

Seghill First School Newsletter January 2018 edition 2

Whole school attendance 93.7%. Attendance target 96.3%

Feedback from our Ofsted inspection

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who responded to the letter I sent regarding parentview and free text during our Ofsted inspection last week and to those of you who spoke to our inspector on Wednesday morning on the yard. Although I am unable to share our grades with you yet, I can say that Miss Vernon, our inspector, said that the children were “a joy to talk to” and that she was consistently impressed by them.

The **draft report** has been sent to school to be checked for factual errors. We are not able to change anything in the report unless there is a factual error. The report has been checked and sent back to Ofsted for a final quality assurance check. As soon as the **final report** is sent to school we will provide a copy for each family and it will be placed on our website. Forty eight hours after that, our report will go live on the Ofsted website. I hope to be able to share the final report with you early next week.

Whole school creative week Monday 05 to Friday 09 February

Following on from the success of our Divali week in the autumn term, we are having another creative week with a focus on Chinese New Year.

Staff are very busy planning a range of activities and events for children in all year groups. If you have any **skills** that you think will be useful during this week, please let us know. We are planning lots of art and creative activities so any **help** with that or mounting and displaying children’s work would be brilliant. We would also love **help** with baking, drama, music and dancing, so don’t be shy! We would love your help in school and I am sure that you would really enjoy the experience of coming in to school and working with the children. Please let your child’s class teacher know.

On Friday Mrs Rogage has very kindly offered to do a **Chinese themed lunch**. More details will follow next week. We will also have our celebration assembly to share what the children have learnt during the week and our half termly awards and celebrations.

Reminder about punctuality

Many children arrive at school on time and are collected on time every day. However, an increasing number of children arrive late for school and are collected late from school.

Arriving at school late makes a bad start to the day for the child as it is both embarrassing for them and disruptive to the learning that has already started.

Members of staff are regularly left supervising children after school when they should be in meetings or preparing for the next day because parents have not collected their child on time. Mr Taylor **locks the gates at 8:45am** in line with our policy. If you arrive after 8:45am you will not be able to walk around the internal path to the office as the gates will be locked. Class teachers will not respond to parents knocking on the classroom door nor will Mrs Rogage let children in via the kitchen door. Please be on time to drop off and collect your child. We are not a free childcare service. If your child is not dropped off or picked up on time on a regular basis or if you do not collect your child and we have not been informed, I will need to pass this information on to the Education Welfare Officer and the duty social worker.

Seaton Valley multi skills academy

Four children from red and blue class have been chosen to represent our school in the Seaton Valley multi skills academy. The children will work and play against children from other Seaton Valley first schools in a range of events led by **Mr Dowson**, who provides specialist teaching and after school clubs every Tuesday. The children will also be aiming to set their own personal best scores in each event.

The children have been chosen for consistently demonstrating a very high level of performance in both PE and after school clubs. The first session was at Holywell last week, followed by three more sessions at New Hartley, Seaton Sluice and here at our school. Our team consists of **Megan, Abbie, Oliver and Daniel**.

We are very grateful to **Mrs Dowson**, who is one of our governors and our school sports partnership manager, as she is taking the children to and from the events as well cheering them on while they are taking part. Feedback from the children and Mrs Dowson has been very positive so far and I am sure that it will continue to be. Well done, Megan, Abbie, Oliver and Daniel and thank you Mrs Dowson.

Spring term class coffee mornings and afternoons

Thank you to parents and carers who came to our spring term coffee mornings and afternoons. We hope you found them useful.

Reminder of 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.

Mother's Day lunch on Friday 09 March

You are invited to join us for our Mother's Day lunch on **Friday 09 March**. Our special menu is roast beef dinner followed by chocolate muffin. Quorn is available instead of beef. Meals cost £3.50.

Please see the letter attached regarding the arrangements. The deadline for bookings and payment is **Friday 09 February**.

Food has to be ordered by February half term so we are not able to accept any bookings after **Friday 09 February** with **no exceptions**. We hope you will be able to join us.

Dukeshouse Wood September 2018

Letters have been out earlier this week to parents of children in **red class** about the arrangements for our residential visit to Dukeshouse Wood next school year. The **initial non-returnable deposit** is due by **Friday 09 February** to secure a place on the visit.

January 2018	
Tuesday 30	Governor visit with a focus on pupil premium
Wednesday 31	Governor visit with a focus on attendance
February 2018	
Thursday 01	Vision screening test for Reception children (re-arranged)
Friday 02	Blue class assembly 8:45am
Monday 05	Beginning of creative week Chinese New Year
	Last week for archery club for red and blue class
Tuesday 06	Last week for games club for green class
Friday 09	Deadline for deposits from red class for Dukeshouse Wood
	Deadline for replies and payment for mother's day lunch (see letter attached)
	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
Monday 26	Governor visit with a focus on curriculum development and the impact of middle leaders
Wednesday 28	Full governing body meeting at 6:00pm
March 2018	
Thursday 01	World Book Day book sale and coffee morning from 8:45am
Friday 02	Red class assembly 8:45am
Thursday 08	Spring term monitoring visit by Mrs Ford, School Improvement Partner (re-arranged)
Friday 09	Mother's day lunch from 11:45am
Monday 19	Resource management committee meeting at 5:00pm
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	Deadline for payment 2 from red class for Dukeshouse Wood
	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

1st Seaton Delaval Brownies

1st Seaton Delaval Brownies are a Brownie unit in Seaton Delaval, part of the Girl Guiding UK Association, looking to recruit some new girls. Guiding encourages girls to participate in decision-making, to work together in teams and to take part in a variety of activities and experiences that will help them develop into well-rounded adults.

Girl Guiding members choose activities from a structured programme, which includes everything from camping and adventure to tackling mental health issues by building resilience skills. Our programmes are girl-led and are designed to be relevant to girls and young women across the UK.

Our unit meets on Wednesdays at 5:45pm in Elsdon Avenue Church Hall in Seaton Delaval. If you are interested then pop along or email: seatondelavalbrownies@gmail.com with any questions.

