



Seaton Sluice First School

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Well Done to Year 2 Yellow Class who had best attendance of 99.3%

Red	Orange	Yellow	White	Purple
96.7%	88.1%	99.3%	97.4%	96.4%

Our overall school target for attendance is 96%

A Settled Start!

We have had a busy two weeks back at school and staff have commented on how settled the children have been. Many thanks for making sure that your child is organised with suitable PE kit and homework/reading books and records in book bags.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all parents who made an appointment to discuss progress of their child with class teachers. If any parents were unable to arrange a convenient time, please feel free to approach staff who will be happy to organise an alternative time with you.

The Tall Ships Ceremony

On Wednesday 20th April, a group of children from Years 3 and 4 performed our school song 'Ode To William Smith' at the prestigious opening ceremony for The Tall Ships. The event was attended by The Countess of Wessex and the children were fantastic! Both their singing and behaviour was absolutely perfect and we couldn't have been prouder of them! It was also wonderful to see them feature on the BBC news that night! Many thanks to all parents and carers who helped and came along to show their support for this lovely event of which we are extremely proud to have been part of. Photos can now be found on our website for you to enjoy.

Skills To Play Club

Mrs Dale has now started this club which will commence every Wednesday after school. Children will have been informed if they have received a place. Full P.E kit is required.

Running a mile a day!

All classes have made a great start with their aim to run either half a mile or a full mile at least three times each week. Feedback has been extremely positive and new stickers will be awarded each week for children who participate in this. Well done to all children and staff- keep this up!

'The Seaton Sluice Field' Art Project

Over the last term, Mr Heppell has led a brilliant art project across the whole of our school based on the work of Antony Gormley, the sculptor who created 'The Angel Of The North'. He provided each of the children with a piece of clay which they moulded into their own unique little figure which was then arranged with everyone else's to create a replica of Anthony Gormley's piece 'The Field'. The result is superb and is displayed in the main entrance, just next to the library. Please feel free to come and admire this piece of work of which the children are extremely proud. We would like to say a special thank you to Mr Heppell for giving up his time to develop this lovely project.

Thank you to Mrs Kennedy

We would like to thank Mrs Donna Kennedy for all of her hard work and dedication throughout school over the last few years. She has recently secured a classroom assistant post and sadly will leave her role with us, supervising and assisting within school. We wish her the best of luck in her new venture!

Race for Life!

We have registered for the children's 'Race For Life' this year to raise money for cancer research. Details of this fundraising event will follow in a separate letter. The event will take place on Thursday 26th May in the afternoon.

Bring A Filled Jar!

To support this year's Summer Fayre, children are invited to wear non-uniform on **Thursday 26th May** and bring in a filled jar with goodies of their choice! This is always one of the most popular stalls at the school fayre and the PTFA are extremely grateful for all contributions.

FUTURE DIARY DATES

Monday 2nd May: BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 16th May: National Walk To School Week

Monday 23d May: Healthy Lifestyles Week

Wednesday 25th May: Photographer in school for <u>RECEPTION</u> and <u>YEAR 4</u> Class photos

Wednesday 25th May: Children's RACE FOR LIFE around school grounds Thursday 26th May: Bring A Filled Jar Day (Summer Fayre)- non-uniform

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 18^{th} 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 <u>MUST</u> be removed on PE days

Football <u>MUST_NOT</u> be played on the yard before school

Scooters and bicycles <u>MUST NOT</u> be ridden on the yard before and immediately after school

Children <u>MUST</u> not play in the bushes at the bottom of the field

Children <u>MUST</u> be supervised by parents/carers before and after school on school premises

Parents/Carers $\underline{\textit{MUST}}$ make themselves visible at picking up time so that children can be handed over safely

Dogs <u>MUST NOT</u> be brought onto the school site

Parents/Carers <u>MUST</u> check book bags daily for letters/homework/messages etc...

Book bags and water bottles <u>MUST</u> be brought to school every day