

Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 1



“Shining a light on inclusion”

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“Nurturing
Excellence”

This week’s whole school attendance is...

Our whole school attendance is currently **94.3%**. Last week, we achieved 95.4% as a school. Being in school is vital to your child’s achievement, well-being and wider development. Every moment counts and days missed add up quickly. **Well done to Year 1 this week who achieved 100% attendance!**

A great start to the new term!

We have had a brilliant start to Autumn term, with excited children, ready to learn and impressing us with their tremendous efforts. Well done to all of our families for adjusting to the new morning routine. Please remember that all pupils should be ready to enter school for 8:45am. For families with siblings, we recommend dropping off pupils from Reception to Year 4 first and then moving onto Nursery. It is important that the children arrive at school on time so they feel settled, prepared and ready to learn. It is lovely seeing familiar faces and also welcoming so many new families to the school. We hope that everyone has enjoyed their two weeks. Welcome to Seaton Sluice First School!

Bikes and scooters in school



It is great to see our pupils making their way to school on foot, on scooters or on bikes. We very much encourage our pupils to travel to school in an eco-friendly, healthy way! Can we please request that bikes or scooters are pushed onto the yard to prevent accidents involving potential collisions? There is a bike shed available for use in the main yard (by the gate). Whilst this is a safe space to park bikes and scooters, as a school we cannot accept any responsibility for any damage. Please remember to keep children who are riding their bikes or scooters supervised, close by to you and away from the roads, making sure that they dismount before crossing. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone as safe as possible.

SSFs Under 9’s Girl’s Football Team

Miss Brunton’s girl’s football team have now signed up with the Football Association. We are so proud of Havana, Betsy, Caris, Emily and Ella who played their first match at the weekend (*despite the keeper not being available, being limited for substitutes and playing in near 30-degree heat!*). The girls had a fantastic time and played so well!

Havana scored and Caris was voted ‘player of the match’! Miss Brunton is hoping to recruit more players over the next few weeks. We can’t wait to hear more about how well they are doing. An almighty **well done** to the girls!



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National Fitness Day

On Wednesday 20th September, we will be celebrating 'National Fitness Day'. This will include discussions on about the importance of fitness and the impact it has on our health and well-being. We will be identifying healthy habits and tracking our activity over 30 days. It would be wonderful if this could be continued at home as well as school. Is there anything that you could challenge yourself to do as a family? The staff would love to hear all about this to celebrate with the children in school.

Seaton Sluice is now a **thrive** school!

At Seaton Sluice First School, we know how important it is to have trusting, nurturing relationships with our pupils. Mrs Elliott and Mrs Bennett have been training recently, to understand the neuroscience of behaviour as a form of communication. The THRIVE approach offers a trauma-informed, whole school approach to improving the mental health and well-being of children and young people. Mrs Elliott is now officially our school's THRIVE licensed practitioner and she will be working across school, supporting teachers and pupils. This will include leading one-to-one sessions and group sessions to address any worries or anxieties that may impact on everyday enjoyment of life.

It would be great to share our learning and school vision with parents and carers and we would like to invite you to a special meeting where we can share more about the 'THRIVE' approach and how we can best support children throughout their development. The meeting will take place on **Tuesday 10th October**. If you would like to join us, please complete the form that will be emailed via Parent Mail next week.

After school clubs

We are delighted that some of our after-school clubs are starting for children in Years 1-4. Clubs are free of charge as we choose to utilise our school's sport's premium funding. Can we please remind our families that the pupils are expected to behave in a respectful way? We have fantastic links with external coaches and pride ourselves on having high standards of behaviour. If a child is not able to conduct themselves in the expected respectful, helpful manner, they may be asked to have time out or be collected early. Thank you for your support.

Congratulations to Miss Procter!

We would like to announce the exciting arrival of Miss Procter's daughter. We send our congratulations to the family- we can't wait to meet their beautiful baby girl!

Year 4 Robinwood Parent's Meeting

Miss Brunton will be leading this year's residential trip to Robinwood in Alston. This is a fantastic experience for our Year 4 children. A meeting has been organised for parents and children to come along and find out more information on **Thursday 28th September at 5pm**.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUTUMN TERM

Please keep checking details of this calendar for any updates.

Mon 25 th September	Reception and Year 1 Phonics and Reading Meeting 5pm
Tues 26 th September	Reception and Year 1 Phonics and Reading Meeting 2:30pm
Thurs 28 th September	Year 4 Robinwood Parent's Meeting 5pm
Mon 2 nd October	Black History Week
Thurs 5 th October	SSMS Open Evening for Year 4 pupils and families
Tues 10 th October	Hello Yellow Mental Health Day
Tues 10 th October	Parent and Carer's THRIVE meeting 5pm-6pm
Tues 24 th October	Flu Immunisations (R-Y4) TBC am
Tues 24 th October	Parental Consultations (3:30-6:00pm)
Thurs 26 th October	Parental Consultations (3:30-6:00pm)
Fri 27th October- Monday 6th November	OCTOBER HALF TERM
Mon 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wed 15 th November	AUTUMN Parent and Carer Think Tank 7pm
Thurs 16 th November	EYFS and Y1 Achievers' Assembly 9:00-9:45am
Fri 17 th November	Children in Need Day
Thurs 23 rd November	Years 2, 3 and 4 Achievers' Assembly 9:00-9:45am
Tues 5 th December	Vision Screening (Reception) TBC 12pm-13:00
Tues 5 th December	EYFS Christmas Performance 1 9:30am
Wed 6 th December	EYFS Christmas Performance 2 9:30am
Thurs 7 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance 1 9:30am
Mon 11 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance 1 9:30am
Mon 11 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance 2 1:30pm
Tues 12 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance 2 1:30pm
Mon 18 th December	Nursery Christmas Party 9:30am
Mon 18 th December	Reception Christmas Party 1:30pm
Tues 19 th December	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party 1:30pm
Wed 20 th December	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party 1:30pm
Fri 22 nd December	Christmas Movie in hall 9:15am
Fri 22nd December-Tues 9th January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Mon 8 th January	SVLP TEACHER TRAINING DAY
Tues 9 th January	Pupils return to school