

# Seghill First School Newsletter September 2021 edition 2

Attendance target 96.3%

## Fundraising update

### Jeans for Genes

Thank you to everyone who wore denim on 17 September to support the **Jeans for Genes** charity. This charity does amazing work to support families where a child has a genetic disorder.



We raised **£106**, which will all go directly to the charity. Well done everyone.

### Macmillan Coffee morning

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our **Macmillan coffee morning** on Friday morning. It was absolutely brilliant for us to be able to welcome children and families to the event.



As always, there was a lovely feel in the hall with brilliant cakes and goodies that you very kindly donated. I must say a special thank you to Mrs Mullen, Mrs Jose and Mrs Robinson and school staff for their marvellous work on the refreshments. We could not manage to host these events without you. **We raised a brilliant total of £260 for Macmillan.** Fantastic!

### Autumn term coffee mornings

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our **class coffee mornings** last week. We know that not everyone can attend events during the school day, but we hope those of you who could attend found it useful.

### Important events in the next few weeks

<b>Friday 01 October</b>	Reading workshop for KS 1 and 2 parents at 9:00am in Green classroom
<b>Tuesday 05 October</b>	Dukeshouse Wood meeting Year 4 children and parents at 3:15pm
<b>Wednesday 06 October</b>	EYFS marvellous maths workshop for EY parents at 9:00am
<b>Monday 11 October</b>	Individual photographs from 9:00am
<b>Monday 11 October</b>	Autumn term interviews for parents and children with class teachers from 3:30pm
<b>Wednesday 13 October</b>	Harvest festival (during assembly) and autumn term interviews for parents and children with class teachers from 3:30pm
<b>Friday 22 October</b>	Celebration assembly at 9:00am

School is closed from Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October 2021 for the half term holidays.

### Punctuality reminder

We have made a super start to the new school year with all children arriving at school on time. Please support us to make sure your child has the best possible start to the day by **arriving at their classroom by 8:50am**. Gates are locked at 8:50am and children who arrive after this time will not be allowed in.

Other schools may operate different policies on punctuality. Our policy reflects our desire for children to be on time every day, and this is not negotiable.

### Information for parents and carers

With the September edition 1 newsletter (17 September 2021) we sent out a pack of information for parents and carers. This included the following information for you to keep-

- Copy of the school calendar including training days and holidays;
- Copy of the 2021 – 2022 diary;
- E-safety information;
- Information about Operation Encompass and Operation Endeavour.

We also asked for some information from you.

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

We are still waiting for these forms to be returned from some families. If you have not returned them yet, can we please have them **as soon as possible**. It is very important that we have the correct contact details for you and your permission for activities.

### Reading books

We are now using our new reading books alongside our existing reading books. In Reception and key stage 1 the books are **closely matched to our phonics scheme**, so children will read books at home which will revisit and revise the sounds they have been taught in school. The new books in key stage 2 are more **challenging and interesting texts** for our older children.

Teachers explained about the expectations around the new reading books at the class coffee mornings. More information will be shared at **workshops** that we have planned for this term- **Friday 01 October for key stages 1 and 2 and Early Years on Friday 05 November**.

We are asking children to read their reading book more than once, and to look at and discuss the questions within the books. We want children to make rapid progress but this is not made by children racing through a new book each night. Please come to our workshops if you would like more information about this. Children will be able to attend these events with their parents and carers.

### Deadline for ordering autumn term milk

From tomorrow, we will not be taking any **new milk orders for the autumn term**. If you have already ordered milk for your child via School Gateway, they will continue to receive milk this term. If you have not ordered and paid for milk by the end of tomorrow, your child will not receive milk in the autumn term. The option to give consent and pay for milk will be removed from School Gateway at the end of tomorrow. Instructions about how to order milk are in the milk letters stored in the **letters tab** on the school website.

### Harvest festival

Our harvest festival will take place during assembly on **Wednesday 13 October**. We will be collecting donations for the **Seaton Valley Food Bank** this year. More details will be shared in our next newsletter

### Star of the week

Our stars of the week for the last two weeks are-

- **Mrs Lyons** Freddy and Jayden;
- **Mrs Jones and Mrs Watson** Coby and Alexa;
- **Mrs Knowles** Beau and Elizabeth;
- **Miss Neal** Owen and Alannah;
- **Mrs Kembrey** Sophie, Freya and Emily;
- **Mrs Thomas** Luciana and Zack;
- **Support staff** Layton and Katie;
- **Miss Chappell** Eabha, Harry and Ellie.



Well done, stars. Who will it be next week?

### Birthdays

Our birthday boys and girls since the start of term are-

- Jayden in Blue class;
- Ella in Purple class;
- Layton and Frankeey in Green class;
- Francesca in Red class;
- Ollie in Yellow class;
- Luciana in Orange class.



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

### Christmas cards

I can't believe that I'm saying this, but we are already starting to prepare for Christmas!!!! Every year we work with the School Christmas Card Project. Today we are sending home an **artwork template** with all of the instructions written on. If you would like your child to draw a design to be made in to personalised Christmas gifts, please follow the instructions on the artwork template. **Completed artwork templates must be returned to school by Friday 08 October.**

The completed artwork template with your child's design is collected by the company. They turn the design into a personalised proof card and send it back to school. We will send the personalised proof card to you and you can decide if you want to order any of the personalised items, including Christmas cards, gift labels, thank you cards, fridge magnets and mugs. Orders have to be paid for via **School Gateway**. Please do not pay for orders until we ask you to.

Each year we have been very impressed with the quality of the finished personalised products. Every year I order cards and thank you cards using the design my daughter makes and they are always very well received by friends and family. School receives a proportion of the profit for our **fundraising** account, which will in turn be used to provide additional opportunities for our children.

Please make sure that you do not miss the order deadline of **Friday 08 October** for completed art templates.

### Morrisons It's Good to Grow tokens

We are supporting Morrisons **It's Good to Grow** schools programme to inspire children to get outdoors, grow, learn and enjoy fresh produce. We can get free gardening equipment for school if you collect tokens from Morrisons. For every £10 spent you can collect one token. In order to get tokens you need to download the **MyMorrisons App** to take part. You then need to assign our school for your tokens. You also need to scan the app when you shop. Please send the tokens into school and we will collect them from each class.