

Seghill First School Newsletter April 2019 edition 1

Whole school attendance since September 2018	94.9%	Attendance target	96.3%
Attendance this term so far	95.0%	Number of late marks this term so far	199

Mother's Day Lunch

We hope everyone who attended our **Mother's Day lunch** on Friday enjoyed themselves. Thank you to **Mrs Rogage** and all of the staff for their efforts to make this event so special.

We also hope that you were happy with the personalised **special gift**.

Meetings for parents and children with class teachers

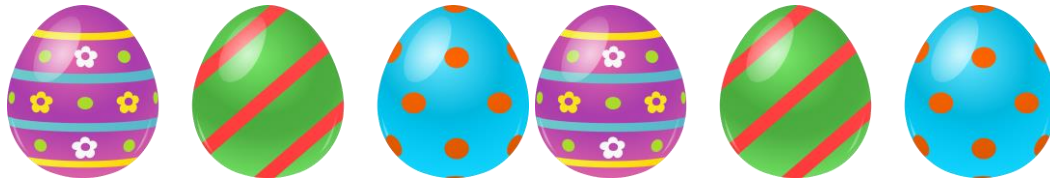
Meetings for parents and children with class teachers will be taking place this week. The **electronic booking system on Parentmail** is open for you to book a slot which suits you.

Please remember that these meetings with class teachers are for parents and children (except orange class), so please keep this in mind when booking your slot.

Reminder about bikes and scooters

It is lovely to see children coming to school on their bikes and scooters, especially as the weather is improving. In order to make this work, I must remind parents and carers that **children should not be riding on their bike or scooter anywhere on our school site**. This includes the **yards, the paths between the yards and the drive**. This rule also applies to younger brothers and sisters.

We want to continue to encourage children to ride to and from school but we can only do so if it is done safely. **Please help us to manage this situation by ensuring your children get off their bike or scooter when they are on our school site**. Thank you.



Easter egg competition

Children are invited to decorate a boiled egg for our **Easter egg competition**. Parents and carers are encouraged to support their child in this task to make the design as unique and colourful as possible. It is useful to incorporate a way of displaying the egg in to the design, such as using an egg box or toilet roll tube. There is no specific theme to follow.

Please make sure your **child's name and class** are clearly labelled on their creation. Decorated eggs can be handed to class teachers on Tuesday and Wednesday. All eggs will be displayed in the hall to be viewed during Celebration Assembly on Thursday.

Star of the week

Our stars of the week for week beginning Monday 18 and 25 March are-

Blue class star Cody and Devon;

Green class star Layla and Emily;

Red class star Matt and Johnny;

Yellow class star James and Callum I;

Orange class star Jackson and Frankeey;

Support staff star Alexa and Zach;

Miss Chappell's star William and Mason;

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



Celebration assembly and Easter egg competition

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for our **celebration assembly on Thursday 04 April from 8:45am**. **Decorated eggs** will be on display and judging will take place. Head judge is **Mrs Dowson**, who is one of our governors and our School Games Organiser.

Tea and coffee will be on sale. **Sausage sandwiches** will be provided for parents and carers who ordered them in advance.

Cycling Generation

Children in blue class Year 4 have enjoyed **5 brilliant half days of cycling** with **Richard Rothwell**, accompanied by Mrs Bell and Mrs Lyons. The children have learnt how to ride safely, use the gears and respond to different types of terrain. The week culminated in an offsite bike ride for both groups of children with Richard and Mrs Bell on Friday. The children have had a brilliant time. Even though they all started at different stages of ability and experience, they have all made progress. Mrs Bell will be uploading some photos on to the school website in the next few days. These photos will reflect the very memorable experience that this has been for all of the children.

