

Seghill First School Newsletter March 2023 edition 1

Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 07 September 2022	92.8%
Whole school attendance this week	96.2%
88.4%	99%
98.3%	97%
93.7%	93.8%

Class of the week for this week is **Yellow** class with 99% attendance. **Well done Yellow class.** You have the attendance octopus and you all had a dip in the sweet box this morning.

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 **Roman** in **Purple** class.

Star of the week

Our stars of the week are-

Mrs Lyons	Blake;
Miss Winter & Mrs Watson	Jayden;
Mrs Bell	Charlie;
Miss Neal	Lincoln;
Miss Porter	Manessa;
Mrs Askew	Isaac;
Miss Chappell	Katie;
Staff star	Miss Neal.



Birthdays

We only have one birthday boy this week.

Zack in Yellow class will be 5 this weekend. Happy birthday to Zack. We hope your birthday is special and fun



World Book Day book sale and coffee morning

Thank you to everyone who attended our **coffee morning and book sale** yesterday. It was great to see so many of you there. Lots of children were able to choose some new books to take home. Some of them even started reading them at the coffee morning. How lovely!

We have given out a **£1 book voucher** for every child. In addition to this, Mrs Watson has also managed to secure a **free copy of one of the £1 World Book Day books** for every child in the school.

Children had the opportunity to **read with children in other classes** yesterday morning. They loved this and we are going to plan this in to our annual calendar so we can do this as a regular activity.

A big thank you to **Mrs Watson** for organising all of the activities, including Stuart's author visit.

Whole school author visit

The children absolutely loved our **author visit** with **Stuart Reid** on Tuesday. Stuart has written many children's books, including the Gorgeous George series of books. He introduced himself and his books through a very interactive whole school assembly, followed by workshops in Early Years, key stage 1 and key stage 2. We have already shared some photos on our school Facebook page.

Following on from Stuart's visit, we have the chance for you to buy one of his books for your child. If you would like to order one of Stuart's books, please send in £5 by **Friday 10 March**. We will order a copy of "**Giant Geriatric Generator**" for your child, which is Stuart's first book in the Gorgeous George series. This is a discounted price, as his books normally retail at £6.99.

Medicines in school

We can administer medicine in school if a child requires **four doses** every day. Medicine must be **taken to the school office by parents and carers and handed to Mrs Elliott with the completed medication form**. Please do not give medicine to class teachers or children and ask them to take the medicine to the office for you. This could lead to medicine being misplaced, which would be a potential safeguarding breach.

Spring term events and activities

Wednesday 08 March	Deadline for completing and returning topic homework
Friday 10 March	Virtual author visit for key stage 1
Friday 10 March 2:30pm	Year 4 class assembly
Monday 13 March	British Science week starts today
Thursday 16 March 12 noon	Mother's Day lunch
Friday 17 March 12 noon	Mother's Day lunch
Friday 17 March	Red Nose Day
Monday 20 March	Easter times tables challenge starts
Wednesday 22 March	Movie night for children in Years 1 to 4
Friday 24 March 2:30pm	Year 3 class assembly
Monday 27 March 3:30 to 5:30pm	Meetings for parents and carers with class teachers
Wednesday 29 March 3:30 to 5:30pm	Meetings for parents and carers with class teachers
Thursday 30 March 9:00am	Celebration assembly
Friday 31 March	School closed- staff training day

Spring term B PE days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Purple
	Red	Orange	Green	Blue
	Green		Purple	
	Blue			

Children should wear a **plain white t-shirt, plain black or navy shorts or joggers, trainers and their school sweatshirt or cardigan** to school on their PE days. 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.

Spring term meetings with class teachers

Meetings have been arranged with class teachers for **Monday 27 or Wednesday 29 March**. Meetings are for class teachers to talk to parents and carers, with their child, to discuss how they have progressed against the targets they were set in the autumn term and to look at their targets for the rest of this year. Class teachers will also be talking to you about your child's effort and attitude, their behaviour, self-organisation and attendance.

Meetings are scheduled for **10 minutes**. If you need to speak to the teacher about a more complex issue that will take longer, please arrange an alternative time to meet. **Appointment sheets** will be placed outside the classroom **from Monday 06 March**. Please sign up for an appointment on either the Monday or Wednesday. Please note that meetings for children in **Red class** will only take place on **Wednesday 29 March**.

You will receive a copy of their **spring term review sheet** before you meet with your child's class teacher. Please make sure that you have read this before meeting the class teacher.

Topic homework reminder

February half term topic homework is due to be handed in no later than **Wednesday 8th March**. 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.

Pictures of completed topic homework will be shared and celebrated via our **school Facebook page** so please keep an eye out for them.

Mother's day lunch Thursday 16 and Friday 17 March

We are delighted to be able to offer a **Mother's Day lunch on Thursday 16 or Friday 17 March**. This special event has always been part of our annual calendar, but we have been unable to offer it due to the restrictions arising from the global pandemic.

We are offering **two different lunchtimes** so that we can provide the best possible experiences to our guests- mams, nanas or grandmas, aunties or special female friends. We are also offering two different lunchtimes to reduce waiting times for food and to allow Mrs Rogage to be able to make up to 100 extra meals spread across 2 days rather than one day.

A **separate letter** about Mother's Day lunch has been emailed out to parents and carers with this newsletter containing all the details about the meals on offer each day and how to book tickets.

Website update

We are currently **redesigning our school website**. We are working with Eschools, our website provider, to improve the accessibility and appeal of our website. Relevant content from our current website will be moved over to our updated website. As I'm sure you can appreciate, this is a huge job. With that in mind, we will not be uploading lots of new photographs and information onto our website in the next few weeks in the way that we normally would.

As soon as the website has been redesigned and populated with the relevant content, it will replace our existing website. We'll let you know when the relevant website is ready to go.

British Science Week

British Science Week will be taking place during **week beginning Monday 13 March**. **Miss Neal** is working with the rest of the staff team to plan a range of activities for the children linked to British Science Week. We'll let you know what the children have been doing through our future newsletters.

Movie night

Movie Night will be taking place on **Wednesday 22 March for children in Years 1 to 4**. We will provide more information about this event in our March edition 2 newsletters.

Police visit

Mrs Askew has arranged for **police officers** to visit Nursery and Reception on **Tuesday 21 March**. The visit will be part of the topic on road safety. Early Years children have already been visited by fire officers earlier this year, so we are very much looking forward to welcoming their colleagues in the police force to our school. Their visit will be dependent on their availability in response to any local or national issues that may arise on that day, but fingers crossed that they can attend.

Reading book amnesty

Over the last two years we have made a **substantial investment** in buying new books for our reading scheme. We have bought reading books and Book Bag Books, which are used in the classroom and as home reading books. The books come in sets of 10, and we have noticed that quite a few **sets are incomplete** because **books have not been returned to school**. If you have any reading books or Book Bag Books at home, **please return them to school no matter how long you've had them**. Thank you.

World Book week spotlight



Here are some of our photographs from the World Book Week activities. As you can see, the children loved the opportunity to **read with children in other classes** yesterday morning. We are going to plan this in to our annual calendar so we can do this as a regular activity.

We are really looking forward to a **virtual author visit for Years 1 and 2** on Friday next week.