



Seaton Sluice First School

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Newsletter items

Mid-morning break for Year 3 and Year 4

As many of you will be aware children from nursery up to year two receive free fruit from the government and this is usually given to the children mid morning or mid-afternoon. In addition parents are asked to kindly donate one packet of biscuits per half term for the second snack of the day.

Children in year 3 and year 4 are encouraged to bring to school a piece of fresh fruit for morning break if they would like to. E.g. apple, banana, Satsuma, pot of grapes / pineapple / melon, pear. Please do not send any kind of packaged dried fruit or fruit snacks or breakfast bars.

Biscuits

Many thanks for all the packets of biscuits that have been sent in so far. Please send in one packet of plain biscuits per half term. The children really enjoy and benefit from this mid-morning snack. We believe it helps sustain their concentration and focus for the remainder of the morning.

After school clubs

Currently running are cookery, gymnastics and art clubs. The art club with Mrs Barlow will continue after October half term (more info to follow)

Mrs Bennett intends to start a school choir on Thursdays after October half term (more info to follow)

Mrs Gauld intends to start a stage school on Fridays in January when we return to school after Christmas.

Family Football

Family Football is an after school club run by NUFC and will be available for children plus one parent from Friday 6th November 3.15 - 4.30pm. More information will be distributed shortly.

Reading

'Reading is the key to success' This statement cannot be reinforced enough. The teachers and teaching assistants and some trained parent helpers work extremely hard every week to ensure children are reading aloud regularly, being asked questions about their books to assess understanding of the texts and encouraged to develop all manner of skills through discussion.

It is vital that all children read for 5-10 minutes every day with you and that you sign their reading record book so that we can see they have been practising. Please support us and your children with this very important part of their learning.

Parental questionnaires

Parental questionnaires have been sent out to every family asking for parent opinion on our school. We have had 18 returned. Thanks to those of you who have responded. Please take the time to fill one in and return to school.

Another questionnaire will be distributed today. If you have already sent yours back please discard the second one.

Evidence of parental/carer opinion is vital for OFSTED. It shows them we value parental opinion and that we are ready to act upon it which we have done in the past following these questionnaires and we will again in the future. We are all also aware that many families are very happy with our school so please tell us what in particular you think is a positive. We are also aware that some parents/carers may find some things an issue or a problem. We cannot be aware of these unless you tell us. Please let us know so that we can change things if we can.

PTFA

The PTFA met this week for a coffee morning and planning session and was very well attended. Thanks to all who came and supported - especially nice was that we had some dads there!

Plans are in place for the Quiz Night on October 17th and the Christmas Fair on November 27th. Please remember to read the newsletter and any fliers/letters that appear in your child's book bag about details of these events.

We have re[representatives for each class for the PTFA who will happily give information or answer questions about forthcoming events.

They are:-

Nursery - Maureen Coleman (grandma of Luke Allison)

Reception)- Julia Park (Megan) Nicola Gauld (Theo)

Year 1 - Nikki Cosgrove (Noah) Claire Ayres(Harriet)

Year 2 - Tracey Scott (Ella Jean) Julie Byrne (Josh) Emma Stanyer (Lucy)

Year 3 Sam Bernard (Caleb) Teresa Smith (James)

Year 4 Sarah Lowther (McKenzie) Angela Stringfellow (Olivia)

Facebook Page

The PTFA has a Facebook page which can be found via ????? This is purely for discussion about PTFA events, the delivering of messages about organisation etc... It is not a forum for discussing other school business. All parents are welcome to be part of this network which will allow information and communication about PTFA and forthcoming events to be more effective.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 27th November at 2.00pm. Please start to collect any unwanted toys or books that are in good condition and bring them to the community room in school. There will shortly be requests for the bottle in bag tombola and a chocolate tombola (instead of a coloured tombola) through non-uniform days.

Head Girls and Head Boys

The school has appointed this years Head Boys and Head Girls. They have been chosen for displaying qualities such as independence, responsibility, kindness to others, good manners and the ability to work as part of a team.

Congratulations to all of them:-

Head Girl - Rosie Easton

Head Boy - Alex Turner

Deputy Head Girl - Chloe Dixon

Deputy Head Boy - Cameron Park

Rag Bag Collection

We have been advised that Rag Bag have reduced the type of items they can now collect in the container located in the staff car park. Only the following will be accepted:

Wearable Clothing - All fashions - All ages. (No work wear/uniforms)

Paired Shoes

Handbags

Belts

Please make sure all items are in a tied plastic bag as Rag Bag will not accept any wet clothing.

FUTURE DIARY DATES

Tuesday 29th September - Purple Class trip to The Great North Museum

Thursday 1st October - EYFS Macmillan Coffee morning 10.00 - 11.00am

Monday 5th October - Getting off stabilizers with Dr Bike morning (20 places) please see Mrs Graham in the school office if you would like to put your child's name down. It is helpful to be able to accompany them at the session.

Wednesday 7th October - School photographer in to do individual and sibling pictures

Thursday 8th October - Year Four transition day at Seaton Sluice Middle School

Monday 12th October - Parental Consultations for years 1, 2 3 and 4 (3.30 - 6.30pm)

Monday 12th October - Friday 16th October - Scholastic Book Fair all week before and after school

Tuesday 13th October - Art exhibition and talk on nursery rhymes at Seaton Sluice Community Centre 7.30pm All art work done at the club with Mrs Barlow will be exhibited

Wednesday 14th September - Parental Consultations for years 1, 2, 3 and 4 (3.30 - 6.30pm)

Thursday 15th October - Year two visit to the beach morning

Saturday 17th October - PTFA Quiz Night 6.00 - 9.00pm

Monday 19th October - Teaching of reading and phonics meeting for parents of reception children 2.30pm and 5.30pm

Thursday 22nd October - school closes at 3.15pm for half term

Friday 23rd October - School closed for staff training

School re-opens on Monday 2nd November at 8.55am for main school and 8.45am for nursery

Friday 6th November - Family Football starts 3.15 - 4.30pm

Wednesday 11th November - PTFA meeting at 6.00pm ALL WELCOME (refreshments will be served)

Friday 13th November - Non uniform day for bottle in bag tombola

Friday 20th November - Non uniform day for chocolate tombola

Tuesday 24th November - Bikers Breakfast 8.15am and Dr Bike

Wednesday 25th November - Year four bike ride

Friday 27th November - PTFA Christmas Fair 2.00pm

Sunday 6th December - Christingle Service at St Pauls Church Seaton Sluice

Tuesday 8th December - Early Years Christmas Performance 9.30am

Wednesday 9th December - Early Years Christmas Performance 9.30am

Monday 14th December - Year one and year two Christmas Performance 2.00pm

Tuesday 15th December - Year one and year two Christmas Performance 9.30am

Tuesday 15th December - Year three and year four Christmas Performance 2.00pm

Wednesday 16th December - Year three and year four Christmas Performance 9.30am

Thursday 17th December - Pantomime for the whole school and party in morning/ Toy afternoon in pm

Friday 18th December - School closes for the Christmas Holidays at 2.00pm