

Seghill First School Newsletter November 2022 edition 1

Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 07 September 2022	93.6%
Whole school attendance this week	95.2%
94.1%	100%
94.5%	91.9%
94.2%	95.0%

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

Star of the week

Our stars of the week are-

- **Mrs Lyons** Freya;
- **Miss Winter & Mrs Watson** Denae;
- **Mrs Bell** Freddie;
- **Miss Neal** Caiden;
- **Miss Porter** Hunter;
- **Mrs Askew** Edie;
- **Miss Chappell** Theo.



Birthdays

Our birthdays boys and girls are **Blake, Olivia and Milo** in Blue class, who are all now 9.

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



Covid update

Covid has certainly reared its head in school again this week. Mrs Lyons has been absent as she has tested positive. I don't normally provide reasons for staff absence, but I wanted you to know that Covid is in our school community. We are also aware of one child and one parent within our school community who have also tested positive this week.

There is no current official advice that I am aware of so I am writing to provide clarity for everyone of what to do if you or your child tests positive as follows-

If your child tests positive, please keep them off school. There is no official exclusion period. I would suggest that they stay at home until they are well in themselves, or until they are testing negative. Timescales for this will vary between individuals.

If a parent, carer or family member tests positive there is no requirement for your child to stay off school. Please test your child. If they test positive, follow the guidance above.

Since the beginning of the global pandemic we have managed to organise and re-organise our routines to make sure that class closures were very rare. Please be aware that our plans will change in response to Covid levels within each class and the school as a whole. It is always worth having a **back up plan** in place for the unlikely but possible closure of your child's class. I very much hope that this is not going to be something that is needed, but experience of Covid tells us that there is little rhyme or reason to patterns of transmission.

Topic homework

Please don't forget that your child has their **October half term topic homework to complete and return by Wednesday 9th November**. This is an extended piece of homework to be completed in their topic homework book. 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.

Toy swap morning

As per our previous newsletter, we have planned a pre-loved **toy swap morning** to take place in school on **Friday 25 November between 9:00am and 10:00am**.

There are **two elements** to the toy swap. Anyone who has items that they are willing to donate is asked to bring them to school. You can do this during week beginning Monday 21 November. All items must be in excellent condition, with all parts included and in full working order.

Items that we are thinking of are unwanted birthday gifts (there always seems to be two of something at a party) and pre-loved games, toys, stationery and unused soft toys.

Parents and carers are invited to come to the hall on Friday 25 November after they have dropped their child off at their classroom. There is a **£1 entry fee per adult**, and **hot drinks** will be provided. There will be a chance for everyone to have a look around first. There will then be an opportunity to pick out a couple of items. If everyone has taken a couple of items and there are still some things left, we will allow guests to take some more items so hopefully, everything goes to a new home.

Children will not be invited to this event. You are welcome to come to the toy swap even if you don't want to get any items from it. We hope this will be useful for families so pre-loved toys can be re-homed and loved by a new family.

Christmas fayre non uniform

Next Friday, **Friday 11 November**, we are asking children to come to school in non-uniform. Please could they bring in a donation for the **general tombola**. This is the first of our non-uniform days for the Christmas tombola. The other dates are on the next page, as are some of the important dates in the weeks running up to Christmas.

Events this half term	
Other school events	Fundraising and community events
Santa's reading challenge starts on Monday 05 December	Non uniform 1 for Christmas fayre Friday 11 November (general tombola)
	Children in Need Friday 18 November
Christmas	Non uniform 2 for Christmas fayre Friday 25 November (chocolate and sweets tombola)
Nursery and Reception Christmas concert Monday 19 December from 9:00am	Non uniform 3 for Christmas fayre Friday 09 December (bottle tombola)
Years 1 to 4 Christmas concert Monday 19 December from 2:30pm	Christmas fayre Friday 16 December from 3:15pm
Years 1 to 4 Christmas concert Tuesday 20 December from 9:00am	Film night Wednesday 21 December 3:15pm for Years 1 to 4
Christmas lunch Wednesday 21 December	
Year 1 and 2 Christmas party Tuesday 20 December from 1:30pm	School is closed on these dates-
Nursery and Reception Christmas party Wednesday 21 December from 1:30pm	Monday 26 December 2022 to Friday 06 January 2023 for the Christmas holidays
Year 3 and 4 Christmas party Thursday 22 December from 1:30pm	Monday 09 January 2023 due to a staff training day
Celebration assembly	
Friday 23 December at 9:00am	

Next week's newsletter

Next Friday we will be sharing our **Christmas newsletter**. This will give you all the information that you need about the Christmas events that we will be hosting. It will also tell you about the deadlines that payments and orders need to be made by.

Fire service visit to Yellow and Orange class

Yellow and Orange class children were thrilled to be visited by Andy and his team of fire fighters earlier this week. More pictures are on our Facebook page and school website.



