

Seghill First School Newsletter October 2023 edition 2

Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 05 September 2023	93.9%
Whole school attendance this week	93.1%
98.5%	77.1%
100%	96.7%
94%	94.4%

Class of the week for this week again is **Red** class with 100% attendance. **Well done Red class.** You have the attendance octopus and you will get a dip in the sweet box on Monday.

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 **Rosie** in Yellow class.

Star of the week

Our stars of the week are-

Mrs Lyons

Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas

Miss Winter

Mrs Bell

Mrs Kembrey

Mrs Askew

Frankey;

Isaac;

Frankie;

Archie;

Kayson;

Alice.



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-

Mrs Lyons

Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas

Miss Winter

Mrs Bell

Mrs Kembrey

Mrs Askew

Mrs Ellison

Mrs Miller and Mrs Jose

Ella A;

Katie;

Ollie;

Rowan;

Isabella;

Vinnie;

Hunter;

Zack.



Meetings with class teachers

We have arranged our meetings for **parents and carers to meet with their child's class teacher on Monday 23 October and Wednesday 25 October.**

Class teachers will put a **sign-up sheet outside the classroom from Monday 16 October.** Please book your slot by signing up on the sheet.

It is really helpful if you can bring your child along to the meeting, so they are involved in the conversations.

Key stage 1 and 2 visit to Lilidorei and Alnwick Garden

Children in key stages 1 and 2 are at Lilidorei and Alnwick Garden today. Everyone was very excited getting on the bus this morning. We will share photographs next week.

Birthdays

We've had five birthdays in school this week.

Freddie and Grace in Purple class are both 8 today and celebrating their birthday at Lilidorei;

Caleb in Red class is now 6 and **Edison** is 6 today, also celebrating his birthday at Lilidorei;

Sierra in Reception is now 5.

Happy birthday to Freddie, Grace, Caleb, Edison and Sierra. We hope your birthday was special and fun.



Individual photographs

The school photographer will be taking individual photographs on the morning of **Wednesday 18 October.** Please make sure that the children are looking super smart for their photograph. Children in Early Years will not have PE on Wednesday as the hall is used for the photographs.

Events coming up this half term

Individual photographs	Wednesday 18 October
Autumn term interviews for parents and children with class teachers	Monday 23 October and Wednesday 25 October from 3:30pm
Celebration assembly	Friday 27 October at 2:15pm, including harvest festival
October half term holidays	Monday 30 October to Friday 03 November

Chickenpox update

I wrote to parents and carers last week regarding chickenpox. Although we did have a number of cases in school, we are not aware of any current cases of chickenpox. I wanted to share a couple of reminders about chickenpox-

Children can have chickenpox **more than once**. If they have fluid filled blisters or spots, this could be chickenpox, even if they have already had it.

Children can return to school when the **spots have scabbed over** and are no longer wobbly or filled with fluid. Please do not keep your child at home until every scab has disappeared. As long as the spots have scabbed over, they can return to school.

Children with chickenpox are **contagious in the period before the spots** appear. This makes it almost impossible to stop chickenpox spreading between children.

Like all schools, we have a number of cases of chickenpox every year. Hopefully we are past the worst of it.

Autumn term B extra curricular clubs

I am delighted to announce that we have organised **four extra-curricular 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 for Years 3 and 4;
- Singing club with Mrs Askew for Years 3 and 4;
- Games club with NUFC for Years 1 and 2;
- Christmas crafty club with Mrs Lyons and Miss Winter for Years 1 and 2.

We will be sending out details of the clubs next week.

Seghill First School Pedestrian and Cycle Zone

Parents and carers **should not drive up or down or park on Cheviot View or Parker Place** on school days between **8:15am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 3:45pm**. This includes parents and carers who are dropping off and collecting children from Red and Green class or parking in either street to drop off or collect from any part of our school.

Some of you may have seen the parking enforcement officer in Cheviot View earlier this week. Some parents have been issued with a **fixed penalty notice** for parking on double yellow lines, stopping on the zig zag lines outside the main entrance or driving up or down Cheviot View or Parker Place during the restricted times. I spoke to the parking enforcement officer, who said that there are going to be **regular parking patrols** around our school. The issuing of fixed penalty notices is nothing to do with us. However, I can only stress again that if parents and carers do stop on the zig zag lines, park on double yellow lines or drive up or down Cheviot View or Parker Place during the restricted times and they are spotted by the parking enforcement officer, they will be issued with a **fixed penalty notice**. **The pedestrian and cycle zone is in place to keep our children safe.**

Early Years focus

Children in Early Years have been reading The Colour Monster story. This week we made symmetrical colour monsters. The children were so excited to 'watch the magic' as we painted one side of the monster then folded it in half to create the other side. Once it was dried, we added googly eyes and monster features such as arms and legs. To finish off we made monster cookies. The children read the recipe, weighed the ingredients and decorated their cookie creating lots of eyes and monstery features. The cookies were so delicious we were happy that some of them made it out of the door in one piece at home time, however some of our little monsters couldn't wait and the cookies went home with monstery teeth marks!



Here are just some of our photographs showing the children with their fabulous creations.