I must also personally thank Richard for everything he has done for the children this week. The amazing successes they have experienced have been despite the significant setback of Richard's van being stolen from our car park. Thieves broke the padlock on the gate at the top of the drive at some time between 10pm on Monday and 7:00am on Tuesday, broke in to the van and drove it off the premises. Richard uses this van to transport the bikes to each school. It is a very important part of the service that Richard provides; he brings the bikes to ensure that all children have a high quality, checked and road worthy bike and helmet. The theft of his van has seriously compromised his ability to provide this service in the coming weeks while he sources a replacement vehicle. If you are aware of any information regarding the theft of Richard's van, please do report it to the police. They are aware of the theft and a crime number has been allocated, so I am sure that they would be grateful for the information.

Key stage 1 and 2 visit to the Gosforth Synagogue

Children in red, green and blue class had a very interesting visit to **Gosforth Synagogue** last week. Mrs Heyman and her very kind team of volunteers talked to the children about **Judaism** and **Jewish traditions**. The children saw important **Jewish artefacts**, including the **Torah scrolls**, the ark, candles and the **seder plate**. They were amazed to see the **Hebrew** writing in the Torah scrolls, which are the length of a football pitch if they are unrolled.

The children's behaviour was excellent and Mrs Heyman was impressed with their knowledge of Jewish festivals and events, including Shabbat. Thank you to Mrs Robinson, Mrs Mullen, Miss Harding, Mrs McCoy, Mrs Hedley and Mrs Best for their help on the visits. Photos will be on the school website soon.

Key stage 2 visit to China Town

Children in blue class will be visiting **China Town** today **Monday 01 April**. The children will explore **Stowell Street** and the surrounding areas, visit the **Chinese supermarket** and eat lunch at **Lau's 202 buffet restaurant**. This sounds like another amazing opportunity for our children and we are very much looking forward to hearing about the visit.

Year 3 visit to Dukeshouse Wood

Plans for the current Year 3 class to visit Dukeshouse Wood in the autumn term are on schedule. The next **payment of £20** is due today- **Monday 01 April**. The final **payment of £10** is due on **Wednesday 01 May**. Some parents have already paid in full for the visit and some parents are using the payment system. If you are experiencing any issues with making the payments by the deadlines, please let us know and we will see what we can do to help you.

37th Children's Cancer Run

Mrs Bell has very kindly agreed to co-ordinate our school's entry in to the annual **37th Children's Cancer Run**. This will take place on **Sunday 19th May at Newcastle Racecourse**. The event raises funds for the North of England Children's Cancer Research charity.

If you would like to take part in one of the events (**the mini mile, 3 mile or 5 mile course**) please visit www.neccr.org.uk/events to enter. You will be asked if you and your child are part of a school group. Please click "yes" and scroll down the options until you get to our school name. This means that all of the sponsor money you raise for the **North of England Children's Cancer Research charity** will be pulled together and donated in our school's name.

We had a brilliant time at the event last year and it would be great to see even more runners from school this year. Mrs Bell and I will be running with our own children. Well Mrs Bell will be running. I'm not sure the speed I go at qualifies as running, but I will complete the three mile course somehow.

Easter holiday clubs

Children have been given a flier for the **Easter holiday camp at Astley Community High School delivered by Shape Performance**. The holiday camp will run from Monday 08 to Friday 12 April. The cost for a full week (5 days) is £45. For more information about the activities and costs and to book a place for your child, please visit <http://www.shapeperformance.co.uk/courses/holiday-camps>

Active Northumberland are delivering holiday activities in Seaton Valley over the Easter holidays. You can view the Easter holiday programme by visiting <http://www.activenorthumberland.org.uk/Easter-2019-Activities.aspx> to find the booklet and look on page 6. Many of the activities are free.

Easter disco

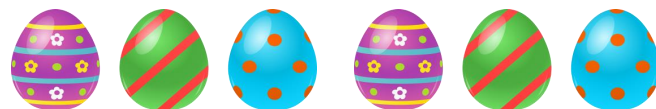
Tickets for the Easter disco are no longer available. The disco will take place after school on **Thursday 04 April** straight after school until 5pm. Children should come to school wearing **school uniform** and bring their disco clothes to change in to at 3:15pm. The Easter disco is for children in red, green and blue class.

