

# Seghill First School Newsletter September 2020 edition 2

## Jeans for Genes

Thank you to everyone who wore denim today to support the **Jeans for Genes** charity. This charity does amazing work to support families where a child has a genetic disorder.

We raised **£100**, which will all go directly to the charity. Well done everyone.



## Punctuality

We always want to make a super start to the new school year with all children arriving at school on time and being collected on time. It is even more important this year that children arrive on time and are collected on time at their classroom door.

In the past, we have allowed 10 minutes from doors opening at 8:35am to doors closing at 8:45am for children to enter the classroom. We are not able to do this now.

Please wait with your child at the classroom door and leave them with the class teacher at either 8:45am or 8:50am. There will be a maximum of 5 minutes after these times for you to drop your child off at the classroom, then the doors will close.

Please support us to make sure your child has the best possible start to the day and to ensure our protective measures are effective by **arriving at their classroom by 8:45am or 8:50am. IF YOU ARRIVE AFTER THESE TIMES, YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COME INTO SCHOOL AND YOU WILL HAVE TO TAKE THEM HOME.**

We cannot have children being dropped off at the school office because they are late. There will be no key stage 2 helpers at the office to take late comers to classrooms. Late arrival will completely contravene all of the protective measures we have put in place to keep children and staff safe. Children cannot enter through the classroom doors of other year groups.

If you have more than one child in school, please drop off children in **Nursery, Reception and Year 1 first.**

Blue	Green	Red	Yellow	Orange Reception	Orange Nursery
Drop off at 8:50am	Drop off at 8:50am	Drop off at 8:50am	Drop off at 8:45am	Drop off at 8:45am	Drop off at 8:45am
Collect at 3:15pm, except Fridays	Collect at 3:15pm, except Fridays	Collect at 3:15pm, except Fridays	Collect at 3:10pm, except Fridays	Collect at 3:10pm, except Fridays	Collect at 11:45am
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Please be on time to drop off and collect your children following the one way system at both the beginning and end of the school day.

## Recycling crisp packets

We are collecting **empty crisp packets** in school every day from the **children's packed lunches for recycling.** We would be very grateful if you would **collect your crisp packets at home** and bring them into school when you have a bundle- any make, size or flavour. Please make sure they are empty first. Thank you.

### Supervision of children on the school site before and after school

We have spent a huge amount of time and effort implementing **protective measures** to make our site safe for all children, parents, visitors and staff. Some of the systems that we have put in place are being compromised because of the lack of supervision of children before and after school. We have had a number of accidents already.

We do not like to be prescriptive about what you can and cannot do, but I really must reinforce how important it is that children are supervised by parents both before and after school. **We cannot have behaviour that compromises our protective measures**, including-

- children in Yellow and Orange class running or scooting on the grass in front of the Early Years gate and around the staff car park;
- children playing on the trim trail before or after school;
- children in Red class chasing around next to the road on Cheviot View.
- children being out of sight of their parents.

Please help us to maintain the protective measures we have put in place so everyone is safe.

### One way system around school

Please continue to follow the **one way system** to drop off and collect children. As part of our ongoing risk assessment, the one way system will be reviewed at the end of the month.

We have revised the route for **orange class parents** to access the classroom by following the path around the outside of the Early Years garden. Please continue to follow this route.

We have ordered **mats** to go on the grass and hopefully they will arrive and be fitted soon.

Parents of children in **Orange and Yellow class** do not need to walk across the field when they leave the site. Please follow the path around the front of Blue class and then cross the top yard. The cones on the field are there to divide the field into two separate play areas, rather than to direct parents to cross the field.

We have revised arrangements for Red class. Parents of children in **Red class** are now asked to wait outside their gate and not come inside the fenced area. Children in Red class will enter and leave the classroom via this gate.

Parents of children in **Blue class** are asked to wait outside the classroom door and ensure they are not blocking the path for other parents and children to use to go to Green and Red class or the exit.

Parents in **all year groups** are reminded to maintain social distance between themselves and other parents.

Parents in **all year groups** are asked not to open or close gates.

Mr Ruler and I are outside before and after school every day. There may be times when this is not possible. Please follow the one way system even if we are not there- no "nipping", "popping" or "sneaking" in or out via a different route just because there is no-one there to check!

### Birthdays

Our birthday boys and girls in the second half of September are-

- Ollie in orange class Nursery age 4;
- Francesca in orange class Reception age 5;
- Frankeey in Yellow class age 6;
- Ella in Red class age 7.

Happy birthday to you all. We hope your birthday is special and fun.



### PE days for the autumn term A

Children in all year groups should **come to school wearing PE kit on their PE days**. We are not changing into PE kit in school. They should wear their school jumper/cardigan and polo top as normal with plain black or dark joggers or leggings and trainers. They can wear shorts underneath if they wish.

