



# Seaton Sluice First School

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## Minute Maths

Starting from next half term the fabulous mathematicians of Seaton Sluice First School will enjoy challenging themselves as they apply their mathematical knowledge and understanding to complete a weekly 'Minute Maths test.' The tests cover all strands of the Numeracy Strategy and offer practise in speed of recall, basic computational skills and maths fluency. Children will be rewarded for their success by travelling up a 'Maths Mountain' which will be displayed in the school hall. Throughout the year children will progress and receive bronze, silver and gold award certificates during Friday assemblies.

## Open Afternoon

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February the school will be open ***from 2.30pm*** to parents and carers to view work covered by the children during our Science Week 'Ship Ahoy' and our Number Day in aid of the NSPCC. Please enter school via the main entrance and view work displayed in the hall and the class rooms. Children may go home with you when you have finished your visit.

## 30 things to do before you're 3 challenge

For all children, the greatest outcomes in terms of intellectual and social development come when they have access to quality learning experiences in the home. Parents are the first and most important influence on their child's development and future outcomes, more so than innate ability, material circumstances or the quality of early years provision.

To support parents in the types of experiences they have with their children and to promote quality interactions in the home, the Northumberland Early Years Team have designed a '30 things to do before you're 3' challenge. Based upon the research of how young children learn, the team has chosen 30 activities which we feel all children should have experience of before the age of three years. These experiences are free, accessible by all and most importantly fun with a focus on improving children's skills in all areas of learning, particularly the prime areas. To find out more please visit our school website where you can access the activities and simple resources. A very worthwhile project!

[www.seatonsluicesouth.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.seatonsluicesouth.northumberland.sch.uk)

Under Latest News on our home page.

## Early Years pupil Premium

Is your three or four year old entitled to the Early Years pupil Premium?

### Early Years Pupil Premium

We can receive additional funding to support the development, learning and care of eligible children.

For example, your child could benefit from:

- Programmes to support speech and language development
- Extra support to prepare for starting school
- Further training for staff who will be better equipped to support your child

Please speak to Mrs Love for more details.

### **PTFA Hot Dog Night**

The PTFA will be showing the film, 'Inside Out' on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 3.15 - 5.00pm. Nursery and Reception children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Fundraising**

Ivan and Nicola Thorn (parents of Jessica in year 3) are running in the Morpeth to Newcastle Road Race in July and fundraising money for the school. Ivan is running a full marathon and Nicola a half marathon. This is a most kind and generous gesture. Shortly we should be able to let you know how you can support them once a donation site is set up. Watch this space!

### **Staffing**

You may have spotted a new face around school. Mr Gardner left Whitley Bay High School in the summer following his GCSE's and is keen to pursue a career as a teaching assistant. He is gaining some experience here prior to his applying for apprenticeships in the near future. Mr Gardner's timetable is across the whole school but focuses on year four where Mrs Bennett is acting as a mentor to him. He has settled in well and is proving to be a very useful extra class room assistant.

## **HALF TERM**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Year 1 multi-sports club five sessions 3.15 - 4.15pm led by Premier Sport (information to follow)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - PTFA sale of mother's day gifts

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Litter Picking at Seaton Sluice beach 'CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN'

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Scholastic book fair all week

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March - PTFA Easter disco with G-Force

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Easter hat competition entries to be in

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Parental Consultations for Reception & Years 1 - 4 /3.30pm - 6.30pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Easter hat competition judging

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Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Service at St Paul's Church 1.30pm (pupils only)

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March - School closes at 3.15pm for the Easter holidays

*School is closed to pupils on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April for staff training*

*School re-opens on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 8.55am for main school and 8.45am for nursery.*

**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

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