

Seghill First School Newsletter March 2020 edition 1

Whole school attendance since September 2019	94.6%	Attendance target	96.3%
Attendance this term so far	96.0%	Number of late marks this term so far	100

World Book Day book sale and coffee morning

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to our **World Book Day book sale and coffee mornings** yesterday. We raised a fabulous **£325** for school funds to go towards new books

Children have been given their **£1 World Book Day book token**. All you need to do is to take it to your local bookseller and swap it for one of the exclusive, new and completely FREE World Book Day books. Or, if you'd prefer, you can use your book token to get £1 off any full price book instead. World Book Day book tokens are accepted at **Sainsbury's stores, WH Smiths, Seven Stories and Waterstones**. We would love to see which books you have chosen.

Building work and parking

Work is going ahead at pace on the **fences and walls** that form the boundary between our site and Cheviot View. The work will increase the security of our site as well as improving the appearance.

Last Friday morning, we arrived at school to find that a cast iron manhole cover in the newly cleared area that runs along the back of the school hall had been smashed. We suspect this is because a vehicle parked here and the manhole cover could not take the weight of the vehicle. We were able to secure the area immediately, but we have had to pay to replace the manhole cover.

We have cleared this area because we are hoping to make a **disabled parking space and parking for visitors**. Please note that we have not been given permission for this to happen yet. Moreover, we have not been informed that this area can actually take the weight of vehicles. With this in mind, **please do not park in this area**.

Reminder about punctuality

Each week we are seeing an **increasing number of children arriving late** for school and children being **collected late** at both 11:45am and 3:15pm.

Some parents arrive at school after the bell has gone almost every day and expect Mrs Elliott or our Blue class helpers to take children to their classroom. Similarly, some parents arrive late to collect their child and expect Mrs Elliott to go to the classroom to collect the children and bring them to the office to be picked up from there. This is not acceptable. Parents have a statutory duty to ensure their child arrives at school on time and to collect their child on time. Mrs Elliott should not be distracted from her work or leave the office unattended for this purpose.

We fully appreciate that the vast majority of parents follow our procedures and prioritise punctuality irrespective of the weather, how many children they have or whether they are on their way to or from work. However, the number of late marks we have recorded since September is 284, which is absolutely shocking. Continued lateness will not be accepted and will be reported to Education Welfare and/or Children's Services. **Please make sure you drop off and collect your child on time from the classroom door.**

Star of the week

Our stars of the week from week beginning Monday 02 March are-

Mrs Bell's star

Connor;

Mrs Lyons' star

William;

Mrs Knowles' star

Henry;

Mrs Kembrey's star

Zac;

Mrs Askew's star

Tio;

Support staff star Kaycee

Marie;

Miss Chappell's star

Paddy;

Miss Chappell's staff star

Mrs Bell.



We have very few badges left because they are not being returned to school. Have a look at home and return them please.

March 2020	
Friday 06	Green class assembly 2:15pm
Monday 09	Fundraising meeting at 3:30pm
Thursday 12	Sport Relief fun run
	E-safety training for all staff and governors 3:30pm
Tuesday 17	Athletics festival for 2 teams from Blue class
Wednesday 18	Full governing body meeting 5:00pm
Friday 20	Mother's Day lunch
Monday 30	Meetings for Blue class parents with Mrs Bell 8:45am to noon
Tuesday 31	Meetings for Green, Red and Orange class parents with teachers 8:45am to noon
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Wednesday 01	Bags2school collection
	Meetings for Yellow class parents with Mrs Kembrey 8:45am to noon
	Meetings for parents in all year groups with teachers 3:30 to 5:30pm
Thursday 02	Spring B celebration assembly 8:45am
	Easter egg competition judged in celebration assembly
	Easter disco 3:15pm
Friday 03	School closed- staff training day
Monday 06 to Friday 17 April school closed for Easter holidays	
Monday 20	School opens for the summer term

Blue class visit to Holy Island

Children in Blue class visited Holy Island last Friday. As predicted, it was freezing and blowing a hooley. Despite this, the children had a great time looking for **evidence of Viking raids and comparing Holy Island to Seghill**. Many thanks to Mrs Best, Miss Young, Miss Neal and Mrs Hedley for their help and to Mrs Bell for organising the visit.

