

Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 9- Spring Term 1

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

Happy New Year and welcome back to school!

It's been a really busy week, full of excitement. The children have all returned ready to learn and I have been incredibly impressed by their excellent behaviour and impeccable manners! Thank you to everyone for returning to school with such enthusiasm and interest.

Attendance for this week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	
98%	92%	97.4%	93.3%	98%	
Well done to PURPLE and RED classes for having the best attendance this week.					
98% is a great result!					
PLEASE REMEMBERthe overall target for our school attendance is 96.2 %.					

Please remember that in accordance with the Seaton Valley Attendance policy, all holidays will **not be authorised** unless circumstances are classed as exceptional.

Celebrating Achievements



Well done to the following children for their latest achievements:

Name of child	Class	Achievement
Felicity Roche	Orange	Felicity has passed her Stage 4 'Learn To Swim' award. What a great achievement Felicity!

E-Safety Parent's Workshop

We have organised a workshop for parents and carers with John Devlin, the E-Safety leader for Northumberland County Council. John is extremely experienced and has kindly agreed to come into school and share his expertise and offer advice on how to best keep your child safe online. With so many children accessing the internet and using technology, there are a number of risks of which we have a duty to protect them from. Safeguarding our children is therefore a key priority and we would love to see as many people as possible attending this invaluable session. It will last for approximately **one hour** after school on <u>Wednesday 21st</u>



February. There will be a classroom set up for children to be supervised by staff to allow parents and carers to attend this session.

Library Visits

Many of the children enjoyed a visit to Seaton Sluice library last term. As a school, we promote a love of reading and value our involvement with the library and the friendly, helpful staff. We would like each class to visit the library each half term. However, for all classes up to Year 3, this requires one adult to accompany every five or six children for the journey to and from the venue. The dates have been added to the calendar of events at the end of the newsletter. If you are able to commit to these visits as either a one-off helper or regular helper, please approach your child's class teacher. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Skills North East

We are delighted to welcome Mr Andrew Vince into school. Andrew comes with a military background and will be working with our Year 4 class delivering an exciting new curriculum of navigation and survival skills. All of the children will be working towards achieving two separate qualifications by the Summer term. They will meet in two groups with Mr Vince every Monday afternoon for the next term. I'm sure the children will have a fantastic time working with Mr Vince and further developing their leadership skills.

Welcome to Northumbria Student Teachers

Some of the children in Years 3 and 4 will have worked with Miss Storey and Miss Lavin who are in their second year of training at Northumbria University. It is a pleasure to have them complete their block teaching placement with us this term. Miss Storey will continue to work in Year 4 and Miss Lavin will be working with Year 1. We wish them success in their placement with us until Easter.

OFSTED Parent View

As a school, we warmly welcome feedback from our parents and carers. It would be most appreciated if you could spare a few minutes to log onto the Ofsted Parent View website (Parentview.ofsted.gov.uk) and click on 'Give Your Views'. You will be asked to answer about ten questions by rating how well we do as a school. The results are then used to inform future inspections and as a school, it is helpful to evaluate how we are doing. Thank you for your support.



SPRING TERM DIARY DATES

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

January				
Mon 22 nd Jan	Year 1 visit to The Great North Museum- all day			
Tues 23 rd Jan	PTFA hot dog and film night 3:30-5:00			
Wed 10 th Jan	Year 4 Library Visit			
Wed 17 th Jan	Year 3 Library Visit- please see Mrs Dixon if you can help			
Wed 24 th Jan	Year 2 Library Visit- please see Mrs Barlow if you can help			
Wed 31 st Jan	Year 1 Library Visit- please see Miss Chivers or Mrs Collins if you can help			
February				
Fri 2 nd Feb	'Let There Be Light' candlemass (choir) at St John's Church 5:30-6:00pm			
Wed 7 th Feb	Reception Library Visit- please see Mrs Mays if you can help			
Tues 6 th Feb	Safer Internet Day			
Wed 21 st Feb	Year 4 Library Visit			
Wed 21 st Feb	Parent Workshop- Internet Safety led by lead for Northumberland CC			
Mon 26 th Feb	STEM Focus Week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)			
Mon 26 th Feb	Bring in gifts for Mother's Day this week			
Wed 28 th Feb	Year 3 Library Visit-please see Mrs Dixon if you can help			
March				
Thurs 1 st Mar	WORLD BOOK DAY- Dress as your favourite book character			
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			
Wed 14 th Mar	National Sing Up Day			
Wed 14 th Mar	Year 1 Library Visit- please see Miss Chivers or Mrs Collins if you can help			
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			
Wed 21 st Mar	Parental Consultations for Rec-Y4 3:30-6:30pm			
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			