

Seghill First School Newsletter September 2019 edition 2

Whole school attendance since September 2019	96.2%	Attendance target	96.3%
Attendance this term so far	96.2%	Number of late marks this term so far	18

Autumn term coffee mornings

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our class coffee mornings this week. As explained in our last newsletter, the class with the highest percentage of children represented at the coffee morning will win 15 minutes extra playtime. Attendance at coffee mornings is as follows

Red class	17 out of 22 children represented = 77%
Yellow class	9 out of 19 children represented = 47%
Blue class	22 out of 35 children represented = 63%
Orange class	11 out of 19 children represented = 58%
Green class	10 out of 15 children represented = 67%

As you can see, the class with the best attendance at coffee mornings is **red class with 77% attendance. Well done red class. You will have 15 minutes extra playtime.**

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon Friday 27 September

We will be hosting our annual **Macmillan coffee afternoon on Friday 27 September** in the school hall from **2:00pm**. This is always a wonderful event.

Children in **yellow, red, green and blue class** will be brought to the hall to join you for a cake and cuppa. Parents of children in orange class are very welcome to come back to school and join us for a cake and a cuppa.

We will be selling a **cake and a cuppa for £1**. We are very much looking forward to supporting the Macmillan charity again this year. Please complete and return the attached cake pledge if you are able to send in cakes, buns or goodies for the event.

Jeans for Genes

It is great to see so many staff and children **wearing jeans to support the Jeans for Genes charity** today. We raised £83.65 for the charity. This charity does amazing work to support families with a child who has a genetic disorder. We have been learning about genetic disorders and the work of the charity in school in the last few weeks and the children have shown a great deal of interest.

Building work on the perimeter fences, gates and walls

Teachers have passed on questions and issues raised by parents at the class coffee mornings. Questions were asked about the work that is going to be done on the **fences, gates and walls** which separate the school from Cheviot View. I have a meeting on Tuesday 24 September with representatives from NCC and the company which has been awarded the contract for the work. Following this meeting, I will be able to share information with you about how and when the work will be completed.

Star of the week

Our stars of the week from week beginning Monday 09 and 16 September are-
Blue class star Paddy and Reegan;
Green class star Mason L and Joey;
Red class star Milo and Christina;
Yellow class star Frankie L, Orla and Ellie;
Orange class star Freddie R and Bailey J;
Support staff star Layton and Marnie;
Miss Chappell's star Blake LB and Lauren;
Miss Chappell's staff star Mrs Ellison and Mrs Bell.

Parentmail reminder

Please make sure you have completed and returned **Parentmail registration forms** to Mrs Elliott so you can receive texts and emails from school. If you change your mobile number you must let us know so we can update our system.

PE days for the autumn term A

Orange class	Wednesday (please come to school wearing joggers and trainers)
Yellow class	Wednesday and Friday
Red class	Wednesday and Friday
Green and blue class	Tuesday and Thursday

Children should wear a **plain white t-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.

Earrings

We are continuing to experience difficulties with children not taking part in PE lessons due to earrings. PE is a national curriculum subject and children should take part unless there is a medical reason for them not to do so.

Children cannot wear earrings for PE. This includes invisible earrings or putting plasters over earrings. If your child cannot remove their own earrings they should not wear them on PE days. Staff are unable to remove earrings for children.

Wearing earrings to school is not a priority. A number of schools have a policy of not allowing any children to wear earrings for school. We do not want to adopt this policy, but we cannot continue to have PE lessons missed due to issues with earrings. Please help us to prioritise PE by complying with our requests.

Christmas card fundraising

I can't believe that I'm saying this, but we are already starting to prepare for Christmas and our annual Christmas fayre. Every year we work with the School Christmas Card Project. Attached to this letter is an **artwork template** with all of the instructions written on. If you would like your child to draw a design to be made in to personalised Christmas gifts, please follow the instructions on the artwork template. **Completed artwork templates must be returned to school by Friday 04 October.**

The completed artwork template with your child's design is sent off to the company. They turn the design in to a personalised proof card and send it back to school. We will send the personalised proof card to you and you can decide if you want to order any of the personalised items, including Christmas cards, gift labels, thank you cards, fridge magnets and mugs.

Each year we have been very impressed with the quality of the finished personalised products. Last year I ordered cards and thank you cards using the design my daughter made and they were very well received by friends and family. School receives a proportion of the profit for our fundraising account, which will in turn be used to provide additional opportunities for our children.

Please make sure that you do not miss the order deadline of **Friday 04 October** for completed art templates.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

We have spaces available at our new **Breakfast Club** and **After School Club**. **Mrs Hurst and Miss Edmondson** are offering lots of fun activities for the children at each session.

Breakfast Club opens at **7:30am** and costs **£3.50** per child and includes breakfast. Please take your child to the Club Room. Staff from Breakfast Club will take your child to their classroom at the start of the school day.

After School Club runs from **3:15pm to 5:15pm** costs **£7.00** per child and includes tea. Staff from After School Club will collect your child from their classroom at 3:15pm. Please collect your child from the Club Room.

Parents who book their child in for both a morning and after school session to be taken on the same day will **receive a discount of 50p**, so the cost will be **£10.00** in total for the day rather than £10.50. **Bookings for Breakfast Club and After School Club must be made in advance**; children cannot turn up on the day without a booking.