This event is taking place after school and is not part of the curriculum. It is organised and staffed by parent helpers who give up their time free of charge. With that in mind, any child receiving a yellow card or more in the classroom or Time Out C this week will not be allowed to go to the disco.

Summer term dates

We have listed the summer term dates for May and June overleaf. This is so you have advance notice of what is happening in school. The majority of the dates were published in our September newsletter and again throughout the year.

Please make a note of the dates so you are up to speed and don't miss out on special opportunities for your children. We will add any new dates to the list when we become aware of them.



PE days for summer term A

Children should wear a plain **white t-shirt, plain black or navy shorts and trainers** for PE. PE lessons will take place outside when possible so children need their 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. **PE days for summer term A** are-

*please come to school wearing joggers and trainers.

orange*	yellow	red	green	blue
Tuesday	Tuesday and Wednesday	Tuesday and Thursday	Monday and Friday	Monday and Thursday

April 2019

Monday 01 April	Key stage 2 visit to China Town
	Meetings for parents and children in red and green class with class teachers*
	Deadline for the next payment of £20 for Dukeshouse Wood
Tuesday 02 April	Meetings for parents and children in blue and orange class with class teachers*
Wednesday 03 April	Meetings for parents and children in yellow class with Mrs Kembrey*
Wednesday 03 April	Meetings for parents and children in all classes with class teachers from 3:30pm
Thursday 04 April	Spring B celebration assembly at 8:45am
Thursday 04 April	Easter egg competition judged in celebration assembly
Thursday 04 April	Easter disco at 3:15pm
Friday 05 April	School closed- staff training day
Monday 08 to Friday 19 April school closed for Easter holidays	
Monday 22 April	School closed- bank holiday
Tuesday 23 April	School opens for the summer term
Monday 29 April	Blue class coffee morning at 8:45am
Monday 29 April	Orange class coffee morning at 11:00am
Tuesday 30 April	Red class coffee morning at 8:45am

May 2019

Wednesday 01 May	Green class coffee morning at 8:45am
	Deadline for the final payment of £10 for Dukeshouse Wood
Friday 03 May	Yellow class coffee morning at 8:45am
	School games golf tournament for key stage 2 golf team
Thursday 09 May	Summer term monitoring visit by Mrs Ford school Improvement Partner
Friday 10 May	Reception new starters meeting 11:00am
	Red class assembly at 2:30pm
	Games night from 3:15pm to 5:00pm for children in red, green and blue class
Monday 13 May	Nursery new starters meeting 2:30pm
	Environment for Learning committee meeting 4:00pm
	Resource Management committee meeting 5:15pm
Sunday 19 May	Children's Cancer Run
Wednesday 22 May	Tag rugby festival for blue class
Friday 24 May	Summer A celebration assembly at 2:30pm
Monday 27 to Friday 31 May school closed for May half term	

June 2019

Monday 03 June	School opens for summer term B
Friday 07 June	Ground Force day
Monday 10 June	Yellow and orange class sports morning (reserve date Wednesday 12 June)
Tuesday 11 June	Class photographs
Thursday 13 June	Red, green and blue class sports morning (reserve date Monday 17 June)
Friday 14 June	Yellow class assembly at 8:45am
	Non uniform 1 for the summer fayre
	Father's Day lunch
Wednesday 18 June	Singing Spreads Sunshine concert at
Wednesday 26 June	Full governing body meeting at 5:00pm
Friday 28 June	Non uniform 2 for the summer fayre

July 2019

Wednesday 03 July	Cramlington and Seaton Valley dance festival
Thursday 04 July	Orange class children (moving to Reception) stay for lunch
Friday 05 July	Orange class assembly at 11:00am
	Sandcastle building competition at South Shields for green and blue class

