

# Seghill First School Newsletter December 2018 edition 2

**Whole school attendance 94.8%. Attendance target 96.3%**

## Christmas treats

All of our children have now had their Christmas treat. We hope that they really enjoyed it. Money raised by fundraising activities throughout the year was used to pay for the treats.

## Christmas fayre and Christmas activities

I am delighted to announce that the combined total of all of our fundraising activities over the Christmas period is a truly magnificent total of **£1373**.

This is from the Christmas fayre, performance tickets, movie night, letters to Santa, items sold and raffled at the Christmas performances and donations at the Christmas performances.

Thank you so much to everyone for their contributions.

This money will be used to pay for a Christmas treat for all of the boys and girls next Christmas, as well as subsidising school visits throughout the year. It is not that long ago that we raised £600 from the Christmas fayre, so the increase in fundraising has been brilliant and allowed us to pay for so many more things for our children. The increase in fundraising is directly related to the setting up of the **fundraising group** and all of their hard work before, during and after all of the events. It is these ladies who go to buy the food and drinks for our events, set them all up, arrange for other people to look after their children to staff the events and then tidy up after them. This is all done in their own time and at cost to themselves which I know they never claim back for. Without them our amazing programme of fundraising activities would be significantly restricted and much less successful. Some people are able to contribute to every event and some do so when they can but all contributions are so very much appreciated. So to Denise, Daniela, Emma, Helen, Stacey, Sharon, Susan and Carly, we send you a huge thank you.

## Star of the week

Our stars of the week for week beginning Monday 18 December are-

**Blue class star** Olivia;

**Green class star** Jake;

**Red class star** Lexi;

**Yellow class star** Callum I;

**Orange class star** Cole;

**Support staff star** Callum W;

**Miss Chappell's star** Layla L;

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



## Christmas performances

Yet again this year the children did a fabulous job in all three of the Christmas performances. The performances all showcased the very talented, confident and brave children that we have in our school. Not only were the children brilliant but all of the staff did a wonderful job in planning and putting on the shows. Staff made costumes, set up the stage, organised props and loads of other jobs before and after school to make the shows so successful. Thank you to all of the staff and the adult helpers for their amazing work.

## Singing group

The singing group have done an amazing job singing at all three events this year. We raised **£175** singing in aid of **Daft As A Brush** at the Freeman Hospital as well as putting on a brilliant show at the old folks' Christmas party. Well done, singers, you are amazing.

## Spring term class coffee mornings

Teachers have planned **class coffee mornings** for the second and third week back after the Christmas break. Dates and times are  
Monday 14 January at 8:45am yellow class;  
Tuesday 15 January at 8:45am blue class;  
Wednesday 16 January at 8:45am red class;  
Friday 18 January at 8:45am green class;  
Friday 25 January at 11:00am orange class.  
Please add these dates to your January diary.

## School meals

Please note that the cost of a school meal will increase by 10p per day from £2.20 to £2.30 per meal (£11.50 per week for 5 meals). This increase will start at the beginning of the spring term 2019.

### Spring term governing body meetings

Our governors continue to provide a challenging and supportive role in school. Meetings for the next half term are

Monday 04 February at 4:00pm **Environment for Learning** committee;

Monday 04 February at 5:15pm **Resource Management** committee.

Dates for the committee meetings for spring term B will be agreed at the spring term A meetings. The **spring term full governing body meeting** is on Wednesday 27 March at 5:00pm.

| January 2019   |  |
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| Monday 07 January  | School closed- staff training day  |
| Tuesday 08 January   | School opens for the spring term   |
| Friday 11 January  | Multi skills academy testing with Mr Dowson for Year 4 blue class pupils |
| Monday 14 January  | Yellow class coffee morning 8:45am                                       |
| Tuesday 15 January   | Blue class coffee morning 8:45am   |
| Wednesday 16 January   | Red class coffee morning 8:45am  |
| Friday 18 January  | Green class coffee morning 8:45am  |
| Friday 25 January  | Orange class coffee morning 11:00am                                      |
| Thursday 31 January  | Reception class eye testing  |
| February 2019  |  |
| Monday 04 February   | Environment for Learning committee meeting 4:00pm                        |
| Monday 04 February   | Resource Management committee meeting 5:15pm                             |
| Thursday 07 February   | Gymnastics festival for Year 3 and 4 gymnastics squad                    |
| Friday 08 February   | Blue class assembly 8:45am   |
| w/b Monday 11 February   | Topic week with a focus on computing                                     |
| Friday 15 February   | Spring A celebration assembly 2:30pm                                     |
| Monday 18 to Friday 22 February school closed for February half term |  |
| Monday 25 February   | School opens for spring term B   |
| March 2019   |  |
| Thursday 07 March  | World book day book sale and coffee morning 8:45am                       |
| Friday 08 March  | Green class assembly 2:30pm  |
| Wednesday 27 March   | Full governing body meeting 5:00pm                                       |
| Friday 29 March  | Mother's day lunch   |
| April 2019   |  |
| Thursday 04 April  | Spring B celebration assembly 8:45am                                     |
| Thursday 04 April  | Easter egg competition judged in celebration assembly                    |
| Thursday 04 April  | Easter disco 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   |

### Cycle Generation activities for blue class Year 4

Blue class Year 4 children will be cycling with Mrs Bell and Richard Rothwell from Cycling Generation on Friday 22, Monday 25, Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 March. They will be practising their cycling skills and building up to completing a big ride off site on Friday 29 March. Last year the Year 4 class managed a ten mile ride by the end of their programme. How will our current Year 4 class compare? Bikes and helmets are provided by Cycle Generation.

**And finally... the children, staff and governors of Seghill First School wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year.**