

# Seghill First School Newsletter April 2019 edition 2

Whole school attendance since September 2018	95.0%	Attendance target	96.3%
Attendance this term so far	96.5%	Number of late marks this term so far	9

## Meetings for parents and children with class teachers

Thank you to the parents and children who attended meetings with class teachers during the last week of the spring term. You should have received a copy of the **spring term B report** for your child by today. If you have not received a copy yet, please see your child's class teacher.

## 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 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.

## Staffing update

I am delighted to announce the exciting news that **Mrs Watson** and her husband are expecting a baby. This will be a brother or sister for their daughter. Mrs Watson will be starting maternity leave soon after we return from the summer holidays; arrangements to cover her maternity leave are under discussion and I will let you know when they have been finalised. In the meantime, many congratulations to Mrs Watson on this happy news.

**Miss Mee** will be working with Mrs Knowles and red class as she completes her final teaching placement with us this term.

## Star of the week

Our stars of the week from week beginning Monday 01 April are-

**Blue class star** Kaydan;  
**Green class star** Connor;  
**Red class star** Kaycee Marie;  
**Yellow class star** Ava Betty;  
**Orange class star** Cole;  
**Support staff star** Brydie, Eden and Lucy;  
**Miss Chappell's star** Poppy;  
**Miss Chappell's staff star** Mrs Rogage.



## 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.

## Key stage 2 visit to China Town

Children in blue class visited **China Town** on **Monday 01 April**. The children explored **Stowell Street** and the surrounding areas, visited the **Chinese supermarket** and ate lunch at **Lau's 202 buffet restaurant**. This was another amazing opportunity for our children which they very much enjoyed. Thank you to Mrs Bell and our helpers- Mrs McCoy, Miss Harding and Miss Young.

## Gala disco

The Seghill Gala disco will be taking place on **Saturday 27 April** in the Institute from 2pm to 5pm. The gala princess and her attendants will be chosen at the disco. Entry is 50p.

### Attendance update

We were delighted to give out so many certificates for **very good attendance** for both spring term B (63 children) and the whole of the spring term (48 children) in our celebration assembly at the end of last term.

**Green class** were class of the spring term as they had the best attendance of 96.2%, which is line with national average and our target. They were rewarded for this by wearing non uniform on the last day of the spring term. **Yellow class** were class of the spring term B and they were rewarded for this with an afternoon of Golden Time.

Names are put in the hat each week for children with 100% attendance and no late marks. This means that a child with 100% attendance and no late mark in a 7 week half term will have their name in the hat 7 times, which increases the likelihood of their name being chosen, compared to a child who may only have their name in the hat 2 or 3 times due to absence and/or late marks.

Names were drawn out of the hat during celebration assembly at the end of last term. Winners of the vouchers were **Evie in green class** for spring term B and **William in red class** for spring term. Congratulations Evie and William.

Despite all of this good news, **whole school attendance is 95%**, which is still **significantly below national average** and our target of 96.3%. Attendance for each class for autumn and spring terms is as follows-

yellow	red	green	blue
92.3%	95.7%	96.3%	95.2%
161 late marks	66 late marks	52 late mark	96 late marks

You will also see that we have a **totally unacceptable number of late marks**- 375 in total. This is particularly disappointing when I know that a large proportion of parents and carers prioritise getting their children to school on time every day and our whole school figures are brought down by a small number of families with an apathetic attitude towards their child's punctuality.

### 37<sup>th</sup> Children's Cancer Run

**Mrs Bell** has very kindly agreed to co-ordinate our school's entry in to the annual **37<sup>th</sup> Children's Cancer Run**. This will take place on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**If you have already completed an online entry form, or you intend to do so, please let Mrs Elliott know so we know how many entries we have from our school.**

### Reminder of 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

### **Easter egg competition**

Thank you for all of the entries in to our **Easter egg competition**. We were amazed by the creativity and imagination that the entries showed. I am very pleased I delegated the job of judging to Mrs Dowson, who is one of our governors and our School Games Organiser. It was very hard to only pick one egg from each year group, but the winning entries were from-  
Orange class- Layton; Yellow class- Alexa; Red class- Willow; Green class- Lucy and Blue class- Cody.

