

# Seghill First School Newsletter February 2020 edition 2

Whole school attendance since September 2019	94.5%	Attendance target	96.3%
Attendance this term so far	96.0%	Number of late marks this term so far	64

## RE week

Our **RE week** brought last half term to a fabulous end. Our RE lead, **Mrs Lyons**, organised a series of activities which focused on Islam and the Muslim faith.

The children really enjoyed listening to our visitors to school. First we saw Omair in school on Monday from **Newcastle Central Mosque** and then again when we visited the **Newcastle Central Mosque**. They also enjoyed the visit from **Riz from the Newcastle United Foundation**.

It was a real treat to go in to each classroom to see and hear the children working on and learning about the traditions and beliefs of Islam. I saw some amazing art and craft work, including prayer mats, Sadaquah jars, Islamic patterns and mosques.

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at our **celebration assembly on Friday 14 February**. Each class did a marvellous job sharing their learning and craft pieces linked to Islamic arts and crafts from RE week. They told us about the Five Pillars of Islam, the visit to the mosque, traditional Muslim stories and famous Muslims that they had learnt about.

It is important that our children are aware of **Christian beliefs and the traditions which are important to Christians**, but also to be aware of and understand the beliefs and traditions of other religions that are important to people in modern day Britain.

## Star of the week

Our stars of the week from week beginning Mondays 10 and 24 February are-

**Mrs Bell's star** Lily and Lauren;

**Mrs Lyons' star** William and Jayden;

**Mrs Knowles' star** Alexa and Coby;

**Mrs Kembrey's star** Orla and Kodi;

**Mrs Askew's star** Bailey D and Freddie;

**Support staff star** Noah and Tiger;

**Miss Chappell's star** Layton and Holly;

**Miss Chappell's staff star** Mrs Elliott and Mrs Lyons.



## Sporting successes

The last week of half term was very busy on the sporting front too. On Tuesday Mrs Bell and Miss Neal took Blue class to the Cramlington and Seaton Valley Schools' **Personal Challenge festival**. The children had a great time developing new skills and trying to beat their personal bests. A number of our children were awarded **School Games Values medals** for their sporting behaviour and determined attitude. Well done, Blue class.

I was wowed by the skills of our key stage 2 gymnastics team at the Cramlington and Seaton Valley Schools' **gymnastics competition** on Wednesday at Northern Gym Club. The children had to perform two routines that they were taught by Mr Dowson in PE lessons. All members of the team did a fabulous job and we came 7<sup>th</sup> out of 11 schools and first out of the Seaton Valley schools who took part. Well done to Maisie, Imogen, Lauren, Tom, Emily He and Jessica F.

We have four children representing our school at the **Seaton Valley Showing Potential Academy**. They are Cody, Jessica W, Casey and Sidney. Feedback from the first two sessions has been positive with all four children being excellent ambassadors for our school.

## Fundraising meeting

Reminder- Our **next fundraising meeting is on Monday 09 March at 3:30pm**. If child care is an issue for you, please note that you can bring your child to the meeting, as this is what the other fundraisers do.

## February 2020

Monday 24	School opens for spring term B
Friday 28	Blue class visit to Holy island 8:15am to 4:00pm

## March 2020

Thursday 05	World Book Day book sale and coffee morning 8:45am
Friday 06	Green class assembly 2:15pm
Monday 09	Fundraising meeting at 3:30pm
Thursday 12	Sport Relief fun run E-safety training for all staff and governors 3:30pm
Wednesday 16	Full governing body meeting 5:00pm
Friday 20	Mother's day lunch

## April 2020

Thursday 02	Spring B celebration assembly 8:45am Easter egg competition judged in celebration assembly Easter disco 3:15pm
Friday 03	School closed- staff training day
Monday 06 to Friday 17 April school closed for Easter holidays	
Monday 20	School opens for the summer term

### Staffing update

We said a very fond farewell to **Mrs Morien**, who left her role as a lunchtime supervisory assistant at the end of last half term.

**Mr Ruler** has started work as our new caretaker. He was in school last week and has done a super job to have school looking great for the new half term.

### End of student placement

On Friday we will say a sad farewell to two of our students, **Miss Neal and Mr Walker**. Miss Neal has been supporting learning and teaching in Blue class while Mr Walker has been doing the same in Red class.

They will both be moving on to new schools as the next stage of their school placement starts. They have both been a real asset to our school and much liked by children and staff. We wish them both well in the future and thank them for their hard work.

### Spring term A PE days

**PE days for spring term B are-**

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

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.

**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, therefore your child will not be able to take part in the lesson.

### Lunch menu

Week beginning Monday 24 February- **week 1 menu**. Week beginning Monday 02 March- **week 2 menu**  
Menus are on the school website in the "**information for parents**" tab in the "**menus**" folder.

