

# Seghill First School Newsletter September 2022 edition 1

**Attendance target 96.3%**

## Welcome back

We hope you have enjoyed a happy and peaceful summer break. We would like to extend a warm welcome back to everyone. It is lovely to see all of the children looking so smart in their school uniform.

We would like to say a **special welcome** to Hunter, Manessa, Hallie and Caleb who have joined our Reception class and to Isaac, Jaxson, Ethan, Jax, Mila, Brogan, Kieran, Edie, Gracie, Finnlagh and Harley who are our new Nursery children.

We would also like to welcome our new staff. **Miss Winter** is now working alongside Mrs Watson as the Year 3 class teachers. You may recognise Miss Winter- she completed her final teaching placement with Mrs Lyons last year.

**Miss Barratt** will be providing additional support to learning in Early Years in both teaching and support roles. She also completed her final teaching placement with us in Early Years last year.

Our classes and staff are arranged like this-

Year group	Class name	Staff names
Nursery class	orange class	Mrs Askew
Reception class	yellow class	Miss Porter and Miss Barratt
Year 1 class	red class	Miss Neal and Mrs Miller or Mrs Jose
Year 2 class	green class	Mrs Bell and Mrs Miller or Mrs Jose
Year 3 class	purple class	Miss Winter or Mrs Watson and Mrs Ellison
Year 4 class	blue class	Mrs Lyons and Mrs Ellison.

## PE days for the autumn term A

Class	Autumn term A PE days
Nursery Orange class	Wednesdays
Reception Yellow class	Wednesdays and Fridays
Year 1 red class	Tuesdays and Fridays
Year 2 green class	Tuesdays and Fridays
Year 3 purple class	Tuesdays and Thursdays
Year 4 blue class	Tuesdays and Thursdays

Children should wear a **plain white t-shirt, plain black or navy shorts or joggers, sandshoes or 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.

## Autumn term coffee mornings

Class teachers will be providing class coffee mornings next week. The dates are-

Years 3 and 4 Wednesday 14 September at 8:45am;

Years 1 and 2 Thursday 15 September at 8:45am;

Nursery and Reception Friday 16 September at 8:45am.

We hope you will be able to join us to have the chance to **meet your child's teacher** and find out **what the children will be learning** this term. We will also be talking about **what you can do to support your child's learning**.

### Jeans for Genes

Staff and children are invited to wear **denim** and pay a donation on **Friday 23 September** to support the Jeans for Genes charity. This charity does amazing work to support families where a child has a genetic disorder. We will be learning about genetic disorders and the work of the charity in assemblies in the next few weeks.

### School uniform

As we have said, it is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their school uniform. In order to ensure that your child returns home with their own uniform, **please ensure that all items are named**. We have already come across a number of issues, particularly with jumpers and cardigans, because they are not named.

### School Gateway

All newsletters and information letters are sent out via **School Gateway**. School Gateway is the method for paying for clubs, school meals and milk and for giving consent. It is also used to send out text messages and emails.

Schoolgateway



If you have not downloaded the School Gateway app, please do so. We will try to help you to resolve any issues that you have, but cannot do so unless you have the app.

### Information for parents and carers

With this newsletter we are sending out a pack of information for parents and carers. This will include the following information for you to keep-

The following **information is for you to keep-**

- Copy of the school calendar including training days and holidays;
- Copy of the 2022 – 2023 diary;
- Home school agreement;
- E-safety information;
- Information about Operation Encompass and Operation Endeavour.

This information has been sent to you electronically. Please let us know if you would like a paper copy and we will be happy to provide one.

**We also need some information from you.** We are sending home some forms that we need you to complete and return to school. They are-

- Home school agreement;
- Admissions form;
- Medical conditions form- **only** return this if your child has a medical condition;
- Local visits form;
- Photograph permission form.

Please complete and return the forms we have asked for by **Friday 09 September**. It is very important that we have the correct contact details for you and your permission for activities.

We are circulating the diary dates for the whole academic year to give you advance notice about all of our events between now and the end of July 2023. Please keep this at hand to make sure you know what is happening. Extra events may be added as the year progresses, but we hope you find this useful. The dates and events are also included in the **calendar** on the school website.

Copies of the information for you to keep and the information we need back from you are also on the school website.