

Seghill First School Newsletter July 2017 edition 2

Whole school attendance 95.2%. Attendance target 96.3%

Arrangements for the summer fayre TOMORROW

Staff and the fundraising committee are busy organising this year's summer fayre which will take place straight after school TOMORROW. Weather permitting, plans include-

- Bouncy castle and assault course in the **Early Years outdoor area**;
- Refreshments in the **dining room** including hot and cold drinks, cream teas, cakes, ice pops and crisps;
- Pick the lock, pick a bottle, raffle, chocolate tombola, general tombola, barbeque, sweets in a jar, candy cart, toys and books in the **middle garden**.

Raffle

Please make sure all raffle tickets have been returned to school.

1st prize 16" unisex bike generously donated by CJ Performance Cycles; 2nd prize £50 cash; 3rd prize family portrait voucher plus many more prizes.

Donations

Thank you so much for all of the donations you have sent in so far for our stalls.

If you have any **bottle bags, gift bags or carrier bags** which you no longer need, please send them in to school tomorrow.

We would be delighted to receive donations of **cakes or scones** for the refreshments stall tomorrow.

What will we use the money for?

We will use the money to subsidise school visits and provide enrichment opportunities for our children while reducing or eliminating the cost for our parents. We are also looking to buy more mats for PE and more Ipads, which all children will benefit from.

Reading books

The amnesty on reading books is still in place. Please return all reading books to school this week. It doesn't matter how long you have had them!

Transition

Feedback from both middle schools regarding transition week was very positive. The children enjoyed meeting new friends and staff and visiting their new schools. Well done, Year 4.

Staffing update

Mrs Kembrey returned to work on **Monday** as the Year 3 class teacher for the last week of term. I know Year 3 were thrilled to see her again after her maternity leave. Welcome back, Mrs Kembrey.

As I said in my last newsletter, **Mrs Spencer** will also be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Spencer has worked here for 7 years but will be starting a new job in a primary school in Ashington in September.

Mrs Borrie will also be leaving us at the end of this term; her last day is tomorrow. Mrs Borrie has worked here for 15 years but will be leaving us due to a staffing restructure. Much of Mrs Borrie's work has been with children in Early Years where she has worked with Nursery and Reception children in large and small groups. Mrs Spencer and Mrs Borrie will be very much missed by us all, and especially by the Early Years team. I am sure you will join with me in thanking both Mrs Spencer and Mrs Borrie for all of their hard work with our children and wish them well for the future.

Staff and governors wish you all a happy and peaceful summer, and thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

End of term arrangements

As the end of term approaches we will be sending home things that children have made over the school year. Please make sure that your child brings a **bag** to school so precious items can be sent home safely.

Expectations for **school uniform**, including hairstyles and jewellery, will remain the same until the end of term as they have been all year. Children are not suddenly allowed to wear make-up or trainers, for example, just because we are near the end of term.

On Thursday 20 July I will be writing to the parents of the children who are **class of the summer term**- the class with the best attendance this term. These children will be allowed to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 21 July. If your child is not in the class of the term, they will need to wear their school uniform up to and including Friday.

Children in **Year 4** will be provided with a **leavers' book**. This is so they can collect signatures and messages from other children and staff. Children are not allowed to sign shirts or other items of clothing.

Year 4 leavers' party

Children in Year 4 have been invited to attend a party on Thursday 20 July from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. We have booked a disco. Children will be choosing a special tea to eat at the party. Mrs Bell will be opening her mocktails bar and serving drinks to the children. **The deadline for returning the reply slip and £3.00 is TOMORROW.** If you have not done this already, please make sure you do so by tomorrow.

Year 4 leavers' assembly

We hope that parents and carers of Year 4 children will be able to join us for our leavers' assembly in the school hall and drinks in the Year 4 classroom on **Thursday 20 July from 8:45am.**

Celebration assembly

We hope you will be able to join us for our celebration assembly in the school hall on **Friday 21 July from 8:45am.**

Term times for 2017 to 2018

Monday 04 September	training day- school closed to all pupils
Tuesday 05 September	autumn term A begins
Friday 20 October	end of autumn term A
Monday 23 to Friday 27	October half term- school closed to pupils
Monday 30 November	autumn term B begins
Friday 22 December	end of autumn term B
Monday 25 December to Friday 05 January	Christmas holidays- school closed to pupils
Monday 08 January	training day- school closed to all pupils
Tuesday 09 January	spring term A begins
Friday 09 February	end of spring term A
Monday 12 to Friday 16 February	February half term- school closed to pupils
Monday 19 February	spring term B begins
Thursday 29 March	end of spring term B
Friday 30 March to Friday 13 April	Easter holidays- school closed to pupils
Monday 16 April	training day- school closed to all pupils
Tuesday 17 April	summer term A begins
Friday 25 May	end of summer term A
Monday 28 May to Friday 01 June	May half term- school closed to pupils
Monday 04 June	summer term B begins
Friday 20 July	end of summer term B