### **Games night**

Tickets for Games night will be available from Monday. Games Night will take place after school on **Friday 10 May** straight after school until 5pm and is for children in red, green and blue class.

Children are asked to bring board games to school in a named carrier bag. Please do not send in electronic games consoles or ipads etc. Although we will do our best to ensure the safe keeping of the children's games, we cannot be responsible to the loss or damage to any games brought in from home.

Tickets cost £2.00 and include a drink and a snack. Please place £2 in a named envelope and return to school by **Friday 03 May**. Tickets will not be available after this date.

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 from Monday 29 April until the day of Games Night will not be allowed to go to Games Night.

### **Ground Force Day Friday 07 June**

Parents, carers, grandparents and friends of the school are invited to join us for our annual Ground Force Day on Friday 087 June.

We are looking for help with weeding and gardening, general tidying up and sorting out to spruce up our school site. No specialist skills are needed.

Volunteers can help for as long as they want to and during any part of the school day. All that we ask is that you sign in at the school office so we know who is on site and you're set to start.

Our previous Ground Force Days have had an amazing impact on our school site, including clearing the garden outside green class, building a fabulous stage in the middle garden, scraping and painting the railings and sorting out plants and pots all around our school.

Donations of plants, compost and pots will very gratefully received. Even one hour of your time would be a massive help. We really hope you will be able to join us.

### **Summer term dates**

We have listed the summer term dates for this term below and 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.

#### **April 2019**

<b>Monday 29 April</b>	Blue class coffee morning at 8:45am
	Orange class coffee morning at 11:00am
	Fundraising meeting at 3:30pm
<b>Tuesday 30 April</b>	Red class coffee morning at 8:45am

**May 2019**

<b>Wednesday 01 May</b>	Green class coffee morning at 8:45am
	Deadline for the final payment of £10 for Dukeshouse Wood
<b>Friday 03 May</b>	Yellow class coffee morning at 8:45am
	School games golf tournament for key stage 2 golf team
<b>Monday 06 May</b>	Bank holiday- school closed to staff and pupils
<b>Tuesday 07 May</b>	Governor visit Mrs Dowson focus safeguarding
<b>Thursday 09 May</b>	Summer term monitoring visit by Mrs Ford school Improvement Partner
<b>Friday 10 May</b>	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
<b>Monday 13 May</b>	Nursery new starters meeting 2:30pm
	Environment for Learning committee meeting 4:00pm
	Resource Management committee meeting 5:15pm
<b>Sunday 19 May</b>	Children's Cancer Run
<b>Monday 20 May</b>	Summer term topic week with a focus on art
<b>Wednesday 22 May</b>	Tag rugby festival for blue class
<b>Thursday 23 May</b>	Governor visit Mr Catchpole focus pupil premium statement
<b>Friday 24 May</b>	Summer A celebration assembly at 2:15pm
Monday 27 to Friday 31 May school closed for May half term	

**June 2019**

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

**July 2019**

<b>Wednesday 03 July</b>	Cramlington and Seaton Valley dance festival
<b>Thursday 04 July</b>	Orange class children (moving to Reception) stay for lunch 1
<b>Friday 05 July</b>	Orange class assembly at 11:00am
	Sandcastle building competition at South Shields for green and blue class
<b>Monday 08 July</b>	Year 4 transition week all week
	Teddy bears' picnic for new Nursery children and their families
<b>Wednesday 10 July</b>	Nursery new starters stay and play session 9:00 to 10:00am
	Intake evening for Year 4 children and parents at Whytrig Middle School
<b>Thursday 11 July</b>	Intake evening for Year 4 children and parents at Seaton Sluice Middle School
<b>Friday 12 July</b>	Non uniform 3 for the summer fayre
	Orange class children (moving to Reception) stay for lunch 2
<b>Tuesday 16 July</b>	Orange class children (moving to Reception) stay for lunch 3
<b>Wednesday 17 July</b>	Summer fayre
<b>Thursday 18 July</b>	Celebration assembly from 8:45am
	Year 4 leavers' party 6:00pm to 8:00pm
<b>Friday 19 July</b>	Year 4 leavers' assembly at 8:45am
	School closes at 3:15pm

Monday 22 July to Friday 30 August school closed for summer

