



Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 1- Autumn Term 1

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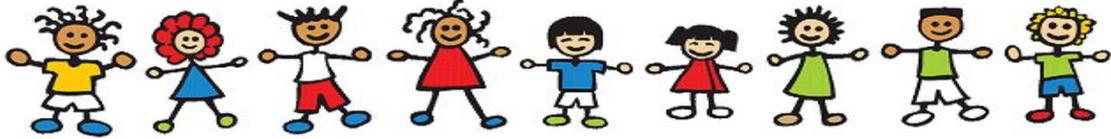
***A warm welcome back to all of our pupils and families.
It is great to be back together again!***

Off to a flying start!

Thank you to everyone for their efforts in making this week such a positive first week back in school. The phased transition has felt right for the children and also for the staff, providing them with the opportunity to be back together as full classes and settle back into the new routines. The children have been absolutely fantastic! They have been polite, happy, calm and generally very pleased to be back with their friends and teachers. Thank you to everyone for reading the back to school documentation thoroughly and liaising with class teachers so effectively. This has ensured a more smooth and successful transition. We very much look forward to welcoming our new pupils into Nursery and Reception next week. As from Monday, all pupils will move into their new classes.

Just a few reminders:

- Please stick to the agreed staggered and finish times for the different year groups. It is important that children arrive at school on time and are dropped straight off to their appropriate entrance.
- If possible, only one parent/carer should drop or collect the children to minimise congestion in the yard. Please try not to spend too long congregating on the yard area and maintain social distancing at all times. This includes after school: unfortunately, we cannot allow families to congregate on the yard to play on the field. We are not marking out the school site, rather trusting that people will adhere to expectations.
- Please do not park your car by mounting the kerb. We value our relationships with local residents and must always conduct ourselves in a respectful, considerate way. For local families, please try to travel to school on foot.
- Please send freshly washed PE kit in **every Monday** (Reception-Year 4). We would like the children to still get changed for PE as it encourages independence and good hygiene after exercise. However, all used kit will be sent home for washing on PE day. Children should still come into school every Friday in sportswear for 'Fit Friday'. *To clarify, PE kit should be washed **every week and returned every Monday**. Thank you for your support with this.*
- The children only need to bring into school the following items:
 - Water bottle
 - Reading folder
 - PE kit



Music Lessons

We would like to offer children in Years 2, 3 and 4 the opportunity to learn the following musical instruments with our specialist music teacher, Mr Peacock:

Years 2 and 3: ukulele or keyboard

Year 4: ukulele, keyboard or guitar (only if taught last year and have own guitar)

Mr Peacock will lead lessons every Thursday afternoon costing £5.50 for half an hour (in a group of 3 children). This is a maximum group size due to social distancing and the ability to effectively teach and engage with the children. For ukulele lessons, the children can hire a ukulele that can be taken home to practise on for £5. This hire will be for the full duration of lessons across the year with Mr Peacock.

If you would like your child to receive a lesson, please complete the form that will be sent via Parentmail in the next two days. Please note that payment must be received by Monday 28th September for this half term. Should you wish to cancel the lessons, a notice period of 4 weeks should be given and a phone call or email sent to the school office.

Star of The Week

Staff will soon be discussing awarding children 'Star of the week' in an alternative way due to the fact that whole school assemblies are not able to currently take place. We look forward to sharing our plans with you over the next couple of weeks. We will continue to acknowledge effort and success in the classroom through individual class systems and reward stickers/certificates.

Dates for the diary

Provisional dates for the diary will be included in the next newsletter.