



Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 5- Autumn Term 2

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

Attendance for this week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
97.9%	98.4%	95.3%	94.7%	94.7%
Well done ORANGE CLASS for having the best attendance! 98.4% is a fantastic result				

Celebrating Achievements

We have one great achievement to celebrate in this newsletter:



Name of child	Class	Achievement
Zac P	White	Zac really impressed his group being awarded 'Beaver of the Week!'. It's great to hear about you being such a super role model Zac!

Wonderful Willow Weaving!

On Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th November, we were joined by two lovely artists called Ruth and Carmen. They worked with children from our Stepping Stones group, some of our gardening student leaders along with Mrs Dale and Mrs Davidson. Just look at the start they have made so far! In December they will continue with these creations and begin developing a 20 metre living willow tunnel for all of the children to enjoy playing inside. This project has been funded by a grant secured for the school our fantastic PTA.



PTA Hundred Club

The PTA had their first 'Hundred Club Draw' during Celebration Assembly before half-term. The lucky winning number was number 24 which belongs to Charlotte Robinson. Charlotte won £8.40 on this occasion.



MPower

White Class have been working with one of our talented parents, Anna Melling. Anna brings her experience of dance combined with Makaton signing to our school. She was successful in securing funding to deliver a series of whole class sessions to White Class. She comes into school every week and teaches Year 3 the power of combining dance with Makaton using songs such as 'This Is Me', 'Shotgun' and 'Roar'...the children are absolutely incredible and Anna is fantastic with them in her enthusiastic, talented delivery. We are incredibly lucky to have her with us enriching our curriculum with regard to inclusion and physical activity. Thank you to Anna! Fingers crossed, we may have a performance on the horizon!

Book Competition

Thank you to Ann Fearman who has won 30 books for our school library from Egmont Publishing. This is a huge help and will add some current, exciting literature to our existing selection.

PTA Community Chest Grant Success

The PTA have been successful in securing another grant bid for £1500 from The Northumberland County Council Community Chest. This money will be used to add to the Sugar Tax grant of £10,000 for the creation of a gardening area and an outdoor musical trail. Our pupils are so lucky to be able to enjoy such a fantastic outdoor space. What with the addition of the shelter in Reception area and future plans utilising this funding, there certainly are some exciting developments at SSFS. Thank you to the PTA for their continued efforts.

Eventbrite Feedback

Thank you to two of our governors, Anthony Cunningham and Neil Henderson who have given a lot of time, effort and thought into improving our security in school during public events such as Celebration Assemblies. There were a pleasing amount of responses to the survey that was created to provide feedback with regard to permanently implementing the system. An analysis of the survey results will now be taken to the governing body for discussion and ratification. In the meantime, the old system of signing in the morning of the assembly will be resumed.

Safeguarding

The whole school (including Nursery) took part in our first lockdown practice before half term. The children were spoken to calmly about the importance of staying safe and the need to sometimes stay safe in our classroom areas. The alarm was sounded and then the school lockdown procedure was strictly adhered to. The procedure was clear, the children were fantastic and overall, the practice went extremely well. It is anticipated that we will practice this procedure one each term like regular fire practices. Well done to staff and children!

Music Tuition

Can we please request that should children in Years 3 and 4 wish to stop learning keyboard or guitar with Mr Peacock, half a terms notice is given as payment will still be required. As



you can appreciate, we are required to book Mr Peacock in advance to secure his teaching within the school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week. All classes will take part in themed lessons to address the subject of different types of bullying and strategies for communicating worries or experiences.

Staff Training on Attachment and Trauma

As part of our commitment to being an effective inclusive school, we are welcoming into our school an organisation called CATS (Child and Adolescent Therapy Solutions). Next week, staff will attend twilight training to provide an enhanced understanding of the impact of trauma with regard to attachment in children. As a staff, we will explore the importance of counselling and play therapy for children who have experienced trauma and plan to set up provision within school to complement our strong nurture ethos.

Toy and Book Donations

The PTA would be very grateful of any toy and book donations for their Christmas Fayre which is fast approaching. Feel free to bring in any donations next week where they will be collected in the community room. Thank you in advance for your support.

Nattalingo Day 2

Purple and White Class enjoyed their second French experience day on Thursday with Madame Paris. They shared a story and learnt about parts of the body this time and their French is already making great progress!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 26 th Oct- Mon 5 th Nov	OCTOBER HALF TERM
Wed 7 th Nov	Willow Weaving Project Day 1
Thurs 8 th Nov	Nattalingo KS2 French Experience
Thurs 8 th Nov	Willow Weaving Project Day 2
Mon 12 th Nov	Anti-bullying week
Mon 12 th Nov	Bring in toys for Christmas Fayre- over week
Fri 16 th Nov	Y2 Hula Hoop Festival 9:30-11:30am Astley High School
Wed 21 st Nov	SVLP Sports Awards Presentation (School Ambassadors invited to attend) 4 -5:30pm at Astley High School with Miss Chivers and Mrs Bennett
Thurs 22 nd Nov	AUTHOR VISIT- Christian Darkin- all day
Fri 23 rd Nov	Year 4 Class Assembly
Fri 23 rd Nov	Y1 Godly Play 1-3pm Seaton Sluice Methodist Church
Fri 23 rd Nov	YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY 9am
Fri 23 rd Nov	PTFA Non-uniform day- Chocolate Tombola Donations
Fri 23 rd Nov	Year 1- Godly Play at Methodist Church 1:30pm
Sat 24 th Nov	Turning on Christmas Lights with carol singing 4pm
Fri 30 th Nov	PTFA Non-uniform day- Bottle in a Bag
Sun 2 nd Dec	Choir performing at Toy Service- Methodist Church 10:30am
Mon 3 rd Dec	Art Focus Week
Thurs 6 th Dec	Nasal Flu Immunisations Rec-Y4
Fri 7 th Dec	PTFA Christmas Fayre 2:00pm
Tues 11 th Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance 9:30am
Wed 12 th Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance 9:30am
Thurs 13 th Dec	Willow Weaving Project Day 3
Sun 16 th Dec	Christingle Service- St Pauls 10am (choir singing)
Mon 17 th Dec	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 9:30am
Mon 17 th Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 1:30pm
Tues 18 th Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 9:30am
Tues 18 th Dec	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 1:30pm
Wed 19 th Dec	Choir singing at Astley High Christmas Concert 6-8pm
Thurs 20 th Dec	Christmas Party Day- Rec, Y1 and Y2 am, Y3 and Y4 pm