

Seghill First School Newsletter November 2019 edition 1

Whole school attendance since September 2019	95.7%	Attendance target	96.3%
Attendance this term so far	95.7%	Number of late marks this term so far	88

November attendance and punctuality initiative

There are 20 school days in November and we have launched 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.

Star of the week

Our stars of the week from week beginning Monday 21 October and 04 November are-

Mrs Bell's star Katie and Lucy;

Mrs Lyons' star Abbie and Mya;

Mrs Knowles' star Jasmina and Ava-Betty;

Mrs Kembrey's star Jayden and Olivia;

Mrs Askew's star Noah and Marnie;

Support staff star Ella A and Bailey D;

Miss Chappell's star Emily Ha and Jay;

Miss Chappell's staff star Mrs Lyons and Mrs Askew.

Autumn term A attendance and punctuality update

Certificates were given out in celebration assembly on Friday 25 October for **excellent attendance** in autumn term A to **46 children**. **Blue class** had the best attendance with **96.5%** and they will have an afternoon of **Golden Time** with Mrs Bell. The winner of the **£10 voucher** was **Lucy** in blue class.

Autumn term A information for each class was

class	% attendance	days missed	late marks
Yellow	95.5	31.5	18
Red	95.5	37.5	8
Green	93.6	36.5	7
Blue	96.5	46	22
Whole school	95.6	151.5	55

Whole school attendance is 95.6%, which is below our target of 96.3% and national average. Next week I will be sending out letters to parents regarding their child's attendance in line with our attendance policy. We appreciate that children can be poorly and if this is the case, should not be brought to school. However, our attendance figure is the lowest in our partnership and we need to improve it in all year groups.

Children In Need Friday 15 November

Children and staff are invited to wear **non-uniform** on **Friday 15 November** in aid of the **Children In Need** appeal. Children can wear any Children In Need themed clothes and accessories if they want to, or non-uniform. Please send in a donation with your child on Friday which you feel is appropriate.

Green class- please remember that you are going to the **hula hoop festival** on Friday morning. Refer to the letter about this sent home earlier this week.

Meetings for class teachers with parents and children

Meetings for class teachers with parents and children took place before the half term break. Out of 110 children in school, teachers met with the parents of 102 children, which is **93% attendance rate**. We are delighted by this very high attendance rate. We hope you found the meetings useful and you know how they have settled in to their class, the level they are working at and what their targets are. Attendance rates for each class were-

- Orange class 79%;
- Yellow class 100%;
- Red class 95%;
- Green class 100%;
- Blue class 91%.

Autumn term topic homework

Reminder that **autumn term topic homework** is due in by **Wednesday 13 November**. We have been wowed by your contributions to previous topic homeworks, so we are very much looking forward to seeing a contribution from everyone.

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.

November edition 2 newsletter

Our next newsletter will be the **Christmas special** with all of the information about Christmas, including parties, performances and the Christmas fayre.

The letter will include order forms for tickets for the Christmas performances and the deadline by which orders and payments must be received. **Please make a note of the dates so you do not miss any deadlines.**

November 2019

Monday 11	Two minutes' silence at 11:00am
	Fundraising meeting at 3:15pm
Wednesday 13	Deadline for autumn term topic homework
Thursday 14	Meeting for Year 3 parents about Dukeshouse Wood October 2020
Friday 15	Children In Need non-uniform
	Green class hula hoop festival
Wednesday 20	Full governing body meeting 5:00pm
Friday 22	Non uniform 2 for the Christmas fayre
Friday 29	Santa's reading challenge starts

December 2019

Monday 02	Environment for Learning committee meeting 4:00pm
	Resource management committee meeting 5:15pm
Friday 05	Non uniform 3 for the Christmas fayre
Monday 09	Nasal flu vaccinations
Friday 13	Christmas treat trip to Woodhorn for green and blue class
	Christmas fayre from 3:15pm
Monday 16	Carol concert for red, blue and green class at 9:15am
	Post box open for posting Christmas cards
	Santa's reading challenge ends
Tuesday 17	Christmas performance for yellow and orange class from 9:15am
	School choir singing at the Freeman Hospital for Daft as a Brush
	Carol concert for red, blue and green class at 2:15pm
Wednesday 18	Christmas lunch
	Film night for red, green and blue class
Thursday 19	No orange class this morning- Nursery closed
	Christmas party for yellow and orange class from 1:00pm
Friday 20 December	Celebration assembly at 8:45am
	Christmas party for red, green and blue class from 1:00pm

