

Seghill First School Newsletter April 2018 edition 2

Whole school attendance 93.7%. Attendance target 96.3%

School Relief fundraising days

We had a great week at the end of last term during our School Relief fundraising week. The children all did really well and completed their **sponsored run** on Friday 23 March. Please encourage children to collect all of their sponsor money as the deadline is today.

Key stage 2 visit to Holy Island

Mrs Knowles and Mrs Bell led a visit to Holy Island for Red and Blue class on **Wednesday 18 April**.

The children really enjoyed finding evidence of Viking raids and comparing features of the island to Seghill. We were lucky to be supported by our **parent volunteers Mrs Mullen and Mrs Edmondson** on the visit. Thank you to **Mrs Knowles, Mrs Bell** and the parent volunteers for all of their hard work.

We subsidised the cost of this visit by £200 using fundraising money, which reduced the cost from £10 per child to £4 per child.

Staffing change

Mrs Lyons has made a great staff since re-joining us a Green class teacher. Mrs Lyons has taken over from Mrs O'Donnell, who left us at Easter, and she will work in partnership with Mrs Watson. Mrs Lyons previously taught the current Year 3 class when they were in key stage 1 for a year when she covered Mrs Watson's maternity leave.

Seghill gala disco Saturday 28 April

A disco will take place at **Seghill Institute** on **Saturday 28 April** from **2:00pm to 5:00pm** where the Seghill princess and her four attendants will be chosen. Entry is **50p** and registration is between 2:00pm and 2:30pm. We look forward to finding out who will be the princess and her attendants.

Changes to teaching groups

Our **revised teaching groups** have started this week and feedback is very positive. Year 1 children from Yellow class have joined Year 1 children in Green class and some children from Red class have joined Blue class for maths and English during the **morning sessions**. Children are taught in their usual classes during the **afternoon sessions**. If you have any **feedback** from the new teaching groups please tell your child's class teacher or let me know.

Changes to end of the day arrangements for Blue class

Children in Blue class are allowed to **leave school at 3:15pm without an adult** throughout the summer term if their parents have returned a permission slip. This is to prepare our children for the transition to middle school. I am sure that children in Blue class will accept this new opportunity in a very sensible way.

Summer term arrangements

It has been lovely to see the children back at school and some in their **summer uniform**. Please remember to send a **named water bottle** in to school so children can get drinks. Please apply **sun cream** before school and send in a **hat** for your child. Please also check that **jumpers and cardigans are named**. It is very difficult to match children to unnamed clothes.

PE days and after school clubs for summer term A

PE lessons during summer term A will be-

Orange class- please come to school wearing PE kit on Monday;

Yellow class- Wednesday and Friday; Green class- Tuesday and Friday;

Red class- Tuesday and Thursday; Blue class- Tuesday and Thursday.

Children will need their **school PE kit** (white t-shirt and dark shorts) and **trainers** for all PE lessons and after school clubs. PE lessons are likely to take place **outdoors** in the summer term depending on the weather. Children will need their trainers for every lesson. School shoes cannot be worn for PE lessons or after school clubs.

After school clubs for summer term A will be dodgeball for children in Yellow class on Mondays 3:15pm – 4:15pm and athletics for children in Red and Blue class on Tuesdays 3:15pm – 4:15pm.

April 2018	
Monday 23	Whole school creative week “What did St George do for us?”
	Games night tickets on sale
Wednesday 25	Green class coffee morning at 8:45am
Thursday 26	Blue and Red class coffee morning at 8:45am
Friday 27	Yellow and Orange class coffee morning at 8:45am
May 2018	
Friday 04	Reception new starters meeting at 11:15am
	Red class assembly from 2:30pm
	Games night from 3:15pm
Monday 07	Bank holiday- school closed
Tuesday 15	Keep on riding session 4 for Blue class with Mrs Bell and Richard Rothwell
Friday 25	Class photographs
	Celebration assembly from 2:30pm
	End of summer term A- school closes at 3:15pm
Monday 28 May to Friday 01 June school closed for May half term	
June 2018	
Monday 04	Summer term B begins
Friday 08	Ground force day
	Yellow class assembly at 2:30pm
Tuesday 12	Orange and Yellow class sports morning (reserve date Wednesday 13)
	Keep on riding session 5 for Blue class with Mrs Bell and Richard Rothwell
Thursday 14	Green, Red and Blue sports morning*** revised date (reserve date Monday 18)
Friday 15	Green class assembly at 9:00am*** revised date
	Father’s day lunch
Thursday 21	Summer term SIP visit
Monday 25	Beginning of creative week
Friday 29	Creative week open afternoon from 2:30pm

Please note the dates listed above including some revised dates.