

# Seghill First School Newsletter October 2019 edition 1

Whole school attendance since September 2019	95.6%	Attendance target	96.3%
Attendance this term so far	95.6%	Number of late marks this term so far	30

## Building work on the perimeter fences, gates and walls

Last week I met with representatives from NCC and the company which has been awarded the contract for the work **on the fences, gates and walls** which separate the school from Cheviot View.

The work is scheduled to be done during the **October half term holidays**. This first stage of work includes removal of iron railings and walls on Cheviot View, putting up new fences and concreting the area outside the school office.

The second stage of the work will be to remove and replace fences around the bottom yard. The arrangements for this work will be confirmed when stage 1 has been completed.

While this work is being done, the bottom end of the bottom yard will be used for storage by the builders. There will be no access to school via the bottom yard.

As more details emerge about the work I will share them with you.

## Star of the week

Our stars of the week from week beginning Monday 23 and 30 September are-

**Mrs Bell's star** Layla and Sidney;

**Mrs Lyons' star** Olly and Katie;

**Mrs Knowles' star** Henry and Coby;

**Mrs Kembrey's star** Esme and Jack;

**Mrs Askew's star** Emily and Parker;

**Support staff star** Parker and Jackson;

**Miss Chappell's star** Dylan and Alex;

**Miss Chappell's staff star** Mrs Lyons and Mrs Knowles.

## Workshops for parents

Thank you to parents who attended the reading workshop with Mrs Knowles and the e-safety briefing from Mrs Kembrey. Feedback from both workshops was extremely positive.

We still have the following workshops to come-

- **Marvellous maths** on **Monday 07 October** from 8:45am for parents in **orange and yellow** class;
- **Maths** on **Monday 14 October** from 8:45am for parents in **red, green and blue** class;
- **Funky phonics** on **Thursday 17 October** from 8:45am for parents in **orange and yellow** class.

These events are informal and will definitely provide you with tips to support your child's learning. No-one will be "put on the spot" and there are no tests! We hope you can join us.

## Reminder about payment for school meals for children in blue class

Parents and carers of children in blue class are reminded that **payment for school meals must be made on Monday each week**. School meals cost **£2.30 each** or £11.50 per week. Please place dinner money in a named envelope stating which days you want your child to have a school meal. Your child should put the envelope in the tin in blue class classroom.

**We cannot continue to accept payment on a day by day basis or payment in arrears.** Mrs Elliott has to reconcile all of the dinner money every Monday and inform Mrs Rogage of dinner numbers for the week.

### **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon Friday 27 September**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend or who gave a donation to our **Macmillan coffee afternoon** on **Friday 27 September**. We raised **£239.00** for Macmillan, which is fabulous. Raffle winners were Kai, Casey and Elizabeth.

### **Meetings for class teachers with parents and children**

Meetings for class teachers with parents and children will take place as per the dates below-

- Red and green class Friday 18 October 8:45am to noon;
- Blue class Monday 21 October 8:45am to noon;
- Yellow class Wednesday 23 October 8:45am to noon;
- All classes Wednesday 23 October 3:25pm to 5:35pm;
- Orange class Thursday 24 October 8:45am to noon.

For children in **yellow, red, green and blue** class it is very important that they attend the meeting with their parent. Please keep this in mind when booking an appointment for **Wednesday night**. If you book an appointment during the morning sessions, your child will be brought to the meeting from their classroom.

Children in **orange** class do not need to attend the appointment with their parents.

Appointments can be booked via parentmail. The portal for booking appointment will be open soon. We will send a message to let you know when it is open.

### **Parentmail reminder**

Please make sure you have completed and returned **Parentmail registration forms** to Mrs Elliott so you can receive texts and emails from school. If you change your mobile number you must let us know so we can update our system.

If you do not have access to Parentmail you will not be able to book appointment to see you child's class teacher.

### **Breakfast Club and After School Club**

We have spaces available at our new **Breakfast Club** and **After School Club**. **Mrs Hurst and Miss Edmondson** are offering lots of fun activities for the children at each session.

**Breakfast Club** opens at **7:30am** and costs **£3.50** per child and includes breakfast. Please take your child to the Club Room. Staff from Breakfast Club will take your child to their classroom at the start of the school day.

**After School Club** runs from **3:15pm to 5:15pm** costs **£7.00** per child and includes tea. Staff from After School Club will collect your child from their classroom at 3:15pm. Please collect your child from the Club Room.

Parents who book their child in for both a morning and after school session to be taken on the same day will **receive a discount of 50p**, so the cost will be **£10.00** in total for the day rather than £10.50. **Bookings for Breakfast Club and After School Club must be made in advance**; children cannot turn up on the day without a booking.

### **Individual photographs**

The school photographer will be taking individual and family photographs in school on **Tuesday 22 October** from 8:45am. Please look out for a letter with more information about this event.