PE days for each class are-

Blue	Green	Red	Yellow	Orange
Tuesday and Thursday	Tuesday and Thursday	Tuesday and Wednesday	Tuesday and Wednesday	Wednesday

Please ensure long hair is tied back for PE. Children cannot wear earrings for PE. If your child cannot remove their own earrings they should not wear them on PE days. Staff are unable to remove earrings for children.

### Christmas cards

I can't believe that I'm saying this, but we are already starting to prepare for Christmas!!!! Every year we work with the School Christmas Card Project. Attached to this letter is an **artwork template** with all of the instructions written on. If you would like your child to draw a design to be made in to personalised Christmas gifts, please follow the instructions on the artwork template. **Completed artwork templates must be returned to school by Monday 05 October.**

The completed artwork template with your child's design is sent off to the company. They turn the design into a personalised proof card and send it back to school. We will send the personalised proof card to you and you can decide if you want to order any of the personalised items, including Christmas cards, gift labels, thank you cards, fridge magnets and mugs.

Each year we have been very impressed with the quality of the finished personalised products. Last year I ordered cards and thank you cards using the design my daughter made and they were very well received by friends and family. School receives a proportion of the profit for our **fundraising** account, which will in turn be used to provide additional opportunities for our children.

Please make sure that you do not miss the order deadline of **Monday 05 October** for completed art templates.

### School Gateway

Thank you everyone who has **downloaded the School Gateway app**.

We are working towards our school being **cashless**, when we will no longer be accepting cash or cheque payments at the school office for school meals, clubs, trips or events. You will need to pay for these using the School Gateway app.

From **Monday 28 September**, **all future bookings for Breakfast Club and After School Club must be made and paid for on the School Gateway app**. We will not be accepting bookings or cash for these clubs.

### Data collection sheets PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN

**Data collection sheets** were sent out with our September edition 1 newsletter. The deadline for these sheets to be completed and returned was **Monday 07 September**. We are still waiting for these to be returned from a number of families. If you have not done so already, please complete and return it on **Monday** so we can check and update our records.

### Nasal flu vaccine forms PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN

**Nasal flu vaccine** forms were sent out on 09 September on behalf of the Northumberland Healthcare NHS Trust to families with children in Reception up to Year 4. We are still waiting for these to be returned from a number of families. If you have not done so already, please complete and return it on **Monday** so we can send it to Northumberland Healthcare NHS Trust.

### Every Mind Matters

We have been asked to include this information in our newsletter.

Most families have experienced upheaval in their daily lives during the pandemic. With children and young people now back at school or college, the new Public Health England (PHE) Better Health – Every Mind Matters campaign provides NHS-endorsed tips and advice to help children and young people's mental wellbeing, and equip parents and carers with the knowledge to support them.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-health-england-launches-new-every-mind-matters-campaign>

### Feedback from our governor visit

**Mrs Hall and Mrs Wood** came into school earlier this week for our first **governor visit** of the school year. Governors play an essential role in our school, supporting us to do the very best we can for our children and holding us to account for how we do this. Throughout the visit, Mrs Hall and Mrs Wood maintained social distance and followed procedures for visitors on the school site.

The purpose of their visit was to see how actions set out in the Risk Assessment are implemented, to monitor staff and pupil well-being and to see how learning is moving forward following extended time away from school for most pupils.

Mrs Wood has written a governor visit report and I am delighted to include some of the findings in her report, which include-

- Children were observed playing happily outside and working purposefully in classrooms.
- The children who were asked all said that they were enjoying being back in school.
- All procedures set out in the Risk Assessment are being followed.
- Staff feel safe and are positive about how the term has begun.
- Children have settled well into the changes to school routine and are behaving in a safe manner.
- The organisation of classes this term has enabled the children to be as settled as possible and continue their learning with familiar adults.

Mrs Hall and Mrs Wood both very much enjoyed their visit to school and were delighted with the opportunity to see the children and staff and the protective measures that we have in place to keep everyone safe.

### Star of the week

Our stars of the week for this week are-

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| • <b>Mrs Bell's star</b>                  | Sid;     |
| • <b>Mrs Lyons' and Mrs Watson's star</b> | Mya;     |
| • <b>Mrs Knowles' star</b>                | Henry;   |
| • <b>Mrs Kembrey's star</b>               | Zac;     |
| • <b>Mrs Askew's star</b>                 | Emily S. |

Well done, stars. Who will it be next week?



### Communication with parents

Please keep an eye on our school **Facebook page**, the **school website** and **School Gateway** for news and information-

<https://www.facebook.com/seghillschool>

<http://www.seghill.northumberland.sch.uk/website>