

# Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 16



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



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## This week's whole school attendance is...

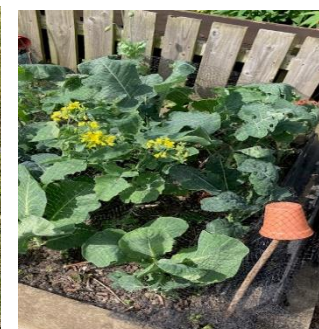
Our whole school attendance is currently **94.3%**. Well done to WHITE Class for achieving **96%** attendance this week. Year 3 have really shone this year for their excellent attendance which should be celebrated. A special treat may well be heading their way!



## Thank you to our community volunteers!



Kate Blakely, one of our governors and parents, organises the school gardening club every Friday (after school) with a committed, very kind group of pupils and helpers. We are **so lucky** to have help from this wonderful group who have created a very special area for our pupils to enjoy and extend their learning from. Last weekend, Fabian and Esme's parents gave up their time, with their friend Saed, to build a new potting bench within the shelter. This included providing some of the materials needed to complete the job. Also, Emilia's family donated the section of bench. Our pupils can now enjoy preparing and potting plants. We would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to everyone for their efforts and generosity. Below are some recent photos of this wonderful well-being space. The meadow area is also growing nicely-our school site is looking beautiful, also with the hard work of Mr Bayles.



## New School Opening Times

As announced a few weeks ago, in line with government expectations, our school day will be extended slightly. **School will begin for all pupils at 8:45am and finish at the same time, 3:15pm.** If you have more than one child attending the school, we recommend that children from Reception to Year 4 should be safely dropped first to their class line in the yard. Any siblings attending Nursery can be dropped off after this. Please remember that everyone should be ready to line up for 8:45am. We understand that there may be a few families who need to drop siblings to other local schools on the way. If you arrive slightly late, please make your way to the main entrance of school. Mrs Johnson will be able to greet your child and they can then be safely guided to their appropriate class. We encourage an organised morning routine, with an emphasis on the importance on arriving on time and ready to learn. Breakfast Club arrangements remain the same. Thank you for your cooperation.



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## END OF TERM WATER COMBAT ARRANGEMENTS



### Come and join us at our annual whole school water combat!

*Each year, we finish the term by celebrating our time together, have some fun and create a memorable experience for the children.*

Our last day of term is **FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY**. School will finish early on this day as follows:

Nursery (30hrs children), Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: to be collected at 2pm (water combat 2:05pm-2:15pm)

Years 3 and 4: to be collected at 2:15pm (water combat 2:20pm-2:30pm)

**Can we request that all parents and carers make a line to collect their child? Please be patient- it is vital that children all are signed out safely.**

We would be most grateful if parents could bring along equipment for the water combat event on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July **at the end of the school day**. This will make it easier for us as there is not enough space in school for storage.

Please remember that everyone should make their way off the school site once their event is finished. This includes children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, not joining in with the key stage 2 event.

**Please note: there will be no wraparound care on this final day.**

The children are invited to participate in a celebratory 'Water Combat'. If preferred, they can be accompanied by one adult. Please note that not all children will choose to take part- this is fine and they are welcome to watch their class if they wish.

#### **Expectations of the event:**

- Water equipment **cannot be re-filled** as we do not have outdoor water facilities.
- One adult per family is invited to join in with their child (although it is not essential- you may choose to watch and be ready for your child afterwards.)
- We ask that one adult per family should spectate, supervise school bags etc and be prepared with a towel for after the event.

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- After the event, families **should not return inside the school building**. They should make their way safely off school site.
- Families should collect their child from the usual pick up point at the end of the school day, and then make their way to the school field. Spectators should wait on the school yard. A bell will sound to mark the start and end of the water combat.
- Once the children are collected from the Class Teacher, they are **the responsibility of the parents/carers during the event and afterwards**.
- Most importantly, HAVE FUN!

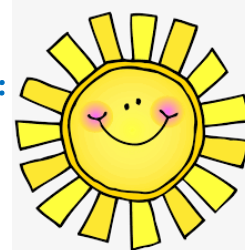
We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate the start of our Summer holiday!

## FINAL DAY OF TERM

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OUR FINAL DAY OF TERM FINISHES SLIGHTLY EARLIER:**

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2- finish at 2pm

Years 3 and 4- finish at 2:15pm



## UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

10.07.23	Transition Week
12.07.23	Class Transition Day 1:00pm-3:00pm
20.07.23	Year 4 Leavers' Assembly 1:30pm-2:30pm
21.07.23	Break up for Summer <b>2pm – Whole school water combat event</b>
04.09.23	TEACHER TRAINING DAY
05.09.23	PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL- <b>8:45am</b>

## End of term thank you

It is hard to believe that we are heading towards the end of another school year. Time seems to pass quicker and quicker! Maybe this is because we seem to squeeze more and more into each day! However, what doesn't change...is the fact that Seaton Sluice First School is an extremely happy place to be. The staff, governors and families work supportively, together building the brightest future for our special, most wonderful children. I always thank my lucky stars that I was led towards this school.

Not only is it my workplace...it is my second home and indeed, my work family. Thank you to everyone for your support, smiles, honesty and kindness. It is very much appreciated and makes a world of difference! I wish you all a restful, relaxing and special summer holiday!

With very best wishes, Amanda Bennett