

# Seghill First School Newsletter March 2017 edition 1

Whole school attendance 95.0%. Attendance target 96.3%

## World Book Week

What a lovely book week we had last week. So many children looked amazing dressed as their **favourite book character** on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the book sale and coffee morning on Friday and especially those of you who helped. We raised the amazing sum of **£278** while enjoying cake, cuppas and updating your book collection. The money will go in the fundraising account to subsidise summer term trips. We currently have no money left in this account as we used all of our money from earlier fundraising events to pay for the Christmas treat visits to Beamish and Woodhorn. Any books that we didn't sell will be donated to the Seghill Community library in the Institute.

Children have until **Sunday 26 March** to use their World Book Day voucher.

## Mothers' day lunch

Reminder that the deadline for tickets and lunch bookings is **Wednesday 08 March**. Food will be ordered on this date so we will not be able to accept bookings after this date with no exceptions.

## Vacancies on our governing body

We currently have a couple of vacancies on our governing body. Governors hold a unique position to support the school and be involved in the strategic decision making processes. We have often asked governors in the past to help in recruitment of new staff and take part in interviews. The full governing body meets once every term. In addition to this, governors are part of either the Resource Management committee (focus on finance) or the Environment for Learning committee (focus on standards), which both meet once every half term. If you are interested in becoming a governor or want to find out more about what the role entails, please do not hesitate to contact me for an informal discussion in the first instance.

## Spring term SIP visit

Our SIP (School Improvement Partner) Mrs Sandra Ford, will be visiting school on **Wednesday 15 March**. She will be observing teaching, looking at books and talking to children in all year groups with me to judge standards of teaching and learning. I will let you know about her judgements after her visit.

## Building work update

We are nearing the end of the planned building work. I am sure that you will agree that the school is starting to look amazing and the building is beginning to reflect our brilliant children and the work we do in school. Some windows in the middle a garden are to be replaced, classroom doors in classrooms need to be fitted and some other finishing touches are needed.

**SAVE THE DATE** A special event will be taking place on the morning of **Friday 12 May** following the completion of the building work. Please save the date as we will be inviting you to attend. More details to follow.

## **Sports update**

Children in **Year 2** will be taking part in the **skipping festival** at Blyth Sports Centre on **Thursday** afternoon.

**Year 4** children will be **bike riding** on **Wednesday** morning or afternoon with Mrs Bell and Richard Rothwell from Cycle Generation. The children should come to school in trainers and joggers with their school top and jumper. They will need a waterproof coat, hat and gloves. They may want to bring some extra joggers to change in to when they get back. The next bike ride will be on **Wednesday 29 March** with the same arrangements.

## **FUNdraising events**

Please note the following exciting events-

### **Thursday 06 April Easter disco**

We are having a disco for children in key stages 1 and 2 and for Early Years children who are accompanied by an adult from 3:15pm to 5:00pm. Hot dogs and juice will be served, included in the ticket price of £2. Tickets will go on sale on **Monday 20 March**.

### **Thursday 27 April games night**

Children in key stages 1 and 2 can join us from 3:15pm to 5:00pm in the school hall for games night. Hot dogs and juice will be served, included in the ticket price of £2. Tickets will go on sale on **Monday 27 March**.

### **Friday 07 April Celebration assembly and coffee morning**

Please join us from 8:45am for our **celebration assembly** and judging of the **Easter egg decorating competition**. We will be selling **hot drinks** and providing **bacon butties** for advance orders (bacon butty and brew for £2.00). More details in our next newsletter.

If you are able to help us at any of these events, please let us know. The **fundraising group** will be meeting at **5:00pm** on **Monday 20 March** in the Club Room. New members are very welcome to attend.

## **Spring term meetings for parents with class teachers**

Reminder that meetings for parents with class teachers will take place from **3:00pm on Tuesday 04 April** and **3:30pm on Wednesday 05 April**. More information will be sent out soon. Sign-up sheets will be placed outside each classroom from Monday 27 March for parents and carers to sign up for their appointment on Tuesday or Wednesday. Please make sure you have a note of these dates in your diary.

## **Contact details**

Newsletters and other letters are sent out by email. Paper copies are sent to parents who do not have an email address. If you are still receiving paper copies and you would like to switch to a **paperless system**, please see Mrs McGuinness in the school office with your email address. Letters which require written permission or a signature will still be sent home on paper. Feedback about the **text messaging system** has been very positive. If you are not receiving texts from school, please see Mrs McGuinness in the school office with your mobile number so we can check our systems and ensure that you are including in future texts.