

# Seghill First School Newsletter September 2018 edition 1

**Whole school attendance 96.6%. Attendance target 96.3%**

## Welcome back

We hope you have enjoyed a happy and peaceful summer break. It is lovely to see all of the children looking so smart in their school uniform.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new children- Blake, Jay and Jimmy. Our new Nursery children will be joining us next week.

Our classes and staff are now arranged like this-

Year group	Class name	Staff name
Nursery class	orange class	Mrs Askew
Reception	yellow class	Mrs Kembrey
Year 1 class	red class	Mrs Knowles
Year 2 class	green class	Mrs Lyons and Mrs Watson
Year 3 and 4 class	blue class	Mrs Bell

Mrs Whitelaw and Mrs Miller will support in orange and yellow class during the morning sessions and throughout school during afternoon sessions.

Mrs Bell is currently absent from school but will be back with us soon. Mrs Davidson is teaching blue class until Mrs Bell returns to work.

As always, your child's class teacher should be the first person you talk to if you have any questions or to discuss an issue. I always try to see parents straight away if I am available, or by appointment via Mrs Elliott in the school office.

## Information for parents and carers

This newsletter is part of our pack of information for parents and carers. Please find attached the following extra information-

- Copy of the school calendar including training days and holidays;
- Diary dates for 2018 to 2019;
- E-safety information.

We have sent you the diary dates for the whole academic year to give you advance notice about all of our events between now and the end of July 2019. Please keep this at hand to make sure you know what is happening. Extra events may be added as the year progresses, but we hope you find this useful.

We have also attached two copies of the home school agreement; please sign both and return one copy to school by **Friday 15 September**.

We will be sending out our school admissions form and revised attendance policy later this week.

## School uniform

As we have said, it is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their school uniform. In order to ensure that your child returns home with their own uniform, **please ensure that all items are named**. We have already come across a number of issues, particularly with jumpers and cardigans, because they are not named.

### **Autumn term coffee mornings**

Class teachers will be providing class coffee mornings during week beginning Monday 17 September. We hope you will be able to join us. Each class has their coffee morning on a different day each term rather than on a set day each term- please see our diary dates sheet. We hope you will be able to attend.

Red class	Monday 17 September at 8:45am
Green class	Tuesday 18 September at 8:45am
Yellow class	Wednesday 19 September at 8:45am
Orange class	Thursday 20 September at 11:00am
Blue class	Friday 21 September at 8:45am.

### **Fundraising meeting Monday 24 September**

The fundraising group will be meeting at 3:15pm on **Monday 24 September**. This meeting is for any parents and carers who are interested in supporting the school with fundraising activities. We have a great team of very hardworking fundraisers, but we are a very small group, and would love more members to join. Meetings are informal and we are keen to hear from new members. Please come to the school office for the meeting. You are welcome to bring your children to the meeting as we will have some things organised for them to play with.

### **PE days for the autumn term**

Orange class	Tuesday (please come to school wearing joggers and trainers)
Yellow, green and blue class	Tuesday and Thursday
Red class	Monday 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.

### **Dukeshouse Wood**

There is a meeting about Dukeshouse Wood for parents, carers and Year 4 children in blue class on **Tuesday 11 September at 5:00pm**. It is important that an adult from each family attends this meeting, as we will be sharing the final arrangements with you and collecting information which will be required while the children are away.

### **Jeans for Genes**

Staff and children are invited to wear **denim** and pay a minimum donation of 50p on **Friday 21 September** to support the Jeans for Genes charity. This charity does amazing work to support families where a child has a genetic disorder. We will be learning about genetic disorders and the work of the charity in assemblies in the next few weeks.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 05 October**

We will be hosting our annual **Macmillan coffee morning** on **Friday 05 October** in the school hall from **8:45am**. This is always a wonderful event. Please note the date for the national Macmillan coffee mornings is Friday 28 September. We are not having our event on this date as we have staff and children away at Dukeshouse Wood which means that we would really struggle to host it successfully.

Children in **yellow, red, green and blue class** will be brought to the hall to join you for a cake and cuppa. Please note that as last year, children in orange class will not be joining us in the hall for this event. This is because at this early stage in their school career, we feel it would be very unsettling for the children to be dropped off at the classroom, taken to the hall, reunited with their parents at the coffee morning then separated from them again to return to the classroom. We hope orange class parents understand the reason behind this decision and hope you will still join us for a cake and a cuppa.

We will be selling a cake and a cuppa for £1. Cake pledges will be sent out soon. We are very much looking forward to supporting the Macmillan charity again this year.