

Seghill First School Newsletter March 2018 edition 2

Whole school attendance 94.0%. Attendance target 96.3%

School Relief fundraising days on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 March

We have organised two School Relief fundraising days on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 March to coincide with Sport Relief. The purpose of the events is to raise money to buy Ipads for the children to use in school. We did this two years ago in March 2016 when we raised £2900 and bought a set of Ipads.

Thank you to everyone who came to school in non-uniform on Friday 16 March. We have received many donations for the **chocolate sweetie tombola** which will be part of the **School Relief coffee morning** and **book sale** on **Thursday 22 March** from 8:45am in the school hall. Each class will be brought in to the hall during the coffee morning. **Hot drinks, juice and cakes** will be on sale. **Books** will also be on sale and there will also be a **raffle** with some lovely sweet treats as prizes. Donations of cakes, buns or biscuits would be very welcome.

Children are asked to come to school in **sporty clothes** on **Friday 23 March** so they can complete their **sponsored run** during the morning. Children do not need to bring school uniform to change in to after the sponsored event and can stay in their sporty clothes all day.

All money raised will be used to buy Ipads for the children to use in school which will add to the set of Ipads that we bought in 2016 following the School Relief fundraising events.

Appointments for parents to meet with class teachers

We have organised meetings for parents to meet with their child's class teacher on **Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 March** after school.

Parents with children in yellow, green, red and blue class

We will be using an online system for parents to book appointments to see the class teacher. This will be done through **Parentmail**. The system will not go live until Wednesday. We will send out instructions about how to log in and book an appointment. Parents will need to log in to Parentmail using their log in details. If you are not signed up to Parentmail, you will not receive information that we send out via text and you will not be able to book an appointment.

Parentmail data collection sheets are available from the school office. Please fill one in and give it to Mrs Elliott. She will add you to the Parentmail system. This means that you will be able to receive information via text and you will be able to book an appointment.

Parents with children in orange class

Please see Mrs Kembrey about the arrangements for appointments to see her.

Easter holidays

School is closed from Friday 30 March until Monday 16 April. School re-opens for the summer term on **Tuesday 17 April**.

Easter celebration assembly on Thursday 29 March

Please join us from 8:45am for our **celebration assembly** and judging of the Easter egg decorating competition.

Certificates and rewards for attendance and the Easter times tables challenge will be given out.

We will be selling **hot drinks** and providing **bacon butties** for advance orders (bacon butty and brew for £2.00).

We have an enormous **Easter egg** as first prize in our raffle with other chocolate treats as prizes. Raffle tickets are available to buy at the beginning of assembly.

Easter disco on Wednesday 28 March

Our Easter disco is on **Wednesday 28 March** from **3:15pm to 5:00pm**. The ticket price is £2.00 per child, which includes a hot dog and a drink. Children should come to school wearing their school uniform and bring their disco clothes to change into at 3:15pm.

The disco is for **Year 1 children in yellow class** and children in **green, red and blue** classes.

Tickets are on sale until Friday 23 March and will not be available after this date. Please send £2.00 in a named envelope by Friday 23 March to buy a disco ticket.

Keep on riding for blue class

The next **keep on riding** cycling session for children in blue class with Richard Rothwell and Mrs Bell is on **Tuesday 20 March**. Children should come to school dressed in their cycling clothes and be prepared for being outside all morning. They do not need to bring school uniform to change in to. PE will still go ahead as normal during the afternoon.

Treat for children

As explained in the previous newsletter we organised a **treat for the children** to acknowledge how well they did during our Ofsted inspection, but also how well they do all of the time. Every time visitors come to our school or we take our children out we are complimented on their **behaviour and manners**. All children had the chance to bounce on the bouncy castle which was set up in the hall all morning. There were some very pink faces afterwards, so I took this as a good sign. There will be another treat before the end of term.

Use of e-cigarettes

Parents are reminded that cigarettes, including e-cigarettes, are not allowed to be used on our premises. Although e-cigarettes may not give off nicotine, we do not want adults to model smoking on our site. This includes all paths around our school and the yard.

