



Seaton Sluice First School

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Well Done to Year 1 Orange Class who had best attendance of 96.9%

Red	Orange	Yellow	White	Purple
91.7%	98.6%	97.2%	92.7%	94.2%

Our overall school target for attendance is 96%

Welcome back!

We hope that you have enjoyed a lovely Easter holiday and spent valuable, quality time with your children and family! A busy term lies ahead which we are all very much looking forward to. It's hard to believe that we are now entering our Summer term!

Hello from Mrs Love

Mrs Love has requested that we thank parents and carers for their kind wishes whilst she is off school. She has now had the small operation which went very well. She is making an excellent recovery and plans to return to school within the next six weeks. However, we have reminded her to remember to take it easy!

Reception Parent Consultations

Parents of Reception are invited make an appointment with Mrs Mays to discuss the progress of your child. Consultations will take place after school on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th April from 3:30-6:00. We encourage everyone to arrange a suitable time as this is the final opportunity to discuss progress before the end of this term.

Years 3 and 4 Rugby

The children in White and Purple Class will have the opportunity to work with a specialist coach this term called 'Bear'. He will spend a session with each class on a Thursday afternoon, hopefully outdoors (weather permitting). Can we remind you to check that your child comes to school fully prepared with PE kit for this session in addition to their normal PE lesson time.

Years 3 and 4 Dodge Ball Club

If your child has applied for a place in this club, they should have been notified by text. The club will take place every Tuesday for this half term and lead by a coach from Premier Sports. There will be a total of seven sessions. Again, full kit is required for this club.

Running a mile a day!

Purple Class have enjoyed taking part in a trial week before the Easter holidays involving them running or quick walking a mile each day. This was a great success and many parents have commented on what a good idea they think this is. At Seaton Sluice, we recognise our role in promoting a healthy, active lifestyle and think that this would be an excellent idea to trial across the whole school now. Staff will lead by example and also join in this fitness programme with the children. Staffs have agreed to aim for at least three occasions across a school week where the children will run or walk the following distances. If any parents or carers would be interested in joining us running weekly mile together, please let Mrs Bennett know. If we receive a good amount of interest, this is something that we could look into organising.

Reception, Years 1 and 2: Children will try to complete at least $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile

Years 3 and 4: Children will try to complete at least 1 mile.

Children **will not** be expected to wear full PE kit but will wear suitable footwear. They are welcome to bring in a pair of named trainers to keep in school but this is not essential.

The Tall Ships Opening Ceremony

Mrs Bennett will be taking a group of children mainly from Year 4 to perform our school composition 'Ode To William Smith' to perform at the prestigious opening ceremony on Wednesday 20th April. This is a real privilege and we have been asked to actually open the ceremony! It goes without saying that she is extremely proud of the children and yet another lovely singing achievement.

Choir

Choir continues after school on Thursday for year two, year three and year four children. Mrs Bennett, Mrs Calderwood and Mrs Davidson all lead this session which continues to be fun! Any children wishing to join should speak with Mrs Bennett and they will be allocated a place.

Robin Wood Final Meeting

Just to remind Year 4 Parents and Carers that there will be a final meeting for our residential trip to Robin Wood this year. The meeting will take place on Thursday 21st April at 3:20pm-3:45pm. Essential information will be given out and there will be the opportunity to ask any questions. The meeting will be lead by Mrs Calderwood and Mrs Dixon.

Well done to The Janaway family!

We were delighted to hear that James (White Class) and his Dad won the regional competition with The Newcastle United Foundation for being 'the very best' as part of this year's family football programme. They were awarded an impressive trophy, appeared in the press and were part of a final presentation. Well done James and Dad- this is fantastic news!

Young Einstein's Club

Following a successful grant bid by Mr Shaw (Henry's Dad in Y4), the school have been awarded just under £3000 for a science project to take place. We would like to thank Mr Shaw for taking the time to apply for this award which we are all thrilled about. A group of 8 children from Years 3 and 4 have been selected to work with him, designing and building a water buoy that will be positioned in the local area and used to log data which will be transmitted back to school- genius idea!

Successful Community Grant

We would also like to extend our thanks to Mrs Stirling (Paul and Casey's Mum) who has kindly taken the time to apply for a community grant which has also been successful. The award of £1500 will be used to purchase and secure basket ball nets in the yard for the community to enjoy.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Please feel free to let Mrs Bennett know about news or announcements that you would like to share in future newsletters, in particular achievements of children outside of school time.

FUTURE DIARY DATES

Wednesday 20th April: Mini-choir to attend The Tall Ships Opening Ceremony

Wednesday 26th April-Friday 29th April: Year 4 trip to Robin Wood

Thursday 28th April: Year 1 Multi-Skills Festival at Blyth Sports Centre

Monday 16th May: National Walk To School Week

Monday 23^d May: Healthy Lifestyles Week

Wednesday 18th May: Northumberland School Games- Tag Rugby Tournament Y3/Y4

Wednesday 25th May: School photographer in school for Reception and Y4 class photo

Thursday 26th May: School break up for half-term

Friday 27th May: Staff Training Day

School closes for half term on Thursday 26th May at 3.15pm

Friday 27th May is a staff training day.

Monday 6th June - School opens at 8.55am for main school and 8.45am for nursery

Tuesday 7th June - First session of KS2 Athletics Club 3.15 - 4.15pm

Friday 10th June - PTFA Sponsored Walk and Summer Fair

Wednesday 15th June - nursery sports at 9.15am / reception sports at 1.15pm / year 1 sports at 2.00pm

Thursday 16th June - year 2 sports at 9.15am / year 3 sports at 10.45am / year 4 sports at 1.15pm

Wednesday 29th June - WOW ends

Thursday 30th June - year 2 basketball festival at Blyth sports centre - am

Monday 4th July - transition week (year 4's visit to SSMS and sessions with next year's teacher in school)

Friday 8th July - Reports out to parents/carers

Friday 8th July - PTFA BBQ

Monday 18th July - PTFA end of term disco with G-Force 3.15 - 5.00pm

- Leavers Presentation - Evening

Tuesday 19th July - Leavers Presentation - am

School closes on Wednesday 20th July at 2.00pm and re-opens on Tuesday 6th September at 8.55am

Monday 5th September is a staff training day

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Pierced earrings **MUST** be removed on PE days

Football **MUST NOT** be played on the yard before school

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

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...

Book bags and water bottles **MUST** be brought to school every day