

Seghill First School Newsletter January 2018 edition 1

Whole school attendance 93.2%. Attendance target 96.3%

Christmas fundraising

Thanks to all of the brilliant fundraising work by parents, carers, staff and children, we have raised a total of £1189.75. Your support has been fantastic and we are so grateful.

This has been achieved through the following events and activities

- Stalls at the Christmas fayre including the Christmas fayre raffle;
- Ticket sales for Christmas performances and the performance raffle;
- Ticket sales for movie night;
- Selling letters to Santa;
- Selling class calendars.

Achieving a total of £1000 was an aspirational target set by the fundraising group and not only have they met this target but they have exceeded it. A special thank you must be said to a number of people.

I would like to thank the **fundraising group**. We meet every half term and they do all of the hard work behind the scenes and at these special events which makes them possible in the first place. This term they have sorted out all the tombola tickets and prizes, organised the raffle prizes for both raffles, made all of the reindeer dust, reindeer poo, snowman poo, hot chocolate, snowmen and calendars sold at the fayre, donated prizes and organised the food and juice for the fayre and movie night. Without this group we would simply not be able to hold events like the fayre or movie night, which means we would not have any money raised to pay for the children to have a Christmas treat and to subsidise school visits. So a very big thank you to Daniela Hedley, Denise Best, Helen Ward, Emma Emmerson and Stacey Jenkins. Please let me know if you would like to become part of the fundraising group. We meet informally once every half term to plan events to bring extra opportunities for our children.

Some people gave up their time to help either before or at the Christmas fayre and again, we would not be able to manage without their extra help. So a special thank you goes to Sharon Embleton, Chris Condren and Joan Guy.

The events are so well supported by **parents and children** in our school. I have been told by a number of children and parents that this year's fayre was the best ever because it was the most fun. Thank you to everyone for their donations for the tombolas, attending the fayre, buying tickets and supporting our school.

A final thank you must go to the **staff**. We are blessed to have such a dedicated and hard-working team of people who are driven to provide the best opportunities for our children. So much work goes in to setting up and clearing up after these events as well as taking part in the events themselves.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR HELPING TO MAKE THIS OUR BEST CHRISTMAS FAYRE EVER.

Reminder about change to school meals

From January 2018 the cost of a school meal will increase by 50p per week from £10.50 per week to **£11.00 per week**. This is a daily rate of **£2.20 per day**.

School meals are cooked on the premises and continue to be very good value. The meals are made by Mrs Rogage, who provides additional choices for our children to ensure that there is a range of options on offer. Parents can provide a packed lunch for their child if they wish, but seeing many packed lunches on a daily basis, I would note that very few packed lunches have been put together for less than £2.20 per day, and must often cost significantly more than that.

School choir

Children in the choir from red and blue class did an amazing job singing at the **Seghill Senior Citizens Christmas Party on Saturday 09 December**.

They were superb singing for Daft As A Brush at the **Freeman Hospital on Monday 11 December**. The children's singing attracted patients, visitors and staff from all parts of the hospital and raised a brilliant total of **£125** for Daft As A Brush. Thank you to the parents who came to watch, to Miss Meredith and Mrs McCoy for their help and to the girls and boys for their beautiful singing and for being such good ambassadors for our school.

Spring term class coffee mornings and afternoons

The dates for our spring term coffee mornings and afternoons are-

- Wednesday 17 January at 2:30pm for red and blue class;
- Thursday 18 January at 11:00am for orange and yellow class;
- Friday 19 January at 2:30pm for green class.

We hope you can join us to hear what your child will be learning about next term.

Spring term PE days

The days for PE lessons during the spring term A are-

- **Mondays** for **orange** class. Please come to school wearing joggers and trainers.
- **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** for **yellow** class;
- **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** for **green** class;
- **Mondays** and **Fridays** for **red and blue** class;

Children need to have their PE kit for every PE lesson. Please ensure that your child has their plain white t-shirt, navy or black shorts and trainers or sandshoes for every PE lesson. Children may not wear school shoes to do PE. Please check that your child's PE kit and school uniform is named. Lots of time is spent trying to match children to the correct clothes after PE lessons.

Santa's Christmas reading challenge

Well done to everyone who took part in Santa's Christmas reading challenge. We had a total of 60 children who met Santa's challenge of reading 10 times before Christmas. We gave out certificates and special treats to the children who achieved the challenge at the end of last term.



Spring term dates

Please see our list of dates for the spring term on the next page.

