



Seaton Sluice First School

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Well Done to Year 2 Yellow Class who had best attendance of 99.1%

Red	Orange	Yellow	White	Purple
97.8%	98.1%	99.1%	97.2%	94.6%

Our overall school target for attendance is 96%

Welcome back Mrs Love!

It was great to welcome Mrs Love back to school this week. She came and spent all day on Tuesday and Thursday with us; everyone was over the moon to see her! She has missed school life very much and has made a speedy recovery. Next week, she will be in school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday then back full time after that.

Thank you Sainsbury's!

We would like to thank Sainsbury's in Whitley Bay for donating a range of ingredients for our Year 4 Enterprise Group, 'The Super Six' to use as part of their project. They spent three days planning, budgeting, designing, making and selling lots of very tasty products which they sold across the school. We are proud to tell you that with the support of children and parents, they raised a staggering £100! Well done to the group and many thanks to Mrs Dale (as creative as ever).

Break Dancing/ Street Dancing and Cheerleading Clubs

Fliers have gone out to children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 to let you know about these exciting new clubs. They will begin in September, on a Monday evening (cheerleading) and a Wednesday (break dancing and street dancing) from 3:15-4:30pm. The taster sessions scheduled for July 4th and 11th will give the children the chance to meet their coach and have a try. I'm sure the children will thoroughly enjoy these sessions and they will compliment the fantastic dance classes that already take place each Tuesday and Friday with Mrs Gauld.

Year 2 SATs

Mrs Barlow and Year 2 have been working very hard to make sure that they feel prepared and ready for their SATs next week. We are very relaxed and confident in knowing that our pupils will be brilliant and achieve their personal best. We will plan lots of creative lessons to balance out the week; ensuring that our pupils are happy is our top priority. Good luck Year 2!

'Thank you to Miss Bamford

Whilst Mrs Bennett has been covering Mrs Love's absence, we have been extremely fortunate to have Miss Bamford teach in Year 4. Children, staff and parents have commented on her warm, enthusiastic personality and impressive level of expertise. Lessons have been fun and highly engaging and she has fitted in perfectly to the ethos of our special school. She will leave on Friday 20th May and Mrs Bennett will resume her teaching commitment with the class. We would like to thank her for being such a wonderful part of our team over the last term and wish her well with future positions.

Race for Life!

Thank you to parents and carers who have remembered to return their permission slips for our '**Race For Life**' on Thursday 26th May. Slips should be returned by Friday 20th May. The theme for the race is 'Be a superhero' and the children can either wear their favourite superhero costume OR the Race for Life colour theme, which is pink or blue. They will receive a special medal on a ribbon at the end of the race as well as a snack bag. The PTFA have kindly offered to support the event and will be face painting and selling mix-ups. Sponsor forms should be completed and money collected after the event. We are keeping our fingers crossed for glorious weather and look forward to as many people coming along to show their support for this worthwhile cause.

A New Playground Shelter

As always, we are extremely grateful for the wonderful work that the PTFA do to raise funds for school. The money is always utilised in creative ways that the children themselves will benefit. This year we are delighted to tell you that an impressive outdoor shelter has been ordered and will be installed within the next few months. The shelter will have seating inside to accommodate a class of thirty children. We would like to thank the PTFA for agreeing to fund this fantastic project.

National Walk To School Week

Just to remind you that next week is National Walk To School Week. At Seaton Sluice First School we actively promote making healthy choices and would love to see as many children as possible trying to make their way to school on foot.

Inspiring Others With Our Singing

On Tuesday 24th May, Mrs Bennett will be taking a small group of children to Newsham Primary School in Blyth. We will meet with children from many schools across Blyth and teach them our school song '**Ode To William Smith**'. This will be used as part of a transition project between the primary and secondary schools in the Blyth partnership and has been initiated as a result of our performance at The Tall Ships Opening Ceremony. As always, Mrs Bennett is exceptionally proud of the many singing achievements within our school; sharing our enthusiasm further is very exciting.

Reception, Year 4 and School Team Photos

A reminder that the photographer will be in school on Wednesday 25th May (in the morning). Class photographs will be taken including group photos of sports teams.

Fill a Jar- School Fayre

On Thursday 26th May, children are invited to wear their outfit for the '**Race For Life**' and bring into school a jar filled with goodies for the Summer Fayre. This is always a popular stall and you can be as imaginative as you want to be! Previously, people have filled jars with items such as sweets and chocolate bars but alternatives are fine too, such as hair accessories or small toys. The PTFA are extremely grateful for all donations that really do make a difference to the success of our Summer Fayre. Many thanks for your support in advance.

Robin Wood Presentation

Mrs Dixon and Mrs Calderwood would like to invite the children who attended Robin Wood this year and their families to enjoy a presentation of their exciting experience. This will take place on Monday 23rd May and photos will be shared with certificates given out. All children will receive a DVD of the photos from the trip. Many thanks to Mrs Dixon and Mrs Calderwood for providing the children with such a memorable experience.

Parking Reminder

The car park must only be used by staff working at Seaton Sluice First School.

Leaver's Presentation

We have had to change the date of the evening performance of the Year 4 leavers assembly. The evening performance will now be held on Tuesday 19th July at 6:00pm

FUTURE DIARY DATES

Monday 16th May: National Walk To School Week

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

Monday 23^d May: Healthy Lifestyles Week

Monday 23rd May: Robin Wood Presentation for Year 4 and Families (3:20-4:00)

Wednesday 25th May: Photographer in school for RECEPTION and YEAR 4 Class photos

Thursday 26th May: Children's RACE FOR LIFE around school grounds

Thursday 26th May: Bring A Filled Jar Day (Summer Fayre)- non-uniform

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

Friday 27th May: Staff Training Day

Monday 6th June: Return to school

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

Tuesday 19th July - Leavers Presentation - am and also evening

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

Seaton Sluice First School MUSTS!

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