

Seghill First School Newsletter September 2016 edition 1

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

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new children in Early Years and also to **Mr Clark** who will be covering **Mrs Kembrey's** maternity leave for the whole year. Mrs Kembrey's last day with us is today before she starts her maternity leave. We are sending our best wishes for the safe arrival of baby Kembrey later this month. We also welcome back **Miss Ornsby** as a lunchtime supervisor after her operation. She is thrilled to be fit enough to be back at work and it is lovely to have her back with us.

This newsletter is part of our pack of information for parents and carers. Please find attached the following extra information-

- Copy of the school calendar including training days and holidays;
- Diary dates for 2016 to 2017;
- School admissions form*;
- Home school agreement (2 copies; please sign both and return one copy to school);
- E-safety information.

Please **complete and return all documents on coloured paper by Friday 16 September**. These are marked with * above. Please keep all information on white paper for your records.

Please note that the diary dates to give you advance notice about all of our events between now and the end of the academic year in July 2017. Please keep this at hand to make sure you know what is happening. A copy is on the school website.

Class teachers will be providing **class coffee mornings** during week beginning Monday 19 September. We hope you will be able to join us. We have responded to feedback from last year, so each class now has their coffee morning on a different day each term rather than on a set day each term. We hope that this change means that we are going to see more of you at the coffee mornings.

Talking of coffee mornings... we are hosting a **MacMillan coffee morning** on **Friday 30 September** in the hall from 8:45am. Our previous MacMillan events have always been extremely well supported. We will be sending out more details next week.

Children and staff are invited to wear jeans on **Friday 23 September** to support our annual **Jeans for Genes** day. Money raised provides funds for the charity to do research and provide support for the families of children with genetic disorders. We will be talking more about this in school next week. Please support our next Jeans for Genes day by wearing your jeans or any other denim clothes and pay 50p per child or £1 per family.

PE days for the autumn term are-

Early Years class 2-	Thursdays and Fridays	Year 1-	Wednesdays and Thursdays
Year 2-	Mondays and Thursdays	Year 3-	Mondays and Tuesdays
Year 4-	Tuesdays and Wednesdays		

Early Years class 1 please come to school wearing joggers and trainers with your school top and school jumper every Monday.

Children should wear a plain white shirt, plain black or navy shorts and sandshoes or trainers for PE. Many people find it convenient to bring their kit on a Monday and leave it at school all week. 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.

School councillors will be chosen by the end of next week.

There is a meeting for the **parents and children in Year 4** on **Tuesday 20 September at 5:00pm** about the final details of the **Dukeshouse Wood** residential visit. It is very important that you attend this meeting if your child is going to Dukeshouse Wood, even if you have older children who have already been to Dukeshouse Wood.

We will be delivering **maths workshops for parents and children in key stage 1** on **Tuesday 27 September** at 8:45am and 5:00pm. This is an opportunity for you to see the different methods that we teach the children and give you a chance to have a go. This information will help you to understand why we use methods which you may not have been taught in school and to support your child's learning at home. A sign-up sheet will be outside both key stage 1 classrooms next week.

Maths workshops for parents and children in key stage 2 will take place on **Thursday 06 October** at 8:45am and 5:00pm. More details will follow in our next newsletter.

Individual photographs will be taken on Tuesday 18 October.

Children will be coming home tonight with **homework**. Please support your child by ensuring their homework is done and handed in every week by **Wednesday**. If you are unsure about anything, please see your child's class teacher. Children in key stages 1 and 2 should do their maths and English homework in their purple homework book using pencil. Spellings should be written in the green spelling book ready to practise for the weekly test. Please make sure that your child brings their reading book and reading record to school every day. Tips for homework and helping your child with spellings and reading are stuck inside the front cover of each of these books. Please let us know if you need any further help.

Our next newsletter will be issued on Friday 23 September.

