

Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 2-Autumn Term



“Shining a light on inclusion”

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“Nurturing Excellence”

Class Attendance for the year: Attend Today...Achieve Tomorrow...Attendance Matters

RECEPTION – 91% YEAR 1 – 87.8% YEAR 2 – 96.8% YEAR 3 – 93.8% YEAR 4 – 95.1%

We need your help...

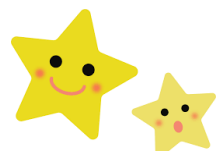
At Seaton Sluice First School, we are lucky to have the support of our own local authority Education Welfare Office (EWO). Mrs Bennett and Mrs Johnson meet each month with our EWO to discuss individual attendance which includes discussing any pupils currently below our school target of **96.2%**. Each school day equates to two school sessions so this term, the highest possible attendance would be 38 days X 2 = 76 sessions (100%). If your child misses just two days of school in this half term, their individual attendance will drop to **95%**. If they were to miss five days of school for a term-time holiday, this would take their attendance to **86.8%**. Once attendance drops to **90% or lower**, the child would be classed as ‘persistently absent’ resulting in monitoring being put in place. Broadly speaking, we are incredibly proud of our ongoing excellent levels of attendance which provides our wonderful pupils with the very best opportunities both in and out of school. We are fully supportive of the latest government guidance, ‘Working Together to improve school attendance’ which states:

“Good attendance begins with school being somewhere pupils want to be and therefore the foundation of securing good attendance is that school is a calm, orderly, safe, and supportive environment where all pupils are keen and ready to learn”.

Please help support our commitment to providing the very best for all of our pupils by encouraging good attitudes to school including the importance of daily attendance. We very much value our positive partnership with parents and carers- thank you for all of your support.

Hello Yellow Day!

On **Thursday 10th October**, the whole school will be taking part in this important day organised by Young Minds Charity. We will come together to raise awareness and show our pupils how important good mental health is, discussing ways of making sure we have the right people around us. Lessons will include discussions on how to look after our mental health and the need for talking about how we feel. We will also learn about and practise some self-help techniques such as mindfulness, including ways of breathing, drawing and using our senses to help us feel calmer and supported. Pupils are invited to wear something yellow on this day although this is optional- please do not feel pressured to buy items only for this occasion.



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AUTUMN: SSFS HOUSE POINTS- celebrating success at school

AIR
191

WATER
195

EARTH
207

FIRE
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Parental Consultations

Our first Parent and Carer consultations will take place on **Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October from 15:30-18:00**. Please remember to book your appointment either via Parentmail or in the case of Year 3, directly with your child's teacher (as agreed). This first meeting is to discuss how well your child has settled into their class and give you the chance to ask any questions. We very much look forward to seeing you there.



Lockdown Practice

The theme of keeping our children as safe as possible at all times is our highest priority. The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Teacher is Mrs Walsh with Mrs Bennett and Mrs Saleh supporting as Deputy DSLs. Governors recently agreed that as well as arranging a termly fire practice, we should also plan and practise a lockdown procedure. This would be used in the event of needing to keep pupils and staff safe and secure within their classroom areas. We will have a lockdown practice over the next few weeks which will be conducted in a calm, organised way which the children will not feel worried about.

Beautiful new mural

We have been decorating and re-organising our lovely Early Years part of school. The work took place over the summer and we are delighted with our new learning areas and freshened up toilets for the children to use. To complete the work, we have decided to arrange for a special mural to be installed along the corridor leading up to the Reception classroom, celebrating the importance of reading. The mural will be based on an enchanting forest theme with the quote, "Reading is dreaming with your eyes open..." We promote a love of reading with our children and are proud to have such a lovely piece of art work at the heart of our school. All work should be completed by the end of this first term.

Staffing update:

We are very much looking forward to welcoming onto our team Mr Ryan Gardener who will join us as a Learning Support Assistant. Ryan trained with us a few years ago as an apprentice and we are delighted to welcome him back on a full-time basis. He will be based mainly in The Lighthouse but will also support as required across the whole school. Ryan will begin his role in school from Monday 14th October.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
(new events added on newsletters will be highlighted)	
Mon 30 th September	Black History Week
Thurs 10 th October	'Hello Yellow' Mental Health Day (invited to wear yellow)
Fri 18th October	Year 3 Pre-Historic themed day- enrichment learning
Tues 22 nd October	Parental Consultations (3:30pm-6:00pm)
Wed 23 rd October	Parental Consultations (3:30pm-6:00pm)
Fri 25th October	Break up for half term 3:15pm
Mon 4 th November	Return to school
Tues 5 th November	Flu immunisations for Reception-Y4 <i>(The deadline to complete online consent or non-consent is 2nd November).</i>
Thurs 7 th November	Reception and Year 1 Achievers' Assembly 9:00am (invites sent to parents/carers of children being awarded certificate)
Mon 11 th November	Anti-bullying Week- theme of RESPECT
Wed 13 th November	Parent and Carer Think Tank 6:00pm
Thurs 14 th November	Individual photos for all pupils
Fri 15 th November	Children in Need Day
Thurs 21 st November	Years 2, 3 and 4 Achievers' Assembly 9:00am (invites sent to parents/carers of children being awarded certificate)
Wed 27 th November	No Pens Day- focus on speaking and listening
Thurs 5th December	Winter special storytelling session (all morning)
Tues 10 th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance 9:30am
Fri 13 th December	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 9:30am
Fri 13 th December	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 1:30am
Mon 16 th December	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 9:30am
Mon 16 th December	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 1:30pm
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 20th December	Break up for Christmas holidays 3:15pm
Monday 6th January	Seaton Valley Teacher Training Day
Tues 7th January	Return to school



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

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