### Blue class visit to Holy Island

Children in Blue class are visiting Holy Island on **Friday 28 February**. Mrs Bell and I took our own children to do a pre-visit recky on Monday of last week and it was freezing and blowing a hooley. Please make sure that your child is wearing enough layers on Friday, including a waterproof coat, hat, gloves and decent footwear. Even if it looks okay here it will undoubtedly be cold and windy at Holy Island.

Also, please remember that children need a **packed lunch** and must be at school by **8:15am** as we are leaving at 8:30am.

## Advance notice of fundraising events

### World Book Day book sale and coffee morning

**World Book Day book sale and coffee morning** will start at 8:45am on **Thursday 05 March** in the school hall for children in yellow, red, green and blue class.

Our book sale and coffee morning will start at **8:45am**. Children from yellow, red, green and blue class will be brought to the hall by their class teacher so you can buy them a book if you want to. Hot drinks, cold drinks and biscuits will also be on sale.

**Children and parents in orange class** are invited to the World Book Day book sale and coffee morning in the **Nursery classroom from 11:00am**.

Children will be bringing home their **£1 World Book Day book token** in the next few days. We are happy to receive **donations of books** for this event. Please bring them to the school office.

Please note that we have a policy of dressing up for World Book Day every other year. Last year we dressed up as a book character so this year **we are not dressing up**; it is a normal school uniform day.

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### Fundraising meeting

New members are warmly invited to come along to our next fundraising meeting on **Monday 09 March** at 3:30pm. If child care is an issue for you, please note that you can bring your child to the meeting, as this is what the other fundraisers do.

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### Sport Relief fun run

**Our Sport Relief fun run on Thursday 12 March**. This is a **sponsored event** to raise money for school funds which we do every other year. Please see attached **sponsor form**.

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### Mother's Day lunch

**Mother's Day lunch** is on **Friday 20 March**. Please see attached **information and order form**. There will be a raffle and hot drinks on offer after lunch.

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### Easter egg decorating competition

**The annual Easter egg decorating competition** will be judged on **Thursday 02 April** during celebration assembly. Children are invited to decorate an egg at home to take part in the decorating competition.

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### Easter disco

We will be holding our **Easter disco** for children in red, green and blue class on **Thursday 02 April** at 3:30pm. Tickets will go on sale soon.

**We will use all the money we raise from these events to buy new reading books.**







## Mother's Day lunch Friday 20 March 2020

Mums, mams and mummies are invited to join us for our **Mother's Day lunch on Friday 20 March**. This invitation is extended to aunts, grandmas, grannies, nanas or a special lady in your family. We will leave it up to you to pick which special lady will be attending from your family.

Our special Mother's Day menu is a **special buffet lunch**. Meals cost **£5.00**.

It is a huge undertaking to organise this event. The arrangements may sound a bit prescriptive but we need to ensure that we can fit in all of our special guests as well as the children, so please bear with us.

The Mother's Day lunch buffet will be served in **more than one sitting and in more than one location to fit in all of our guests**. The time and location of your meal will be printed on your ticket. Children will be able to eat their lunch with their special guest. We can only accommodate one special guest per family (not one per child).

If your child is in orange class and you would like to join us for Mother's Day lunch, please provide a packed lunch for your child so they can eat their packed lunch next to you. School meals cannot be provided for children in orange class.

**Tea and coffee** will be on sale in the hall. You are invited to come to the hall after your meal to enjoy a hot drink. **Raffle tickets** will also be on sale with three fabulous prizes on offer.

This year we will be giving you the option to order a **very special extra gift** for a special female adult when you order your Mother's Day Lunch ticket. This gift will be personalised from your child (or children). Gifts are a **personalised mug** costing £6.00 or a **personalised fridge magnet** costing £2.00. A free, personalised card is included with both gifts.

**Order forms and payment must be returned to school by Friday 06 March**. This is so Mrs Rogage can order the food in line with the suppliers' deadlines and so we can order any special gifts so they arrive at school in time for Friday 20 March. **We will not accept order forms after Friday 06 March with no exceptions**.

You will be issued with a ticket when we have received your payment. Please bring it with you to be entered in to a **special prize draw**.

Special guests will be seated with their child for lunch. We appreciate that some children will not have a special guest in attendance on the day and we will deal with this sensitively. However, we cannot seat children with other guests if they don't have a guest of their own.



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Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to come to Mother's Day lunch on Friday 20 March and enclose payment of £5.00.

Name of guest	
Name of child(ren) to be seated with	
Relationship to the child(ren)	

I would like to order a personalised gift

Number of gifts	Gift from how many children	Name(s) of child(ren) to appear on the photograph
one personalised fridge magnet £2.00		
one personalised mug £6.00		

When you order a gift we will ensure that it is personalised from your child or all your children. If you have one child we will make sure your gift is personalised from them. If you have two or more children we will make sure your gift is personalised from all of your children. Please write the names of your child(ren) so we can ensure that it is personalised.

Total value of order \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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