

Seghill First School Newsletter March 2021 edition 2

End of term message

After a full year of no positive cases in our school, we finally had to close two year groups on Monday this week. Although there was a certain inevitability about the situation, it was very sad to have to inform parents and staff from Nursery and Reception that their classes were closed and they would need to self-isolate.

Thank you to Mrs Kembrey and Mrs Askew for providing remote learning for the children in Early Years this week. Those families who have engaged with remote learning have been very grateful.

The children in Red, Green and Blue class who have been in school this week have been excellent, taking on board the news about Yellow and Orange class closing and getting on with their daily routines.

All staff have continued to do their twice weekly lateral flow tests at home. So far all results have been negative, including Wednesday of this week.

We would like to send our sincere thanks to all the families who have supported us throughout this year and followed all of the protective measures that we have put in place. Clearly, our systems have been very robust in keeping Covid out of our school for so long. We know that the very vast majority of you have adhered to our rules and national guidance in order to prioritise the safety of your children and your families. Hopefully when we return to school, all year groups will be fully open and all children will be fit and well and able to attend school.

We hope you have a safe and peaceful Easter break and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 13 April.

Ongoing protective measures

We ask that you continue to follow these principles next term-

- bring your child to school **every day** and **be on time**;
- follow our **one way system**, even if you think there is no-one checking;
- wear your **face covering** and maintain a **distance** from other parents and carers while on the school site.

Please do not bring your child to school if they, or anyone in your family is **showing any of the symptoms of Covid-19**. If your child or anyone in your family is showing symptoms of Covid-19, please arrange for them to be tested and all stay at home until you have the results. Missing one school day to ensure that no-one in the family is positive is better than potentially bringing Covid into our school.

We have been asked many times this week about **how to report a potential Covid breach**. If you wish to report a potential Covid breach, you should contact 101 or <https://www.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/c19/v7/tell-us-about-a-possible-breach-of-coronavirus-covid-19-measures/>

Reporting a test result to school

If your child shows symptoms of Covid-19, please arrange for them to take a test and self-isolate until you receive the results.

Parents must inform school of any test result, even if the test result is negative. Parents must inform school of any test result even if your child's year group is currently closed or if school is closed due to a weekend or a school holiday.

Please email school via

admin@seghill.northumberland.sch.uk

Please don't send us a message via School Gateway, our school Facebook page or Tapestry. These systems are not always checked every day and a delay in notifying us of a result could mean that other children and staff being are put at risk.

If you are worried about the safeguarding of a child, please ring school on 0191 237 0419 or our **safeguarding number** 07785 180484. This mobile number can also be used to report a Covid test result if you do not have email access. Your call may go straight to answer machine, but messages are checked every day.

NEW PE days for summer term A

Children in all year groups should **come to school wearing PE kit on their PE days**. We are not changing into PE kit in school. They should wear their school jumper/cardigan and polo top as normal with plain black or dark joggers or leggings and trainers. They can wear shorts underneath if they wish.

Blue	Green	Red	Yellow	Orange
Thursday and Friday	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday	Tuesday and Thursday	Tuesday and Wednesday	Wednesday

Birthdays

Our birthday boys and girls in the last two weeks of March are-

- Emily age 4 in Orange class;
- Jasmina age 7 and William age 8 in Green class;
- Katie and Rachael age 9 in Blue class;

Happy birthday to you all. We hope your birthday is special and fun.



Star of the week

Our stars of the week for the last two weeks are-

- **Mrs Bell's star** Dylan and Isabelle;
- **Mrs Lyons' and Mrs Watson's star** Henry and Klay;
- **Mrs Knowles' star** Blake LB and Frankey F;
- **Mrs Kembrey's star** Marnie and Charlie;
- **Mrs Askew's star** Freya and Emily;
- **Miss Chappell's star** Jaylen and Eabha:



Well done, stars. Who will be chosen next time?

World Book Day vouchers

Has your child used their **£1 World Book Day book token** yet? They are only valid until this Sunday (**Sunday 28 March**).

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. Please check to see where World Book Day book tokens are accepted. We would love to see which books you have chosen.

Summer term dates

Monday 12 April	school closed to all pupils due to staff training day;
Tuesday 13 April	school reopens to all pupils;
Monday 03 May	Bank Holiday- school closed to all pupils;
Monday 17 May	class photographs;
Friday 28 May	school closes for May half term;
Monday 07 June	school reopens to all pupils;
Tuesday 15 June	Bags2school collection;
Monday 05 July	transition week;
Wednesday 07 July	full governing body meeting;
Friday 16 July	school closes for summer holidays.

Complaints from residents in Parker Place

We have received numerous complaints from home owners in **Parker Place** regarding **parents parking outside their houses** both before and after school.

We are fully aware that parking is an issue around the school site, but can also appreciate that it is extremely annoying for residents who cannot park outside their home due to parents parking there.

Please use the **parking area** at the bottom of Cheviot View and **don't park in Parker Place**. Thank you.