January 2018	
Monday 08	Staff training day school closed to pupils
Tuesday 09	Spring term begins
Friday 12	Multi skills testing for children in blue class to find the school squad for the Seaton Valley multi skills academy
Monday 15	Week 1 for archery class for red and blue class and homework club (invited children)
Tuesday 16	Governor visit with a focus on health and safety and safeguarding
	Week 1 for games club for green class
Wednesday 17	Governor visit with a focus on EYFS
	Red and blue coffee afternoon from 2:30pm
Thursday 18	EYFS coffee morning from 11:00am
Friday 19	Green class coffee afternoon from 2:30pm
Monday 22	Deadline for current orange class pupils to apply for a place in yellow class for September 2018
	Resource management committee meeting 5:00pm
Tuesday 23	Spring term monitoring visit by Mrs Ford, School Improvement Partner
Thursday 25	Spring term census and pantomime themed lunch
	Vision screening check for Reception aged children in yellow class
Tuesday 30	Governor visit with a focus on pupil premium
February 2018	
Friday 02	Blue class assembly 8:45am
Monday 05	Beginning of creative week Chinese New Year
Tuesday 06	Last week for games club for green class
Friday 09	Celebration assembly at 2:30pm
	End of spring term A- school closes at 3:15pm
Monday 12 to Friday 16 February school closed for spring half term	
Monday 19	Spring term B begins
Wednesday 28	Full governing body meeting at 6:00pm
March 2018	
Thursday 01	World Book Day book sale and coffee morning
Friday 02	Red class assembly 8:45am
Friday 09	Mother's day lunch from 11:45am
Tuesday 20	Keep on riding session 3 for blue class with Mrs Bell and Richard Rothwell
Friday 23	Sport Relief- fundraising activity day
Monday 26	Spring term meetings for parents with class teachers from 3:30pm
Tuesday 27	Spring term meetings for parents with class teachers from 3:30pm
Wednesday 28	Children plan and make decorated boiled eggs in school
	Easter disco from 3:15pm
Thursday 29	Celebration assembly including egg decorating competition judging at 8:45am
	End of spring term B- school closes at 3:15pm
Friday 30 March to Friday 13 April school closed for Easter	
April 2018	
Monday 16	Staff training day school closed to pupils
Tuesday 17	Summer term begins

Spring term clubs

Clubs for **spring term A** are archery for red and blue class on Mondays and games for green class on Tuesdays both after school.

Clubs for **spring term B** are games for red and blue class on Tuesdays after school and another activity still to be confirmed.

Homework club after school on Mondays continues for invited pupils.

Use of parentmail text and email service

We use parentmail to keep you informed via texts and emails. If you are not receiving texts or emails from us you will be missing out on important information. Reasons that you are not receiving texts and emails from us include-

- you have not completed the parentmail registration form which was sent out in September;
- you have changed your mobile number and have not informed us;
- your mobile number or email address has not been recorded correctly on our system;
- there is an error on our system which needs to be corrected.

If you are not receiving texts or emails from us please see Mrs Elliott in the school office.

Registration forms for parentmail are available from the school office and on the school website in the “**information for parents**” tab.

School closure due to bad weather

Northumberland County Council expects headteachers to work to a very strict code of practice when making a decision to close a school. There is a presumption against the complete closure of a school due to adverse weather conditions, therefore headteachers must explore a range of options to maintain an educational provision for children before deciding to close.

Schools can only be closed in extreme circumstances, including failure of services such as electricity or the site being too dangerous to access safely.

If the school is closed a message will be placed on the school website at www.seghill.northumberland.sch.uk. We will also send out a text message. The school office does not open until 8:30am so the best way to keep informed is to check the website and ensure that we have your mobile number on parentmail otherwise you will not receive texts.

Seaton Valley Football Development Scheme

The Seaton Valley Football Development Scheme is a unique football coaching programme successfully delivered at Astley Community High School for over 15 years. Delivered by UEFA qualified coaching staff and attracting young players from Seaton Valley and beyond, former students have gone on to play for local teams and at professional and international level. Hour long sessions for boys and girls aged 5-16 are available and each session is age appropriate.

All of our programmes run on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 5:00pm and 9:00pm. The spring term begins on 08 January 2018 however you can enrol at any time.

For more information and enrolment forms

visit: www.astleyhigh.org/community/ or telephone 0191 237 1505.

Autumn term attendance

	yellow	green	red	blue	all
% attendance	92.2	92.7	94.7	93.5	93.2
Number of persistent absentees below 90%	5	7	3	5	20
Number of late marks	46	56	25	86	213

The class with the best attendance in the autumn term 2017 was red class with 94.7% attendance. They wore non uniform on the last day of last term. The class with the best attendance in the autumn term B 2017 is green class with 92.1% attendance. Attendance in autumn was well below our target of 96.3%.