



## Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 12- Spring Term 1

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### Attendance for this week

| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 92.6%     | 92.7%  | 99%    | 92%    | 96.3%  |

Well done to **YELLOW CLASS** for having the best attendance this week.

**99% is a brilliant result!**

PLEASE REMEMBER...the overall target for our school attendance is **96.2%**. Please remember that in accordance with the Seaton Valley Attendance policy, all holidays will be **not authorised** unless circumstances are classed as exceptional.

### Celebrating Achievements



Well done to the following children for their latest achievements:

| Name of child | Class  | Achievement   |
|---------------|--------|---|
| Ethan A       | White  | Ethan won the trophy for Man of The Match for West Moor Football Club on Sunday- brilliant news Ethan!  |
| Lewis A       | Orange | Lewis has passed his pre-primary ballet exam with The Royal Academy of Dance.<br><br>He was also awarded his ASA Level 1 in swimming - Fantastic Lewis! |

### 'Let There Be Light' Event

Thank you to the wonderful choir who came along to perform at this special event at St John's Church in Whitley Bay. The singing was beautiful and as always, I was extremely proud to be Headteacher of SSFS. We are so lucky to have such supportive families who also come along to these events, of whom we really couldn't manage without.

### Theatre Performance of Charlotte's Web

We are using some of the kind donations from our collection from the Christmas performances to fund a professional theatre company to perform 'Charlotte's Web' for the whole school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. We would like Nursery children to attend their session in the afternoon for this day to allow them to enjoy the performance too. Mrs Sawyers will liaise



with parents and carers nearer the time but I thought that it would be helpful at this point to have the date.

#### Car Parking...again!

Unfortunately, we find ourselves back in the position of requesting that people travelling to school by car are considerate of residents who live nearby. We have an on-going issue with congestion, people driving too quickly and parking in dangerous locations putting the safety of our families seriously at risk. We have also had complaints recently from residents living in streets where people have even parked in private parking spaces. This is a huge concern. Having consulted with Northumberland County Council, we are discussing the possibility of extending double yellow lines. However, the real solution is to develop a culture of consideration and awareness that if habits do not change, there is going to be a serious accident. I am meeting with the School Council who will be planning a road safety campaign that will include ideas for improving this issue. If there are any solution-focussed parents or carers who are interested in forming a working party to address this issue with myself and try to come up with a plan, I would welcome support and involvement.

#### Tanzania Day

Our school **Tanzania Day** will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Children are invited to come into school either wearing the colours of the Tanzania flag (green, yellow, black, blue). Donations of £1 will go towards buying equipment for the nursery of the school who we are supporting. There will also be a bake sale at morning break time. Baking donations are gratefully received and should be brought into school on the actual day. Our student leaders will set up the cakes on stalls and each class will have the opportunity to buy one or two cakes. It would be extremely helpful if children could bring loose change in for the bake sale. If any parents or carers would like to assist our student leaders in selling cakes at the bake sale, please let Mrs Heslegrave know in the office. Many thanks in advance for your support.

#### Book Fair (Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March-Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March)

For this book fair, we are inviting the children to bring in money in a named envelope should they wish to purchase a book or some stationary. Nearer the time, a brochure will be sent home with every child to give indications of prices. Each class will be given the opportunity to visit the book fair on a couple of occasions to browse and buy a book of their choice. The School Ambassadors will assist them in their choices. The books will be held by the teachers and then safely given out at the end of the school day.

#### Holiday Dates

Holiday dates are now added to the end of the newsletter so families are aware and can organise activities around them.



## SPRING TERM DIARY DATES

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

| February                   |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb    | 'Let There Be Light' candlemass (choir) at St John's Church 5:30-6:00pm                       |
| Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb    | Reception Library Visit- please see Mrs Mays if you can help                                  |
| Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Safer Internet Day  |
| Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb    | HALF TERM HOLIDAY   |
| Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | RETURN TO SCHOOL  |
| Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb   | Year 4 Library Visit  |
| Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb   | <b>Parent Workshop- Internet Safety led by lead for Northumberland CC</b>                     |
| Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | STEM Focus Week ( <b>S</b> cience, <b>T</b> echnology, <b>E</b> ngineering and <b>M</b> aths) |
| Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Bring in gifts for Mother's Day this week   |
| Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Year 3 Library Visit-please see Mrs Dixon if you can help                                     |
| March                      |   |
| Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar  | WORLD BOOK DAY- Dress as your favourite book character  |
| Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar    | Year 2 Library Visit- please see Mrs Barlow if you can help                                   |
| Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | PTFA Mother's Day Stall   |
| Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | National Sing Up Day  |
| Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | Year 1 Library Visit- please see Miss Chivers or Mrs Collins if you can help                  |
| Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | ADOPT A TREE DAY- 2:30pm  |
| Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | SPORT RELIEF WEEK   |
| Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | Nursery Consultations 1:00-3:00pm   |
| Tues 20 Mar                | Parental Consultations for Rec-Y4 3:30-6:30pm   |
| Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar   | Reception Library Visit- please see Mrs Mays if you can help                                  |
| Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar   | Parental Consultations for Rec-Y4 3:30-6:30pm   |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar   | Whole school theatre performance of 'Charlotte's Web'   |
| Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | Dr Bike in for Y4 Group 1 full day  |
| Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | PTFA Easter Disco 3:30-5:00pm   |
| Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | Dr Bike in for Y4 Group 2 full day  |
| Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | Dr Bike in for Y4 Group 3 full day  |
| Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | Viewing of Easter hats in hall after school   |
| Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar | Winners of Easter hats announced in Celebration Assembly                                      |
| Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar | EASTER HOLIDAYS   |
| April                      |   |
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr   | RETURN TO SCHOOL  |
| Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr   | Sing Into Spring- family event at Seaton Delaval Hall- 2pm                                    |
| Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr   | Year 4 trip to Robin Wood- 3 day residential  |
| Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr   | Year 3 School Games- GOLF (1 team)  |
| May                        |   |
| Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May    | SSFS Has Got Talent Final 6:00-7:30pm   |
| Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> May   | School Sponsored Walk 2pm   |
| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> May   | Key Stage 2 Art/History Day at Seaton Delaval Hall 11:00-2:30pm                               |
| Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> May  | Key Stage 1 Art/History Day at Seaton Delaval Hall 11:00-2:30pm                               |
| Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> May | School Games- Y3/4 Rugby (1 team)   |