

Seghill First School Newsletter October 2018 edition 2

Whole school attendance 94.4%. Attendance target 96.3%

Message from Miss Chappell

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our **harvest lunch** today. The children did an excellent job of making the soup and the bread and helping at the event.

We hope you can join us **next Friday** from **2:30pm** in the hall for our autumn term A **celebration assembly**. If your child has anything they have won or been awarded that they would like to tell us about in celebration assembly, please send it to school on Friday 26 October.

Christmas is still a while away but in school we start making plans well in advance. We have booked a special **Christmas treat** for all of our children in **green and blue class**. They will be going ice skating at Woodhorn Colliery in December for their Christmas treat. This will be paid for using fundraising money and there will be no charge to parents for this amazing opportunity. We are still confirming the details of the treat for children in orange, yellow and red class. We will let you know more in our next newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.
Miss Chappell

Reading champions

Mrs Knowles has organised a meeting for parents who are interested in becoming a reading champion on **Friday 26 October** at 8:45am. We have a small group of very committed reading champions who give us a massive amount of help and support but it would be great to see more parents in school.

Nasal flu vaccines

Staff from the school nursing team will be in school to administer the **nasal flu vaccines** on the afternoon of **Wednesday 24 October**. The nasal spray will be administered to all children where parental permission was given by the deadline. Please see Mrs Elliott if you have any concerns.

Tickets for film night

Film night will take place on **Tuesday 06 November** in the school hall from **3:15pm to 5:00pm**. This is for children in red, green and blue class. Tickets cost **£2.00** and include a hot dog and drink of juice and are available from Monday 22 October until Friday 26 October. Please put £2.00 in a named envelope and return it to school by Friday 26 October if your child would like to come.

Please note that this activity is run by a small group of fundraising parents who give their time free of charge and also by staff who are not paid to attend. It is a treat for children to stay in school to watch a film so this event will not be open to children who are issued with a yellow card, red card or time out C (removal from the yard or field) between Monday 22 October and the day of the film.

Fundraising update

Preparation for the Christmas fayre

We have 3 non uniform days planned for children to bring in items for our tombola. The days are **Friday 09 November, Friday 23 November** and **Friday 07 December**. We will write to you nearer the time to tell you what we would like you to bring in on each day.

Fundraising meeting

Our next fundraising meeting is on **Monday 22 October at 3:30pm** to sort out our current resources in preparation for the Christmas fayre. If you are able to help us with that, please come along as we would love to see you. Children are welcome to attend.

School Christmas Card Project

Today we are sending home the artwork template from the **School Christmas Card Project**. This is a company that we work with every year. The company takes a design that your child makes on the template provided, and turns it in to personalised **Christmas cards** and a range of Christmas goodies, including **thank you cards**, **gift tags** and even **place mats**.

A proof of the Christmas card will be sent back to you to check. You will then be asked to complete an order form for any items that you want to buy.

Every year we have been delighted with the personalised Christmas items that we have received from the company. As well as being a brilliant Christmas idea, we also receive a donation from the company for school funds. The more orders we place, the more money we receive.

All of the instructions are on the back of the template. Please follow them carefully and add your child's details on to the label provided. **Completed templates must be returned to school by Friday 26 October**, as this is when they are being picked up by the company. If you miss this deadline your child's design will not be made in to a Christmas card or any of the other goodies.

Children's Cancer Run

We received notification this week that our school raised an amazing total of **£564** in sponsorship from children taking part in the 2018 Cancer Run. What a brilliant achievement. Thank you to Mrs Bell for organising our entry and all the children and parents who took part.

The date for next year's run is Sunday 19 May at Gosforth Park. Please take a note of this event if you would like to take part. More details will be sent out in the spring term.

Keeping children safe

I have received a number of reports of parents using their mobile phones while driving children to and from school and also children running, scootering and cycling around unsupervised at drop off and collection times.

Using a mobile phone while driving is illegal. If you spot someone doing this, I would advise that you call the police.

Children must be supervised by their parents before and after school ends.

We are next to a very busy road and bordered by two smaller but busy roads.

The consequences of children running on to any of these roads would be unthinkable. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure their children are safe by supervising them closely.

Last reminder about admissions to Year 5 in September 2019

At the end of this school year, Year 4 children will move to Year 5. As we are part of a three tier partnership of schools, this means that they will move to a middle school. Children in our school usually transfer to Seaton Sluice Middle School, as we are one of their feeder first schools. Parents have the right to apply for a place for their child at Seaton Sluice Middle School or any other school of their choice. Year 5 may seem a long way off, but the **deadline for applications for Year 5 places closes on Wednesday 31 October 2018.**

In recent years a number of our Year 4 parents have not completed the application process for a Year 5 place for the following September by the deadline. This has resulted in very difficult situations as both Seaton Sluice Middle School and Whytrig Middle School are regularly oversubscribed.

It is absolutely vital that you apply for a Year 5 place in middle school by Wednesday 31 October 2018. Please visit the **admissions pages** on the County Council's website and read the **Middle, High and Secondary School Admissions Handbook 2018 – 2019**. This explains how to register online.

Star of the week

Our stars of the week for week beginning **Monday 08 and Monday 15 October** are-

Blue class star Imogen and Dazie;

Green class star Jessica and Evie;

Red class star Holly and Mitchell;

Yellow class star Zach and Ella;

Orange class star Frankeey and Jack;

Support staff star Blake J and Freya;

Miss Chappell's star Jamie and Cody

Miss Chappell's staff star Mrs Kembrey and Mrs Watson.



