

Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 4-Autumn Term



Shining a light on inclusion”

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“Nurturing Excellence”

Class Attendance for last week... **Attend Today...** **Achieve Tomorrow...** **Attendance Matters**

RECEPTION – 98.6% **YEAR 1 – 95.7%** **YEAR 2 – 95.7%** **YEAR 3 – 97.9%** **YEAR 4 – 95.4%**

Well done to **RECEPTION** for achieving the best attendance last week! **Whole school attendance so far- 95.5%**

AUTUMN so far... SSFS HOUSE POINTS- celebrating success at school

AIR
398

WATER
445

EARTH
449

FIRE
457

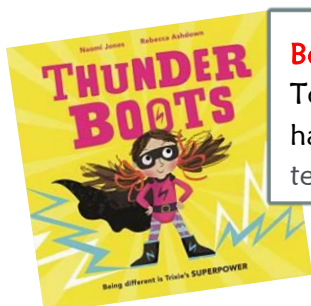


Reading at the heart of our school

We have recently had a new mural installed in our main corridor that leads to the community room, Early Years and The Lighthouse. The space has been beautifully transformed into an enchanted forest scene. We absolutely love it! As well as enjoying the new ‘environment’, we spot the tiny details that are hidden within the scene. As the quote says: “**Reading is dreaming with open eyes**”.



Why not use the ‘**book finder**’ tool on the **Book Trust** website for hundreds of brilliant book recommendations suitable for all ages! We think it’s brilliant. Click here: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>



Book recommendation of the month: Trixie is the littlest (and loudest) resident of Primrose Tower - a happy bundle of energy who runs, jumps, and cartwheels her way into her flat. She has a special nickname: Thunderboots! A brilliantly helpful book that a parent, carer or teacher could use with any dyslexic child who may be struggling with school learning.



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Pumpkin planting at gardening club

We had some very excited children at gardening club recently! Look at the smiling, proud faces of our budding gardeners! Thank you to Mrs Blakely and our other volunteers who give their time to lead this special group. We think your pumpkins are **AMAZING!**



FAMILY THRIVE EXPERIENCE

We had lots of fun on Thursday 21st November at our first THRIVE experience event. Thank you to everyone who came along to be together and have some fun in the **freezing frosty weather!**



Festive events...coming up! **Reminder:** the official 'switching on' of the Christmas lights in Seaton Sluice Village. We are meeting at St Paul's church at **4:15pm on Saturday 23rd November**. Everyone is welcome! There will be live entertainment and the winner of the Christmas lights competition will be announced. Children should remain with families throughout. Well done to our four runners up pupils from Years 2 and 3 (pictured below with Councillor Susan Dungworth from Seaton Valley Council).



St Paul's Church Christingle Service is on Sunday 1st December at 9:30am. All children and families are welcome to come along to this lovely Christmas service. We will sing carols together and celebrate the start of advent. Please join us.



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Communication in school- reminder of protocol

On Wednesday 13th November, Mrs Bennett met with the Parent and Carer Think Tank. It was a fantastic opportunity to catch up and share views on aspects of school life. One topic that we discussed at length, which also came up from the Parent and Carer most recent questionnaire, was 'communication'. Suggestions included:

- Staff reminding pupils to bring water bottle and reading books home
- Consistent approach when using Class Dojo
- Introduction of a weekly bulletin to remind of upcoming events (on weeks where newsletter is not sent)

Staff discussed these ideas and we are keen to further improve communication to make it more consistent in approach. We would also like your help in remembering:

- If your child is not well or has an appointment, please contact Mrs Johnson at the school office rather than your child's class teacher. This can be done by phone, email or Parent Mail.
- If you have a specific message to share with your child's teacher, this should also be done by email to the school office. Alternatively, a note handed to the teacher at the start of the day is helpful.
- Please remember that when dismissing classes at the end of the day, staff are making sure that the class are returned safely to their parents or carers. Therefore, if you would like to raise a concern or seek advice from your child's teacher, it is best to arrange an appointment either by phone or face-to-face at a convenient time, agreed by the teacher.
- Class Dojo will be used by all teachers to share whole class communications and news. Teachers will not be responding to messages sent via this app.
- PLEASE remember that our school website is updated regularly and contains all essential school information, including a calendar, year group planning details and key policies.



For more information on our school events, click on **'NEWS'** section on our school website:

<http://www.seatonsluicesouth.northumburland.sch.uk/web/>

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SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
(new events added on newsletters will be highlighted)	
Tues 26 th November	Year 3 Geography local study (13:30-14:30)
Wed 27 th November	No Pens Day- focus on speaking and listening
Sunday 1 st December	All children and families welcome- St Paul's Christingle service 9:30-10:00am
Thurs 5 th December	Winter special storytelling session (all morning)
Thurs 5 th December	The Lighthouse Stay and Play session 14:00-15:00
Fri 6 th December	Christmas Toy Bring and Buy Sale 8:30-11:00am
Tues 10 th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance 9:30am
Wed 11 th December	Cinderella Virtual Pantomime Performance 9:00-10:00am (all pupils)
Fri 13 th December	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 9:30am
Fri 13 th December	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 1:30pm
Mon 16 th December	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 9:30am
Mon 16 th December	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 1:30pm
Mon 16 th December	Cinderella Virtual Pantomime Performance- families welcome (form to be sent separate for signing up) 18:00-19:00
Tues 17 th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party 10am
Wed 18 th December	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party 1:30pm
Thurs 19 th December	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party 1:30pm
Fri 20 th December	Whole school Christmas Movie 9:15am
Fri 20 th December	Break up for Christmas holidays 3:15pm
Monday 6 th January	Seaton Valley Teacher Training Day
Tues 7 th January	Return to school
Thurs 9 th January	Heights and Weights- check for Reception pupils (am)
Tues 14 th January	Vision screening- Reception pupils (am)
Wed 15 th January	Anna Melling- Makaton taster session 15:30-16:30 (This should be pre-booked)
Fri 17 th January	New Year Community Book Swap 8:30-11:00am
Fri 24 th January	YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY- families welcome to join 9:00-9:30am
Fri 7 th February	YEAR 3 CLASS ASSEMBLY- families welcome to join 9:00-9:30am
Tues 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wed 19 th February	Valentine's Disco Nursery, Reception and Y1 15:15-16:15 Y2, Y3 and Y4 16:30-17:30
Thurs 20 th February	Y4 Trip to Ouseburn (all day)
Fri 21 st February	Break up for Half-Term
Mon 3 rd March	Return to school
Thurs 6 th March	World Book Day
Tues 11 th March	Class photos (am)
Thurs 13 th March	EYFS and Y1 SPRING Achievers' Assembly (invite) 9:00am

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Fri 14 th March	YEAR 2 CLASS ASSEMBLY- families welcome to join 9:00-9:30am
Wed 19 th March	SPRING Parent and Carer Think Tank Meeting 18:00-19:00
Thurs 20 th March	Y2, Y3 and Y4 SPRING Achievers' Assembly (invite) 9:00am
Thurs 20 th March	THRIVE Family Experience 2 17:00-18:30
Fri 21 st March	World Maths Day
Tues 25 th March	Parental Consultations 15:30-18:00
Wed 26 th March	Parental Consultations 15:30-18:00
Fri 4 th April	YEAR 1 CLASS ASSEMBLY- families welcome to join 9:00-9:30am
Mon 7 th April	Seaton Sluice Has Got Talent auditions- (am)
Wed 9 th April	Family Appreciation Day (alternative to Mother and Father's Days)
Thurs 10 th April	Break up for Easter
Mon 28 th April	Return to school