

# Seghill First School Newsletter April 2023 edition 1

## Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 07 September 2022	93.2%
Whole school attendance this week	98.0%
92.6%	97.5%
100%	97.5%
97.8%	98.1%

Class of the week for this week is **Red** class with 100% attendance. **Well done Red class.** You have the attendance octopus 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 Layton in Purple class.

### Star of the 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**

Freya;

Olivia;

Grace;

Caiden;

Caleb;

Edie;

Isaac B;

Miss Winter.



### Birthdays

We have one birthday in school this week. **Theo** in Green class will be 7.

Happy birthday to you Theo. 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**

Klay;

William;

Amelia;

Ollie;

Hallie;

Brogan;

Esme.



### Red and Green class assembly

We hope parents and carers in Red and Green class can join us from 9:00am on **Friday 28 April** for our **class assembly**. Please drop your child off at their classroom and come to the main entrance.

### Proposed Industrial Action by members of the National Education Union (NEU)

As mentioned in previous newsletters, members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to take strike action on a number of dates, including on **Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 02 May 2023**.

Having read guidance from the Government, Local Authority and Unions, and reviewed the number of staff available I can confirm that school will be **fully open to all year groups on both days**.

**As all year groups are fully open, all children should attend school as normal unless they are too unwell to come to school. All children are expected to attend, even if siblings in other schools are not attending their school.** Please check communications from other schools if you have more than one child as the arrangements for each school is very specific to them.

### School site information

I have noticed two parents vaping on the school site this week.

**Vaping is not allowed** on our school site.

Please do not allow your child to run around in the **car park** or the **garden area that runs parallel to the school drive either before or after school**. We are aware that the garden area that runs parallel to the school drive needs attention. Please keep children on the path and out of the garden. Thank you.

## Summer term events and activities

Summer coffee mornings at 9:00am – 9:45am	Fundraising and community
Years 1 and 2 Monday 24 April, focusing on the Y2 tests and Y1 phonics screening check	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	
<b>School is closed on these dates-</b> Monday 01 May for the May Bank holiday. Monday 08 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.	

### Class coffee mornings

We do hope you will be able to join us for our class coffee mornings next week. The teachers spend a great deal of time planning them and providing information that you will find very useful about what your child will be learning. All coffee mornings will start as soon as possible after **8:45am**. The dates are-

- **Monday 24 April Years 1 and 2**, focusing on the Y2 tests and Y1 phonics screening check;
- **Tuesday 25 April Years 3 and 4**;
- **Wednesday 26 April Nursery and Reception**.

### Hexham book festival

Children in Purple and Blue class will be going to the **Hexham Book Festival** next Friday. They are taking part in a workshop with best selling children's author, Abi Elphinstone. What an excellent opportunity for our children to meet a real life author.

## Parent surveys

Thank you to everyone who attended a meeting with their child's class teacher before the Easter break. Attendance at these meetings was extremely high. We saw (or have arranged to see) 98 out of 103 parents and carers, which is **95%** of our parents and carers. This is excellent.

Thank you to those of you who completed and handed in a survey. **100% of parents and carers who completed and submitted a survey would recommend this school to another parent.** This is great news. I have copied the responses below for you to see. Clearly, the very vast majority of parents and carers strongly agree or agree that we are doing a good job.

As always, please see me or another member of staff if something is worrying you or there is something that we need to know about. We do try to resolve any issues as soon as we become aware of them.

ALL YEAR GROUPS COMBINED	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know not applicable
My child is happy at this school.	61	9	0	0	0
My child feels safe at this school.	62	8	0	0	0
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved in school.	54	16	0	0	0
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	13	9	2	2	44
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	55	14	0	0	1
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	42	19	1*	0	08
Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?	Yes 9	No 60		Not sure yet 1**	
The school has high expectations for my child.	31	37	1*	0	0
My child does well at this school.	46	22	2*	0	0
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	47	23	0	0	0
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	43	24	0	0	3
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	49	11	1	0	9
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	43	25	1	0	1
I would recommend this school to another parent.	Yes 70	No 0			

\*A tick has been put between agree and disagree in response to two questions therefore the table has been adjusted to reflect this.

\*\* One parent wrote "not sure yet" in response to one question therefore the table has been adjusted to reflect this.



## Early Years focus

This week children have been learning about caterpillars as part of their “minibeasts” topic. As you can see from the pictures, they were thrilled to see the caterpillars.

