

Seghill First School Newsletter March 2022 edition 2

Attendance

Whole school attendance **this week is 94.8%**. Attendance **since September is 90.8%**. Attendance for each class since September is-

Nursery	90.7	Reception	91.3
Year 1	88.1	Year 2	93.3
Year 3	89.3	Year 4	93.3

Orange class is the **class of the week** with the best attendance of 100%. **Well done, orange class.**

Meetings with class teachers

Meetings have been arranged with class teachers for **Monday 28 or Wednesday 30 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 21 March**. Please sign up for an appointment on either the Monday or Wednesday. Please note that meetings for children in **Reception class** will only take place on **Wednesday 30 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.

We have been weighing up the risks and benefits of offering face to face meetings or telephone calls. We have assessed the risks of parents and carers coming into school for these meetings, and feel that we can offer **face to face meetings in the hall**. This is because only half of our families will be involved in meetings on each of the days, and they will be spread out over a two hour period in a large well ventilated room. In order to avoid having large groups in the hall, please do not arrive more than 5 minutes before the start time of your appointment.

Meetings will start as soon as all children have been dismissed from their classroom and staff have had time to get to the hall. Please use the door at the **school office** to enter and leave the building. All other doors will be locked. We are not asking you to wear a face covering to attend the meeting, but please feel free to do so if this makes you feel more comfortable.

Covid update from parents and carers

It is certainly the case that Covid is still with us. In the last two weeks we have had two children and one member of staff who tested positive. Both stayed away from school for 5 days. Please continue to be vigilant and keep a close eye on your child, especially if they have any of these symptoms-

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature);
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal;
- sore throat, feel groggy, sick or unwell.

Star of the week

Our stars for the last two weeks are-

- **Mrs Lyons** Mitchell and Riley;
- **Mrs Hansell & Mrs Watson** Joey and Klay;
- **Mrs Bell** Jayden and Jake;
- **Miss Neal** Ella and Katie;
- **Mrs Kembrey** Brodie and Ollie;
- **Mrs Thomas** Archie and Zack;
- **Miss Chappell** Declan and Roman.



Birthdays

Our birthday boys and girls are-

- Emily in Yellow class;
- Jasmina in Purple class;
- William in Blue class.

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



Topic homework

Thank you to everyone who has completed and handed in their topic homework. We really have seen some super examples of just how creative you are.

Pictures of 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.

It is a shame that some children did not have anything to hand in, especially as topic homework was given out instead of maths and English homework for 3 weeks. None the less, we received some excellent models, pictures, writing and drawings.

Mother's Day lunch

I am very sad to report that we are going to have to **cancel this year's Mother's Day lunch**. As with the meetings for parents and carers with class teachers, we have assessed the risks from a large group coming into school. However, unlike the situation with these meetings, all of our Mother's Day guests would be together in a much smaller space (the dining room) over and much shorter, more concentrated period of time (one hour). With these factors in mind, we cannot safely operate this event without it being so regimented that it would be no fun for our guests, children or staff.

Parking on Barrass Avenue and Laycock Gardens

There have been some near misses and bottlenecks of traffic due to **parents and carers parking on the double yellow lines on Barrass Avenue and the entrance to Laycock Gardens**. The double yellow lines are there to protect our children, yet our parents and carers are the ones parking on them. Please don't park on the double yellow lines. I really do fear that one of our children is going to be run over.

Pinocchio at Cramlington library -FREE show

Northumberland Libraries are thrilled to be working with Highlights Rural Touring and Northumberland Communities Together to bring a performance of **Pinocchio** presented by the Norwich Puppet Theatre to **Cramlington Library** in the first week of the Easter holidays on **Wednesday 13th April** starting at 2pm.

Tickets are **free** for families. Here is the link for booking: <https://highlightsnorth.co.uk/event/pinocchio/>

Please take advantage of the free tickets if you can.