Star of the week

Our stars of the week for week beginning **Monday 12 March** and **Monday 19** are-

Blue class star Abigail and Keegan;

Red class star Sonny and Kendra;

Green class star Rachael and Reegan;

Yellow class star Bailey and Johnny;

Orange class star Ava and Dylan;

Support staff star Coby and Kai;

Miss Chappell's star Jenna and Abbie-Louise;

Miss Chappell's staff star Mrs Rogage and Mrs Elliott.



Mother's day lunch on Friday 09 March

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our annual Mother's day lunch on Friday 09 March. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event and especially the lovely meal made by Mrs Rogage.

Safety around the school site

I am very disappointed to be writing to parents again about my concerns regarding the safety of our children both before and after school. I expressed my concerns in February edition 1 newsletter, but I must report that there has been no improvement in the situation.

Despite numerous reminders and warnings the following behaviour are still happening before and after school-

- some parents are allowing their children to use the trim trail;
- some parents, particularly in Early Years, are not closely supervising their children when they enter and leave our site. I regularly see children racing ahead of their parents, playing around staff cars in the car park and climbing in the garden which runs parallel to the school drive;
- some children continue to run ahead of their parents and run straight out of the gate and on to Barrass Avenue.

In addition to this, I have noted that some parents of children in key stage 2 seem to be dropping their children off in the yard and leaving them there unsupervised while they leave the premises.

I am aware that many parents do supervise their children closely at all times and do not allow their children to be out of their sight. However there are too many parents who are still not supervising their children closely.

Children are not always able to see the potential danger in some situations therefore we need parents to supervise their children closely to keep them safe in and around our school site. If this situation continues I will address it personally with specific parents and we may have to look at alternative drop off and collection arrangements to ensure the safety of our children. Our CCTV cameras cover our school site, including the entrance to EYFS, the car park and the top yard. We are able to see exactly what is happening at both the beginning and end of the day. Any damage caused to staff cars by children will lead to the cost for any repairs being billed directly to parents.

Universal credit and free school meals

Did you know that **Universal Credit** is currently a qualifying benefit for **Free School Meals**? If you receive Universal Credit then your child is entitled to a free meal in school. Claiming free school meals could save you almost **£400 per child per year**, and could enable the school to gain over £2,000 per year extra funding for every child as well. So even if your child doesn't take the free meal, or your child gets a free meal because they are currently in Reception or Key Stage 1, you should apply now if you haven't already.

From **01 April 2018**, the government are introducing a Universal Credit earning threshold of £7,400 per year for free school meal eligibility which means that some families who are eligible now would not be if they apply after 01 April. All children assessed as eligible for Free School Meals by 01 April 2018 will continue to be eligible until at least 2022 without the need for further eligibility checks while Universal Credit is rolled out across the country. **If you receive Universal Credit and are not already claiming free school meals for your child then please visit www.northumberland.gov.uk/fsm or see Mrs Elliott in the office for more information about how to apply.**

March 2018	
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
Wednesday 21	Environment for learning committee meeting from 4:00pm
	Full governing body meeting at 6:00pm
Thursday 22	School Relief coffee morning and book sale with chocolate sweetie tombola at 8:45am
Friday 23	School Relief sponsored event- sporty non uniform
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 A begins
Monday 23	Whole school creative week "What did St George do for us?"
Wednesday 25	Green class coffee morning at 8:45am
Thursday 26	Blue and red class coffee morning at 8:45am
Friday 27	Yellow and orange class coffee morning at 8:45am
May 2018	
Friday 04	Games night from 3:15pm
Monday 07	Bank holiday- school closed
Tuesday 15	Keep on riding session 4 for blue class with Mrs Bell and Richard Rothwell
Friday 25	Class photographs
	Celebration assembly from 2:30pm
	End of summer term A- school closes at 3:15pm
Monday 28 May to Friday 01 June school closed for May half term	
June 2018	
Monday 04	Summer term B begins
Tuesday 12	Orange and yellow class sports morning
	Keep on riding session 5 for blue class with Mrs Bell and Richard Rothwell
Wednesday 13	Green, red and blue sports morning
Thursday 14	Reserve date for both sports mornings
Friday 15	Father's day lunch
Thursday 21	Summer term SIP visit
Monday 25	Beginning of creative week
Friday 29	Creative week open afternoon from 2:30pm