roast potatoes Crushed swede Green beans	Chips Mushy peas Baked Beans
<b>Sweet choice</b>	Shortbread biscuit served with milk	Raspberry muffin	Ice cream served with peaches	Cornflake cookie	Orange sponge served with custard

Week 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Chef's choice</b>	BBQ chicken sub	Cheese and tomato pizza	Pork sausages	Roast turkey with Yorkshire Pudding	Fish fingers
<b>On the Side</b>	Oven baked potato wedges Mixed salad Baked beans Coleslaw	Potato Croquettes Sweetcorn Broccoli	Mashed potato Carrots Garden Peas	Roast potatoes Crushed swede Green beans	Chips Mushy peas Baked beans
<b>Sweet choice</b>	Oaty crunch biscuit served with milk	Ice cream served with peaches	Chocolate Brownie	Ice cream sponge served with raspberry sauce	Lemon drizzle sponge served with custard and mandarin oranges