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“Shining a light on inclusion”

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“Nurturing Excellence”

SPRING: SSFS HOUSE POINTS so far this term!



AIR
161

WATER
172

EARTH
165

FIRE
193



ACHIEVING GREAT ATTENDANCE AT SSFS



Our whole school attendance so far **this year** is **94%**. We constantly strive to aim as high as we can and reach our target of 96.2%. Hopefully, the finer weather will bring about time outdoors in the fresh air, improving attendance even further. Well done to Reception and Year 3 who achieved fantastic attendance last week. The class results for the week commencing 4th March are:

RECEPTION 96.3 % YEAR 1 95.7% YEAR 2 95.6 % YEAR 3 96.8% YEAR 4 95.6%

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
7 MARCH 2024

Thank you to everyone for their tremendous efforts in supporting this year's **World Book Day**. We **absolutely loved** seeing the range of costumes and enjoyed a fun-filled book themed day including the **Story Book Ball!** The photos below captured the excitement of the day!



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Year 3 Celebrate with Young Writers

Miss Brunton's class have been celebrating their success as part of a wonderful writing competition organised by the organisation, 'Young Writers'. All of the children wrote a story based on the theme of 'monsters' and lots of the children had their work selected to be published in a special book. This is a fantastic achievement and we are extremely proud of the whole class for their efforts and impressive writing skills. Well done Year 3!



British Science Week

It has been another exciting enrichment week. This time, we have been further exploring Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) learning. It has been great having visitors in school, speaking to the children about their own jobs and experiences involving STEM. We have welcomed people from Catapult (renewable energy), Occupational Therapy services and even Mrs Bennett's Dad who is a retired doctor.

SEATON SLUICE HAS GOT TALENT 2024

Does your child have a special talent that they would like to share with us? Maybe they love to sing, dance, entertain us with magic tricks or jokes? We welcome all ideas and invite pupils from across the school (Reception to Year 4) to audition on Wednesday 17th April. If they need any props or music, this should be brought along on the day. Auditions will take place in the school hall with classes making up the audience. Our Grand Final will take place on Wednesday 1st May at 6:00pm with all finalists being awarded with a special medal. We can't wait to see what this year has in store! This is always such a special highlight for us. It is time to start practising and preparing for the competition!

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY- Thursday 21st March

We would like to offer our support to World Down Syndrome Day. More details on the focus of this year's special awareness day can be found by clicking on this link:

<https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/end-the-stereotypes>. The theme for this year is to treat people with down syndrome and intellectual disabilities in the same way as other people. Sometimes they can be treated differently which can feel hurtful and excluded. At Seaton Sluice First School, we are all equal and promote inclusion and kindness to everyone. Children are invited to wear odd socks. This is to get people talking so everyone gets noticed. They can be mis-matched or the brightest, fanciest socks ever!

BREAK UP FOR EASTER

Please remember that Easter is earlier this year and we break up on **WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH 2024**.



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SPRING TERM 2024



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

Wed 20 th March	Assembly: Welcome to Brother Kahim (Diversity focus) children only
Wed 20 th March	SPRING Parent and Carer Think Tank Meeting 7:00pm
Thurs 21 st March	World Down Syndrome Day
Thurs 21 st March	Years 2, 3 and 4 Achievers' Assembly 9:00am
Fri 22 nd March	World Maths Day
Mon 25 th March	Y3 Chance to Dance- Royal Ballet programme (first session)
Tues 26 th March	Nursery and Reception Stay and Play Days (timings to be confirmed by class teacher with parents and carers).
Tues 26 th March	Y3 Roman Experience Day (all day)
Tues 26 th March	Parental Consultations (3:30-6:00pm)
Wed 27 th March	Parental Consultations (3:30-6:00pm)
Wednesday 27th March	FINAL DAY BEFORE EASTER HOLIDAY
Thurs 28th March	Teacher Training Day- Seaton Valley schools
Fri 29th March- Mon 15th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Mon 15th April	PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
Tues 16th April	Class and staff photos
Wed 17th April	Seaton Sluice Has Got Talent Auditions
Fri 19th April	Family Appreciation Day
Wed 1st May	Seaton Sluice Has Got Talent 2024 18:00-19:30
Mon 6th May	MAY DAY HOLIDAY
Wed 15th-Fr 17th May	Y4 Robinwood Residential
Thurs 16th May	Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Achievers' Assembly 9:00am
Thurs 23rd May	Y2, 3 and 4 Achievers' Assembly 9:00am
Fri 24th May	Break up for Half Term

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Finally... 'Food for Thought'!

Year 4 have been thinking about the positives and negatives of the internet. In particular, we have been talking about how life has changed over the years and the fact that not as many children 'play out' now. So many of the children mentioned that they would like to play out but are not regularly allowed to.

We then spoke about the importance of decision making and the idea of 'getting trust by earning it'! As preparation for moving onto middle school, are there ways that you can support your child to become more independent, play out with friends (and have less screen time)? Could they be given additional responsibility for helping with tasks such as going to the local shop?

We discussed the importance of small steps such as going there and back to the shop within fifteen minutes. Another idea could be that they walk to a friend's house to play and then their friend could walk them back? Not only will they be developing their independence and navigation skills, but they will be positively impacting their well-being by spending time in the fresh air outdoors, exercising and having fun.

It would be great to follow up this discussion in a few weeks to gather ideas and talk further.