



Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 3- Autumn Term

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

Welcome to our third newsletter of the term. Life at Seaton Sluice First School certainly has been very busy recently what with our Year 3 and 4 leaders all being given their special responsibilities and so much exciting learning taking place in every space! As Mrs Bennett walks round the school each day, she couldn't be more proud of the pupils and staff all working their socks off. Well done everyone!

Attendance for this week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
100%	96.8%	95.5%	96%	97.3%

Well done to **RED** class for having the best attendance this week!

REMEMBER...the overall target for our school attendance is **96.2 %**

Celebrating Achievements



Well done to the following children for their latest achievements:

Name of child	Class	Achievement
Innes Boyd	Purple	Achieving his purple karate belt.

Please remember to hand in details of achievements out of school to Mrs Heslegrave in the school office. We would really like to share good news outside of school too.

PTFA Coffee Afternoon

It was fantastic to welcome so many families into school on Friday 22nd September. There was a lovely atmosphere and a grand selection of delicious cakes. Many thanks to everyone who managed to come and join us. The PTFA raised a grand total of £266.40.

Middle School Applications

A POLITE REMINDER TO YEAR 4 PARENTS.

The online portal for admissions continues to be open and can be accessed via Northumberland County Council's website, under 'school admissions'. Parents with children who are currently in Year 4 **MUST** apply for a place at their chosen middle school. It is not



an automatic transfer process from first to middle school. The closing date for all applications is **31st October 2017**. Please be aware that if you do not apply for the school of your choice, you are **unlikely** to secure a place for your child to begin middle school in September 2018.

Can we also remind you that there will be an open evening at Seaton Sluice Middle School on Thursday 12th October at 7:30pm. You will hopefully have received information on this from the middle school.

Phonics Meeting For Reception

Mrs Mays and Mrs Elliott would like to invite parents and carers of children in Reception to attend a Phonics Meeting. These meetings provide an opportunity to share with you the school's approach to delivering phonics which is key to their success in the first stages of reading. Parents are invited to attend one of the meetings where there will be the chance to look at some of the resources used to deliver the curriculum and ideas on how you can further support learning at home. Please remember that as a school we believe that reading is the most important aspect of homework that you can support your child with at home. The meetings will take place on Wednesday 18th October at either 2:30pm or 6pm and will last approximately 45 minutes maximum. Your support is greatly appreciated.

School Photographer

Please remember that the school photographer will be in school all morning on Monday 9th October to take photos of all children. This will automatically include photos with siblings in school which will be available should you wish to purchase them.

Yoga

The children in Years 3 and 4 have been doing so well with their weekly yoga session with Mrs McAllister. It has been a privilege to take part in one of these sessions with the children and it was wonderful to see the calm, focused behaviour demonstrated and the level of strength and skill that is developed as part of the session. Please ask your child to show you some of the sequences or moves that they have been learning if your child has been participating in the sessions. Next half term we move onto children in Years 1 and 2.

Forest School

Mrs Tustin and Mrs Davidson have been thrilled with our first Forest School group. So far they have planned a tea party for a dragon and thought about ways of caring for animals using the environment. Mrs Tustin has been particularly impressed by how confidently the children are sharing their ideas and discussing together. The children are having so much fun and will be heading down to Holywell Dene to extend their learning further.

Parental Consultations

Thank you to everyone who has returned their parental consultation preferences. Hopefully you will have now received a suitable appointment. We look forward to seeing you on either Tuesday 10th or Wednesday 11th October from 3:30-6:00pm. Can we request that you attend the appointments on time and remember that teachers have a ten minute slot which they need to adhere to and avoid long waiting periods. Thank you for your co-operation.



Annual PTFA Meeting

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the PTFA Annual Meeting. As a result of the meeting, it was agreed that a breakdown will be shared regarding expenditure and resources purchased for the children throughout the school last year. This will be sent out to all parents. It was agreed for this academic year, one main focus for fundraising will be the resourcing of the Early Years outdoor learning areas used by Nursery and Reception children.

Morning Meet and Greet

Mrs Bennett tries her very best to get out into the yard circulate with families before school opens. So long as she is not at a meeting, or is involved in resolving an urgent issue, she will be present in the yard. To simply say hello and be with the families and children really gets the day off to a perfect start. Please feel free to approach her should you need to discuss anything of a less private nature.

Scholastic Book Fair

On Monday 16th October, the book fair is arriving. Children can bring in money to buy a book with or an item of stationary either before or after school. School will be open to children from 8:30am during this week. We would welcome help from parents or carers assisting us with the book fair and collecting money. Your support is appreciated. There will also be competitions for the children to take part in. This will involve

ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

In May next year, SSFS will be hosting their very own, 'Seaton Sluice Has Got Talent'! Could your child be the next winner of our talent show with special appearances from celebrity staff judges? The final will take place on the evening of Friday 4th May following year group rounds a few weeks earlier. Watch this space for more information.



AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES

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

October	
Mon 9 th Oct	School Photographer in School 08:45 – 11:30
Tues 10 th Oct	Parental Consultations Reception to Year 4 3:30-6:30
Wed 11 th Oct	Parental Consultations Reception to Year 4 3:30-6:30
Thurs 12 th Oct	Open Evening for parents of current Year 4 children at SSMS (time TBC)
Thurs 12 th Oct	Sustainable goals and aspirations special assembly (Years 1-4)
Mon 16 th Oct	Nursery Consultations
Tues 17 th Oct	Nursery Consultations
Wed 18 th Oct	Reception- Phonics Meeting. 2:30pm or 6pm
Wed 18 th Oct	Year 4 Football Competition (1 team) at Astley High 9:30-11:45am
Wed 18 th Oct	Key Stage 1 assembly with Rev John Bowler (St Paul's Church) 10:40am
Fri 20th Oct	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Mon 30th Oct	Back to school
Mon 30 th Oct	Fire Service visits school

November	
Thurs 2 nd Nov	Year 4 Paralympic Festival- Blyth Sports Centre at 9:30am-11:45am
Fri 3 rd Nov	Bring in chocolate donation for the Christmas Fair tombola
Wed 8 th Nov	Key Stage 2 Assembly with Rev John Bowler 10:30am
Fri 10 th Nov	NON UNIFORM- Bring in a ' bottle donation in a bag' for Christmas Fair
Mon 13 th Nov	Anti-bullying week
Mon 13 th Nov	Any toy donations for the Christmas Fair are gratefully received this week.
Fri 17 th Nov	Children In Need Day- NON UNIFORM
Fri 24 th Nov	SSFS Christmas Fair 2pm in the school hall
Wed 29 th Nov	Flu spray immunisations Reception-Year 4 (am)

December	
Sun 3 rd Dec	Choir performing at Toy Service at SS Methodist Church 10:30am
Mon 11 th Dec	Whole School Assembly- Rev John Bowler 2:30pm
Mon 18 th Dec	PTFA Christmas Disco 3:15-5:00 in school hall (tickets £2.50)
Tues 12 th Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance 9:30am
Wed 13 th Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance 9:30am
Sun 17 th Dec	Choir singing at St Paul's Christingle Service 10am
Mon 18 th Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 9:30am
Mon 18 th Dec	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 1:30pm
Tues 19 th Dec	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 9:30am
Tues 19 th Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 1:30pm
Wed 20 th Dec	Christmas Cinema Experience (am)
Thurs 21 st Dec	Whole school carols at St Paul's Church- families welcome to join 10am
Thurs 21 st Dec	Christmas Party Day
Fri 22nd Dec	BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS
Tues 9th Jan	RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR SPRING TERM