



Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 13- Spring Term 2

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Achieve and Believe, Care and Share, Safe and Secure, Enjoy Together

Thank you to EVERYONE for your support over the last few days with the school closure as a result of the adverse weather conditions.

Attendance for this week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
89.7%	92.9%	99.4%	99.3%	94.9%

Well done to **YELLOW CLASS** for having the best attendance this week.

99.4% is a brilliant result!

A special mention to WHITE CLASS- 99.3% is fantastic too!

PLEASE REMEMBER...the overall target for our school attendance is **96.2 %**. Please remember that in accordance with the Seaton Valley Attendance policy, all holidays will be **not authorised** unless circumstances are classed as exceptional.

School Safeguarding Review

As a staff, we have recently shared the 'Run, hide, tell' video that addresses the threat of terrorism to us as a society. Safeguarding is a key priority, and in response to our most recent training, we have created a school action plan. Mrs Bennett led an assembly for pupils from Years 1 to 4 and presented our new ideas in a way that was reassuring to the children from the point of view of keeping them safe in school all of the time. Teachers are also continuing these discussions so that the children have opportunities to ask further questions and address any concerns. Some of the actions will take effect immediately, whilst others will be rolled out across the next few months. We would like to share the content of these actions with you:

1. All classroom doors will be fitted with thumb locks. This will provide an extra level of security to allow teachers to lock classroom doors should we feel that we need to contain the classes to their area.
2. All staff are fully aware of the lockdown procedure. This would include locking the classroom door, closing the blind, switching lights off and assembling everyone on the classroom floor. Whilst we do not want to scare the children, it is felt that practising such procedures alongside fire practices, the children will be rehearsed and less likely to panic should we need to exercise the procedure.
3. If the children are playing outdoors and we want to bring them indoors due to a potential outdoor risk, the bell will ring five times. This will indicate that they must



calmly walk into school through the community room door and make their way to their registration classrooms.

4. Each classroom will have a red laminated spot positioned on the white board that has 'HELP' and the year group displayed on it. If they are worried about a teacher becoming poorly or a teacher needs immediate assistance, they will take the spot quickly to the nearest adult. The same system will be used with a green laminated spot with 'FIRST AID' written on for immediate assistance in the yard at breaktime.
5. Depending on budget, the library area could be re-located into classroom areas to support topic work. The original library would be made into a meeting room for staff, parents and also multi-agency meetings. This would ensure that such meetings would take place at the front of the school and visitors would not have to walk through the school where children are learning to areas that are currently used. This would also include a fobbed door in between the meeting room and the school hall. The purpose of this would be to create an additional holding area, again improving security to the main building.
6. Every classroom will have a telephone installed. This will incorporate a tannoy system for whole school announcements such as a rainy breaktime. It will also help Mrs Heslegrave to get a message to individual classrooms without leaving the office area which should be manned at all times. It will also provide teachers with the options of contacting the office or other classroom areas.

We hope that you agree that these ideas would enhance safeguarding and ensure that we have considered a range of current scenarios making sure that our whole school community is kept as safe as possible. Should you require any further clarification or feel that you have an idea that could be considered, please feel free to approach me to discuss further.

Tanzania Day

What a brilliant day we had! It was so interesting listening to our visitor, Jen from Cocos charity. She showed us photographs of the village in Tanzania and also the nursery school that we are raising money for. The bake sale was a huge success. So far, profits from the bake sale, wearing of non-uniform and the bring and buy sale have reached an amazing £422! Thank you so much for your generosity and support as always. Miss Chivers is liaising with the charity to see how we can support the nursery school by furnishing their classroom. We will keep you informed.

School Attendance Competition

We have teamed up with 'Vision Education' to run a half-termly competition for the children. Those pupils whose attendance exceeds our target of 96.2% will receive a special certificate. Any child achieving attendance of higher than 98% will be entered into a raffle and have the chance of winning a prize. At the end of the year, there will be a grand raffle with the chance to win either a kindle or an i-pad. We are very grateful to Vision Education for supporting us with this initiative to boost our school attendance.

