# Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 8



"Shining a light on inclusion"

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#### WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



It is great to see so many of our pupils attending school regularly and arriving on time. Our school day begins at 8:45am. It makes such a difference when the children line up together, feel calm, organised and ready to learn. Our whole school attendance so far this year is 94.2%. Well done to everyone! Class attendance for this week:

**RECEPTION 93.9%** YEAR 1 94.2% YEAR 2 95.5% YEAR 3 95.5% YEAR 4 92.1%

#### Fantastic Fundraising in Year 3!

Miss Brunton and her class have been learning about life in Tanzania. As part of their learning, they decided that they would like to link up with Nkoaranga Primary School and support them through fundraising. The class organised two events that took place this week: a class sponsored five-mile walk (from school to Blyth) and a whole school movie night. With the support of friends and families, they have raised a tremendous £1446. What a fantastic effort! Thank you to Miss Brunton and the staff who organised the events and also the many families who supported them. Below are some photos to share:



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#### **GRANT APPLICATION- FUNDING SUCCESS!**

We are delighted to announce **that The Community Foundation (The Ted Weekes Fund)** have awarded the school an amazing £4000. This will fund a programme of family learning **THRIVE** evening sessions that will commence after Easter. We can't wait to share our exciting plans for how this club will run including details or fun activities that we will be organising for our families across the school.

Updates to follow!



#### NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember that our school is a nutfree school when providing packed lunches and snacks for your child. We have some children in school with allergies so it is <u>vital</u> that we do not send nut products into school. This includes chocolate spread products such as those containing Nutella.

#### School Meals Update

Following further discussions with governors, we are now able to confirm that our new school meals provider will be **DOLCE School Catering.** We would like to thank North Tyneside Council for their service over many years. The staff have always been approachable and extremely supportive to our school. The meals have been well-received and our children have particularly enjoyed the themed days. Whilst it is unfortunate that they are no longer able to provide locality schools with hot meals, we very much look forward to implementing some new systems that will make the process of arranging school meals easier. This will also allow for greater quality choices and more flexibility. Universal Free School Meals will continue to be provided for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2. Pupils entitled to free school meals in Years 3 and 4 will continue to receive a meal. Additional meals for other pupils can be arranged for £2.85 per day. We will provide further 'onboarding' details over the next few weeks. To access the DOLCE website, click on:

https://www.dolce.co.uk/parents/



**SPRING TERM 2024** 

Please keep checking details of this calendar for any updates. Highlighted events added

Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Team Building Event- Astley Community High (9:30-
	<mark>11:30am)</mark>
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> February	5-Year-old dental survey (sign up through link on line)
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> February	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> February	RETURN TO SCHOOL
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 Pedestrian Training starts
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Meeting- ROBINWOOD Arrangements 6:00pm
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Trip to Centre of Life (all day)

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Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day- Dress up in character!
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March	FAMILY HUB MEETING 2pm- all parents/carers welcome
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS and Y1 Achievers' Assembly 9:00am
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Fantastic Friday in The Lighthouse (2:15-3:00pm)
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Assembly: Welcome to Brother Kahim (Diversity focus)
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> March	SPRING Parent and Carer Think Tank Meeting 7:00pm
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Years 2, 3 and 4 Achievers' Assembly 9:00am
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Maths Day
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Chance to Dance- Royal Ballet programme (first session)
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Roman Experience Day (all day)
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Parental Consultations (3:30-6:00pm)
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parental Consultations (3:30-6:00pm)
Thurs 28th March	Teacher Training Day- Seaton Valley schools
Fri 29th March- Mon 15th April	EASTER HOLIDAY