

Seghill First School Newsletter October 2022 edition 2

Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 07 September 2022	94.5%
Whole school attendance this week	90.8%
73.7%	83.0%
100%	89.5%
95.8%	90.0%

Class of the week for this week is **Red class**. Well done Red class.

Star of the week

Our stars of the week are-

- **Mrs Lyons** Blake;
- **Miss Winter & Mrs Watson** Jayden;
- **Mrs Bell** Francesca;
- **Miss Neal** Leila;
- **Miss Porter** Edie;
- **Mrs Askew** Jax;
- **Miss Chappell** Owen.



Birthdays

We've had three birthdays during the last week-

- **Alexa** in Blue class is now 9;
- **Grace and Freddie** in Green class are now 7;
- **Caleb and Edison** in Yellow class are now 5;
- **Sierra** in Orange class is now 4.

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



Meetings with class teachers

We have arranged our meetings for **parents and carers to meet with their child's class teacher** next week.

You will receive your child's **mid-term report** with this newsletter, which includes the targets for your child. We will be referring to their targets at the meeting, so please ensure that you have read the mid term report before you meet with the class teacher. If you cannot attend, please speak to your child's class teacher and let them know. It is really helpful if you can bring your child along to the meeting, so they are involved in the conversations. Meetings will take place in the hall.

Punctuality reminder

We have made a super start to the new school year with the majority of children arriving at school on time. **Gates are locked at 8:50am** so we can make a prompt start to the day.

We have already recorded **58 late marks** this half term. We have previously had a zero tolerance policy approach to lateness, where we did not allow children to come in if they were brought to school after the gates were locked. We do not want to return to this policy, but do not want lateness to continue.

Please support us to make sure your child has the best possible start to the day by **arriving at their classroom by 8:50am**.

Individual photographs- CHANGE OF DATE

Our school photographer has changed the date of our individual photographs. It has been changed to **Monday 31 October**, which is the first day back after the half term break. Please make a note of this change.

Autumn B after school clubs

As per our previous newsletter, we are delighted to announce that we have organised **three after-school 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 on Mondays from 3:15pm to 4:15pm for Years 3 and 4;
- **Singing club** with Miss Porter on Tuesdays from 3:15pm to 4:15pm for Years 1 and 2;
- **Games club with NUFC** on Thursdays from 3:15pm to 4:15pm for Years 1 and 2;

A letter was sent home on Monday which has the information about how to book a place for your child. The deadline for payment for clubs will be **Monday 31 October via School Gateway**.

Topic homework

Your child will be coming home today with their **October half term topic homework**. This is an extended piece of homework to be completed in their topic homework book and handed in no later than **Wednesday 9th 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.

Well done Noah

Well done to **Noah** in Year 2 who recently took part in the **Junior Great North Run**.



Celebration and harvest festival assembly

We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone for your **celebration and harvest festival assembly** on **Friday 21 October**.

We are asking the children to bring in a donation for the harvest festival. We will make a display in the hall for you and the children to see during the celebration and harvest festival assembly. If you could start sending in any items from **Monday 17 October**, that would be great. Examples of what you can donate are on the next page.

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.



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Providing Emergency Food Assistance to Seaton Valley Residents in Need

Collection bins are in various locations in Seaton Valley.

More information and examples of what can be donated at:

www.seatonvalleycommunitycouncil.gov.uk/community/food-bank

Examples of what you can donate:

Breakfast cereals • Tinned soup • Pasta, rice and pasta sauce
Tinned fruit and vegetables • Biscuits, Tea, coffee and sugar
Long life milk • Toiletries • Feminine hygiene products
Baby supplies • Household cleaning items