PTFA Events

Just to remind you that Mother's Day gifts will be available for the children to buy this week. The PTFA ask for a donation of £1 and the children are able to visit the Mother's Day shop on Thursday 8th March in the Community Room. This will include wrapping the gift too.



Also, the Easter hat competition will be taking place on Wednesday 28th March. Children should bring their decorated hats into school on this day where they will be displayed for viewing after school. The competition will be judged and results announced as part of the Celebration Assembly on Thursday 29th March (remember we break up on Thursday because of Good Friday).

Adopt a Tree Day (Friday 16th March at 2:30pm)

Letters will be given out this week explaining how this event will take place. We really hope that as many families as possible can come along, adopt a tree, select a plot and then together plan the tree. Adoption certificates will be given out and copies kept in school. Families will need to bring along their own gardening equipment to plant their tree due to the number of trees that will be getting planted on the day. We are really looking forward to this and are keeping everything crossed that the weather is helpful!

Sing-Up Day (Wednesday 14th March at 2:30pm)

As a Sing-Up Platinum school, we are celebrating this day and would like to invite families in to sing with us for a whole school sing song! There will be a selection of songs to sing and you are more than welcome to come along and sing with us. We are even open to song requests so long as we have a bit of notice. We would even happily welcome any musicians to come along and jam! The emphasis is on enjoyment and participation. If you would like to play a musical instrument, please see Mrs Bennett.



SPRING TERM DIARY DATES

Please check every newsletter as this list will be regularly updated.

March	
Wed 7 th Mar	Year 2 Library Visit- please see Mrs Barlow if you can help
Thurs 8 th Mar	PTFA Mother's Day Stall
Fri 9 th Mar	WORLD BOOK DAY (Re-scheduled)
Mon 12 th Mar	Reception Height and Weight checks
Wed 14 th Mar	National Sing Up Day- family sing song at 2:30pm
Wed 14 th Mar	Year 1 Library Visit- please see Miss Chivers or Mrs Collins if you can help
Fri 16 th Mar	ADOPT A TREE DAY- 2:30pm
Mon 19 th Mar	SPORT RELIEF WEEK
Tues 20 th Mar	Nursery Consultations 1:00-3:00pm
Tues 20 Mar	Parental Consultations for Rec-Y4 3:30-6:30pm
Wed 21 st Mar	Reception Library Visit- please see Mrs Mays if you can help
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Fri 23 rd Mar	Whole school theatre performance of 'Charlotte's Web'
Mon 26 th Mar	Dr Bike in for Y4 Group 1 full day
Mon 26 th Mar	PTFA Easter Disco 3:30-5:00pm
Tues 27 th Mar	Dr Bike in for Y4 Group 2 full day
Wed 28 th Mar	Dr Bike in for Y4 Group 3 full day
Wed 28 th Mar	Viewing of Easter hats in hall after school
Thurs 29 th Mar	Winners of Easter hats announced in Celebration Assembly
Thurs 29 th Mar	EASTER HOLIDAYS
April	
Mon 16 th Apr	RETURN TO SCHOOL
Fri 20 th Apr	Sing Into Spring- family event at Seaton Delaval Hall- 2pm
Wed 25 th Apr	Year 4 trip to Robin Wood- 3 day residential
Wed 25 th Apr	Year 3 School Games- GOLF (1 team)
May	
Fri 4 th May	SSFS Has Got Talent Final 6:00-7:30pm
Tues 8 th May	School Sponsored Walk 2pm
Mon 14 th May	Key Stage 2 Art/History Day at Seaton Delaval Hall 11:00-2:30pm
Tues 15 th May	Key Stage 1 Art/History Day at Seaton Delaval Hall 11:00-2:30pm
Thurs 17 th May	School Games- Y3/4 Rugby (1 team)