COVID-19 virus (Coronavirus)

There is a great deal of coverage about **COVID-19** in the media every day. At this time, we have not been directed to do anything more or different to our usual routines.

If you are concerned about your child or a family member in relation to COVID-19, please **ring 111** or **seek advice** from the [Public Health England website](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus/) by clicking on this link.

Spring term B PE days

PE days for spring term B are-

Orange class	Wednesday (please come to school wearing joggers and trainers)
Yellow class	Monday and Tuesday
Red class	Tuesday and Thursday
Green class	Wednesday and Thursday
Blue class	Wednesday and Friday

Children should wear a **plain white t-shirt, plain black or navy shorts and sandshoes or trainers** for PE. Many people find it convenient to bring their kit on a Monday and leave it at school all week.

Please ensure **long hair** is tied back for PE.

Children cannot wear earrings for PE. If your child cannot remove their own earrings they should not wear them on PE days. Staff are unable to remove earrings for children, therefore your child will not be able to take part in the lesson.

Lunch menu

Week beginning Monday 09 March- **week 3 menu**; Week beginning Monday 16 March- **week 1 menu**;

Menus are on the school website in the "**information for parents**" tab in the "**menus**" folder.

Fundraising meeting

Reminder- Our **next fundraising meeting is on Monday 09 March at 3:30pm**. If child care is an issue for you, please note that you can bring your child to the meeting, as this is what the other fundraisers do.

Mother's Day lunch

Thank you for your orders for **Mother's Day lunch and personalised gifts**. The food has been ordered and gift orders have been sent to the manufacturers.

There will be a **raffle** and **hot drinks** on sale in the hall after **Mother's Day lunch**.

Sport Relief fun run

Children should come to school wearing **trainers, joggers and a top** for our fun run next Thursday. They do not need to wear school uniform or bring school uniform to change in to after the fun run. Hopefully you will have started signing up sponsors.

Fundraising events

Fundraising meeting

New members are warmly invited to come along to our next fundraising meeting on **Monday 09 March** at 3:30pm. If child care is an issue for you, please note that you can bring your child to the meeting, as this is what the other fundraisers do.

Sport Relief fun run

Our Sport Relief fun run is on Thursday 12 March. This is a **sponsored event** to raise money for school funds which we do every other year. **Sponsor forms** were attached to the previous newsletter and are available from the school office.

Children should come to school wearing **trainers, joggers and a top** for our fun run. They do not need to wear school uniform or bring school uniform to change in to after the fun run.

Mother's Day lunch

Mother's Day lunch is on **Friday 20 March**. There will be a raffle and hot drinks on sale after lunch.

Bags2school collection

We have organised our next **Bags2school** collection for **Wednesday 01 April**. A bag will be sent home with your child soon to fill with any unwanted clothes. Bags are weighed and we are paid per kilo. The greater the weight we collect, the more money we receive for school.

Easter egg decorating competition

The annual Easter egg decorating competition will be judged on **Thursday 02 April** during celebration assembly. Children are invited to decorate an egg at home to take part in the decorating competition.

Easter disco

We will be holding our **Easter disco** for children in red, green and blue class on **Thursday 02 April** at 3:30pm. Tickets will go on sale soon.

Summer term class coffee mornings

Our **summer term class coffee mornings** have been arranged as follows-

- Monday 27 April 8:45am Blue class and 11:00am Orange class;
- Wednesday 29 April 8:45am Green class;
- Thursday 30 April 8:45am Red class;
- Friday 01 May 8:45am Yellow class.

The class with the **highest percentage attendance** at their class coffee morning will receive **30 extra minutes of Golden Time**.

