

# Seghill First School Newsletter October 2019 edition 2

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| Whole school attendance since September 2019 | 95.4% | Attendance target                     | 96.3% |
| Attendance this term so far                  | 95.4% | Number of late marks this term so far | 52    |

## Meetings for class teachers with parents and children

Meetings for class teachers with parents and children will take place as per the dates below-

- Blue class Monday 21 October from 8:55am:
- Yellow class Wednesday 23 October from 8:55am:
- All classes Wednesday 23 October 3:25pm to 5:35pm;
- Orange class Thursday 24 October from 8:55am.

Some parents and children in red and green class met with the class teacher earlier today.

For children in **yellow, red, green and blue** class it is very important that they attend the meeting with their parent. Please keep this in mind if your appointment is for **Wednesday night**. If your appointment is during a morning session, your child will be brought to the meeting from their classroom.

## Tickets for film night

Film night will take place on **Wednesday 06 November** in the school hall from **3:15pm to 5:15pm**. This is for children in red, green and blue class. Tickets cost **£2.00** and includes popcorn and juice. Tickets are available from Monday 21 October until **Friday 25 October**. Please put £2.00 in a named envelope and return it to school by Friday 25 October if your child would like to come. Tickets will not be available after the half term break.

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 playground) between Monday 21 October and the day of the film.

## 20mph zone

Following numerous concerns being raised with the county council regarding the speed limit around school, I am delighted to announce that a new **20mph zone** is being put in place around our school and many other streets in the village.

Children are designing **posters** in school and some of these posters will be made in to street signs to show the beginning of the **20mph zones**. We hope the 20mph zones will lead to a reduction in speed to keep our children safe.

## Star of the week

Our stars of the week from week beginning Monday 07 and 14 October are-  
**Mrs Bell's star** Jamie and Kai;  
**Mrs Lyons' star** Kaycee and Matt;  
**Mrs Knowles' star** James and Isabelle;  
**Mrs Kembrey's star** Ava and Elizabeth;  
**Mrs Askew's star** Ella and Kieran;  
**Support staff star** Willow S and Thea;  
**Miss Chappell's star** Kodi and Emily He;  
**Miss Chappell's staff star** Mrs Bell, Mrs Kembrey and Mrs Askew.

## School website

Please remember to use our school website as a valuable source of information. The latest **newsletter** is on the front page and all previous newsletters can be found in the "**newsletters**" tab. **Letters** sent out to parents are in the "**letters**" tab. Lots of useful information is in the "**information for parents**" tab. Each week we update the home page with events and deadlines for the week.



### Workshops for parents

Thank you to parents who attended the **workshops for parents** we have offered this half term. Feedback from all workshops was extremely positive. We hope you feel you left with tips to support your child's learning. Copies of the **information** shared with parents at the workshops can be found on the school website in the "**information for parents**" tab.

### Building work on the perimeter fences, gates and walls

Further to the information on the previous newsletter, the date for the work on the **fences, gates and walls** which separate the school from Cheviot View will now be completed after the **October half term holidays**. This change is nothing to do with school and is in relation to the planning application process. I have been assured that all of the work will be carried out but the start date will be after the October half term holidays.

### Individual photographs

The school photographer will be taking individual and family photographs in school on **Tuesday 22 October** from 8:45am. Please **drop off your child at the classroom door** as normal and come in to school via the school office. Please **do not take your children to the hall** as they will miss registration.

### Harvest assembly

We had a wonderful **harvest assembly** on Thursday where visitors from the **food bank** talked to the children about the very important support they provide to families in our area. The children listened carefully when they were told about what goes in to a food parcel and stories of people in our community who have been helped by the food bank. The visitors were amazed to see the number of donations that you have sent in to school for the food bank.

**Thank you for all of your donations and to Mrs Lyons and the school councillors for all of their hard work.**

### Music week

We are really looking forward to **music week** next week. Our music lead, **Mrs Askew**, has organised a **musician** to come in to school on Monday 21 October to work with all year groups. Throughout the week the children will be learning about **composers and their music and making musical instruments to create pieces of music**. This will all come together in our **celebration assembly on Friday 25 October**. **Doors open at 2:00pm** for you to come and have a look at the children's work. Assembly will **start at 2:15pm**. **Each class will be sharing their learning from music week**. We hope you will be able to join us to hear about and celebrate our achievements in music week and throughout this half term.

Any donations of **materials** for making musical instruments would be very gratefully received.

### November attendance and punctuality initiative

There are 20 school days in November and we are launching an initiative to make every one of these days count through **excellent attendance and punctuality** for all pupils.

During the month of November, our aim is to have **100% punctuality for all pupils**. Every child who achieves **at least 19 out of 20 marks for being on time** will be rewarded with **20 smileys** (one late mark is allowed during the 20 day period). Any class with **at least 95% punctuality** in November will receive **20 minutes extra Golden Time**.

We must also try to improve attendance, especially following the recent periods of absence we have had. Every child who achieves **at least 96% attendance in November** will be rewarded with **20 smileys**. Any class with **at least 96% attendance** in November will receive **20 minutes extra Golden Time**.

Children with **excellent attendance and punctuality** in November could gain 40 smileys and 40 minutes extra Golden Time. Please support us to improve attendance and punctuality by making sure **your child is on time for school every day and attends school** unless there is a very good medical reason why they must be absent.