



Seaton Sluice First School

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Red	Orange	Yellow	White	Purple
94.1%	91.6%	93.7%	96.9%	96.1%

White Class has the best attendance this week with 96.9%!!! **WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

Our overall school target for attendance is 96%

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a happy and peaceful Christmas and wish everyone the best for 2017. We look forward to lots of new and exciting activities over the course of the next few months in school.

School Uniform

Please support your child with adhering to our school uniform policy. We have recently noticed a growing number of diversions particularly footwear and accessories.

Seaton Sluice First School uniform consists of:

- White shirt/blouse or polo shirt
- Purple sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- Grey or black school trousers or skirt/pinafore
- Grey or white socks or tights
- Black shoes or boots (please see below)
- Check or striped summer dresses
- Hairstyles should be appropriate and colour of hair should look natural

Accessories should be plain, low key and in school colours or black (e.g. hair slides, head bands)

Footwear

Children should wear 'sensible flat school shoes' with laces, buckles or Velcro fastenings to ensure safety at all times. The school wants all children's feet to grow healthily. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels and we strongly discourage the wearing of such. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school. This is because this type of footwear is damaging, in the long term, to growing feet and is only appropriate for sports, PE or leisurewear. Neither is it in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

Attendance

Attendance is a high priority for the school. The Seaton Valley Partnership of Schools (8 schools altogether) has agreed that parents/carers will be informed by letter when their child's attendance drops below 96%. A further letter will be sent if attendance drops below 92% and will trigger advice being sought from the EWO (Education Welfare Officer) and no further absence will be authorised without proof of a medical reason. When absence falls below 90% a referral to the EWO will be made.

Please be aware and understand that the letters are worded formally and are not intended to offend, scare or annoy parents/carers.

We are as a school sympathetic to individual family's needs and circumstances and open dialogue between school and parents/carers is always our preferred option in order to reach solutions. Please contact the school and make an appointment to see Mrs Love should you wish to discuss your personal situation in more detail.

Art lessons

We would like to ensure children's uniform is protected during art lessons and when messier activities are taking place. Please send in an old shirt with the sleeves cut off half way or even better and old adult sized t shirt that can be worn over the top of uniform.

Year one pupils

Our year one pupils line up in the yard and come into school with their teacher/TA once the bell has gone at 8.55am. Please encourage your children to be independent and let them come into school alone. They are all very capable of managing their own coats, book bags, water bottles etc...

Miss Chivers

Welcome back Miss Chivers! Miss Chivers will be teaching in year one on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Collins will be teaching in year one on Thursdays and Fridays. Miss Vaughn is currently in the class all week.

Clubs

PLEASE make a note of the finishing times for your child's clubs. Finishing times vary and need to be adhered to for collection of children please.

Mondays:	Cross Stitch Club 3.15 - 4.30pm
Tuesday:	Maths Master Club 3.15 - 4.15pm (year 4's)
Thursday:	Choir 3.15 - 4.00pm
Friday:	NUFC multi-skills 3.15 - 4.15pm (year 2's and year 3's)

Celebration assemblies

Our first celebration assembly will be on Friday 13th January. Reception children will be attending this assembly weekly and family and friends of those pupils are most welcome to attend. Our assembly starts at 9.10am and includes house point awards, attendance awards, birthdays, any other awards or special recognition for pupils and stars of the week. Stars of the week have their photo taken after assembly and also enjoy a drink of juice and a biscuit with Mrs Love at some point during the day.

Parent Governor Ballot

We have two nominations for parent governor. Paul Stanyer (Lucy year three) and Charlotte Robinson (Alesha year one). Their personal addresses have been circulated and the ballot is now open and closes on Thursday 19th January. We are very fortunate to have parents who are willing to give of their time to the school and thank them for volunteering their services and time.

School Meal Fun Day

A letter has gone out today about our school meal fun day being held on Thursday 19th January 2017. There will be games and prizes on offer for children having a school meal. If your child already has a school meal you do not need to do anything, however, if your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to have a school lunch on this day please contact the school office with your order or send money in a named envelope by Thursday 12th January 2017. Orders after this cannot be taken.

FUTURE DIARY DATES

- ♦ Monday 9th January: Cross Stitch Club starts
- ♦ Tuesday 10th January: Maths Master Club starts
- ♦ Friday 13th January: NUFC Club starts
- ♦ Thursday 19th January: Final day for parent governor ballot
- ♦ Thursday 19th January: School lunch space fun day. Non school lunch pupils welcome to attend
- ♦ Monday 30th January: Year one all day visit to the Hancock museum (more info to follow)
- ♦ Wednesday 1st February: Parent/Career workshop at 3.15pm 'Good practice in reading'
- ♦ Thursday 9th February: PTFA hot dog night
- ♦ Monday 13th February: Year four afternoon cycle ride with Cycling Generation
- ♦ Tuesday 14th February: PTFA Valentines coffee morning with cake stall
- ♦ Tuesday 14th February: Year four afternoon cycle ride with Cycling Generation
- ♦ Friday 17th February: School closes for half term

HALF TERM

FUTURE DIARY DATES (cntd)

- ♦ Monday 27th February: School opens at 8.45am for nursery and 8.55am for main school
- ♦ Tuesday 28th February: Family Football starts 3.15pm (info to follow)
- ♦ Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day
- ♦ Thursday 9th March: Year two afternoon skipping festival
- ♦ Monday 13th March: Mother's day gifts to be brought to school for PTFA mother's day event
- ♦ Monday 20th March: Year four afternoon cycle ride with Cycling Generation
- ♦ Tuesday 21st March: Year four afternoon cycle ride with Cycling Generation
- ♦ Thursday 23rd March: PTFA buying of Mother's Day gifts
- ♦ Tuesday 28th March: Parent/Carer consultations 3.30 - 6.30pm for nursery, reception y1, y2, y3 & y4.
- ♦ Wednesday 29th March: Parent/Carer consultations nursery 1.00 - 3.00pm and rest of school 3.30 - 6.30pm
- ♦ Thursday 30th March: Year four morning Paralympic festival
- ♦ Monday 3rd April: PTFA Easter disco with G-Force 3.15 - 5.00pm
- ♦ Tuesday 4th April: PTFA Easter egg competition entries to be brought to school (parent/carers viewing 9.00 and 3.00)
- ♦ Wednesday 5th April: Results of Easter egg competition in assembly
- ♦ Friday 7th April: School closes for the Easter holidays at 3.15pm

Monday 24th April: School closed for staff training

Tuesday 25th April: School re-opens at 8.45am for nursery and 8.55am for main school

Seaton Sluice First School MUSTS!

- * Pierced earrings **MUST** be removed on PE days
- * Scooters and bicycles **MUST NOT** be ridden on the yard before and immediately after school
- * Children **MUST NOT** play in the bushes at the bottom of the field or climb the trees
- * Children **MUST** be supervised by parents/carers before and after school on school premises
- * Parents/Carers **MUST** make themselves visible at picking up time so that children can be handed over safely
- * Dogs **MUST NOT** be brought onto the school site
- * Parents/Carers **MUST** check book bags daily for letters / homework / messages etc...
- * Parents/Carers **MUST** keep school up to date of any changes in telephone numbers / emergency contact details