



## Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 4- Autumn Term

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*Achieve and Believe, Care and Share, Safe and Secure, Enjoy Together*

It is hard to believe that half-term has arrived so quickly! It has been a busy, very exciting start to the school year and the children have certainly been working very hard. Thank you to everyone for your support, feedback and generally making Seaton Sluice First School such a wonderful, happy place to be.

### Attendance for this week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
96%	98%	91%	98.7%	95.7%

Well done to **WHITE** class for having the best attendance this week!

REMEMBER...the overall target for our school attendance is **96.2 %**

### Year 3 Hoopstars

Well done to our Year 3 children and Mrs Dixon who attended the 'Hoopstars' session at Astley Community High School on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Mrs Bennett received a lovely letter asking her to pass on the staff's compliments to the children on their attitude and behaviour, both of which were impeccable. It was also commented that the children were a pleasure to teach and a credit to the school.

### School Website

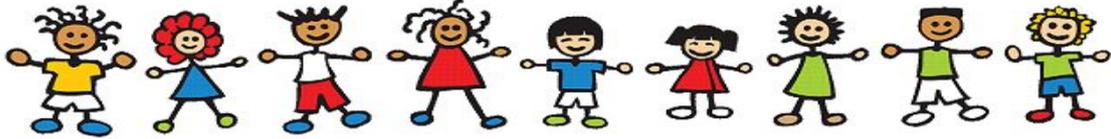
Mrs Hervin does a fantastic job of updating our website every week. Can we remind parents and carers about the wealth of information available on the site. As well as key dates, policies and procedures, there are lovely photographs capturing the many exciting aspects of school life for you to share. You can also find examples of the work produced across the different classes. As a staff, we have decided that the school Facebook page will soon cease to continue and the website will therefore be the single means of communication with our community.

### Parental Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended the parental consultations. There was a very positive atmosphere and Mrs Bennett was delighted to speak with so many happy parents. The children have settled very well into their new classes and the teachers were very proud to share this with parents.

### Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who has visited the book fair this week and the parent helpers who have given their time to collect money from the sales. We have raised £536.10 which makes



this our most successful book fair since we began hosting Scholastic Book Fairs. The school receives a significant amount of money back from the profits which is always used to purchase new books for the children to enjoy in school.

### Assemblies

The assemblies this half term have been fantastic. It was magical experiencing the whole school celebrating the festival of Diwali this week, with every child holding their candle- lit lamp that they made in class. We then sang some songs together and learnt about why we celebrate this festival. Huge thanks to Mrs Calderwood and Mrs Dale for organising this whole event, including sticking mysterious footprints around the school leading the children into the hall.

### Reception Phonics Meetings

Thank you to Mrs Mays, Mrs Elliott and the parents from Reception who met to discuss how we deliver phonics teaching within school. It is always great to see how supportive our parents are at such events. We value our home school partnership and welcome parents into school to be part of their child's learning.

### We Love Learning Week

When we return after half term, the children will be focussing on activities and discussions that focus on good behaviours to learning. This is part of our school development plan. The staff have agreed on five key learning attributes that will be clearly displayed in each classroom and regularly referred to. These are:

1. Keep on trying (perseverance)
2. Take pride (
3. Get involved
4. Do it yourself
5. Listen and learn

### School Photographs

Could all payments please be made by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to allow photos to be with us in time for Christmas. Any orders after this date will have to be made direct to the photographers " Focal Point Sunderland". Thank you for your co-operation.

### EMI Music Grant

Thank you to Mrs Heslegrave who has recently been successful in securing a £500 music grant from EMI Music. This money will be used to purchase ukuleles and guitars for school tuition.

### Breakfast Club

Our trial breakfast club begins after the half term holiday. Remember that this is a drop in service and therefore does not require booking in advance. Children can be dropped to school from 8am and the cost per session is £2 which includes toast and juice.



## AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES

Please check every newsletter as this list will be regularly updated.

<b>October</b>	
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Reception and Year 1 Playground Festival (in school) 1:30-3:00
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PTFA Hot dog and film night 3:15-5:00 (tickets £2.50)
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Years 3 and 4 trip to Seaton Delaval Hall for entertainment and history tour.
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Blind Awareness Workshop (all classes) 9:30-11:45
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Photographer in School 08:45 – 11:30
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parental Consultations Reception to Year 4 3:30-6:30
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parental Consultations Reception to Year 4 3:30-6:30
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Open Evening for parents of current Year 4 children at SSMS (time TBC)
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sustainable goals and aspirations special assembly (Years 1-4)
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Nursery Consultations
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Nursery Consultations
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Reception- Phonics Meeting. 2:30pm or 6pm
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 4 Football Competition (1 team) at Astley High 9:30-11:45am
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Key Stage 1 assembly with Rev John Bowler (St Paul's Church) 10:40am
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM</b>
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Fire Service visits school

<b>November</b>	
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Year 4 Paralympic Festival- Blyth Sports Centre at 9:30am-11:45am
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Bring in chocolate donation for the Christmas Fair tombola
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Key Stage 2 Assembly with Rev John Bowler 10:30am
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	NON UNIFORM- Bring in a ' bottle donation in a bag' for Christmas Fair
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-bullying week
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Any toy donations for the Christmas Fair are gratefully received this week.
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children In Need Day- NON UNIFORM
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	SSFS Christmas Fair 2pm in the school hall
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu spray immunisations Reception-Year 4 (am)

<b>December</b>	
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Choir performing at Toy Service at SS Methodist Church 10:30am
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School Assembly- Rev John Bowler 2:30pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTFA Christmas Disco 3:15-5:00 in school hall (tickets £2.50)
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance 9:30am
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance 9:30am
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Choir singing at St Paul's Christingle Service 10am
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 9:30am
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 1:30pm
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 9:30am
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 1:30pm
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Cinema Experience (am)
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Whole school carols at St Paul's Church- families welcome to join 10am
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Christmas Party Day
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS</b>
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR SPRING TERM</b>