

# Seghill First School Newsletter September 2016 edition 2

## Events this week

Thank you to everyone who attended our **class coffee mornings** this week. We hope you found them useful.

Thank you to children and staff who wore jeans today to support our annual **Jeans for Genes** day. Money raised provides funds for the charity to do research and provide support for the families of children with genetic disorders.

## Future events

We are hosting a **MacMillan coffee morning** on **Friday 30 September** in the hall from 8:45am. Our previous MacMillan events have always been extremely well supported. Cake pledges are available on the parents' noticeboard outside each classroom. Please complete and send in a cake pledge if you are able to make or donate some goodies for our coffee morning. Thank you.

We will be delivering **maths workshops for parents and children in key stage 1** on **Tuesday 27 September** at 8:45am and 5:00pm. This is an opportunity for you to see the different methods that we teach the children and give you a chance to have a go. This information will help you to understand why we use methods which you may not have been taught in school and to support your child's learning at home. Please sign up using the sheet on the parents' noticeboards outside both key stage 1 classrooms.

Reminder about **PE days for the autumn term** are-

Early Years class 2-	Thursdays and Fridays	Year 1-	Wednesdays and Thursdays
Year 2-	Mondays and Thursdays	Year 3-	Mondays and Tuesdays
Year 4-	Tuesdays and Wednesdays		

Early Years class 1 please come to school wearing joggers and trainers with your school top and school jumper every Monday.

Children should wear a plain white shirt, plain black or navy shorts and sandshoes or 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.

## After school clubs

Three after school clubs started this week for football, dance and homework (invitation only). All three clubs got off to a good start. Please remember that if your child is going to dance or football club, £2 per week must be paid before or on the date of the club. Your child will not be able to attend if the fees have not been paid.

## School councillors

Our newly elected **school councillors** are-

Year 4	Bailey and Elsie	Year 4 for EYFS	Kelsea and Lewis
Year 3	Amie and Leo	Year 2	Ronnie and Brydie
Year 1	Brent and Demi Jo.		

Mrs Bell will be running the school council this year organising monthly meetings with the councillors.

## Dukeshouse Wood visit

Children in Year 4 will be going to Dukeshouse Wood from Wednesday 28 to Friday 30 September. They will be accompanied by Mrs Knowles, Mrs Whitelaw and Mrs Bell.

Children in **Year 2** will be taught by **Miss Chappell** on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday while Mrs Knowles is at Dukeshouse Wood.

## Returning information to school

Thank you to parents and carers who have returned the documents sent out earlier this term by the deadline of Friday 16 September.

If you have not returned your **school admission form** and/or **home school agreement** yet we need it completed and returned to school as soon as possible. We will not be able to contact you in an emergency if you have returned this information.

## Doors close at 8:45am

Doors open at 8:35am and close at 8:45am to allow parents and carers time to come in and drop off their children at each classroom. While children are still settling in to Nursery we are happy for parents and carers of Nursery children to wait in school to check that their child is settled and taking part in the morning routines. However, we cannot keep the doors open for parents and carers who arrive at school one or two minutes before the bell who expect to leave school via the top or bottom exit doors.

## Reminder about smoking on the school site

Smoking on the school site is **not allowed**. This includes smoking **cigarettes or e-cigarettes**. If you wish to smoke please wait until you are outside the school site before doing so. This includes the yards, the drive and the paths around the Early Years garden and between the top and bottom yards.

## Dinner money and after school club payments

We are no longer able to accept payment for dinner money, after school clubs or trips unless the payment is in an **envelope marked with your child's name, class, amount enclosed and what the money is for**. Envelopes are available outside the **school office** and on the **parents' noticeboards** outside each classroom. Thank you.

Our next newsletter will be issued on Friday 07 October.