

Seghill First School Newsletter February 2020 edition 1

Whole school attendance since September 2019	94.4%	Attendance target	96.3%
Attendance this term so far	96.1%	Number of late marks this term so far	56

RE week

We are really looking forward to **RE week** next week. Our RE lead, **Mrs Lyons**, has organised a series of activities which will focus on Islam and the Muslim faith. The aims of the week are for children to-

- know the names of and significance of a Muslim festival;
- recount one story from Muslim tradition;
- know the Five Pillars of Islam;
- learn about / produce a fact file about one famous Muslim person;
- produce a craft piece linked to Islamic arts and crafts.

She has organised a **speaker from Newcastle Central Mosque** to come in to school on Monday 10 February to join us in whole school assembly and work with all year groups.

Children in red, green and blue class will be visiting **Newcastle Central Mosque** on Wednesday and Thursday morning. A visitor who works for **Newcastle United** will also be talking to children in all year groups about what it is like to grow up as a Muslim.

We are going to share our learning with you in our **celebration assembly on Friday 14 February**. **Doors open at 2:00pm** for you to come and have a look at the children's work. Assembly will **start at 2:15pm**. **Each class will be sharing their learning from RE week**. We hope you will be able to join us to hear about and celebrate our achievements in RE week and throughout this half term.

Star of the week

Our stars of the week from week beginning Monday 27 January and Monday 03 February are-

Mrs Bell's star Aurora and Lucy;

Mrs Lyons' star Willow and Freddy;

Mrs Knowles' star Olivia and Callum W;

Mrs Kembrey's star Roman and Ava;

Mrs Askew's star Francesca and Jackson;

Support staff star Alannah and Kieran;

Miss Chappell's star Ava-Betty and Kai;

Miss Chappell's staff star Mrs Ellison and Mrs Whitelaw



Fundraising

We continue to be able to provide brilliant additional opportunities for our children, including subsidising the cost of school visits, because of the fundraising we do in school. **So far this year, we have made £1571 and spent £1220, giving a balance of £351.**

When we ask for donations from you, we want to be as transparent as possible about what we spend the money on. Please see attached **financial report** for this year so far.

Our **fundraising committee** includes Denise Best, Emma Emmerson, Daniela Hedley, Susan Mullen and Helen Ward. They do an **amazing job** to make all of these fundraising events happen and bring in so much money to the fundraising account. However, we do really need **more members**; 4 of these ladies have children in Year 3 and they will be leaving at the end of next year. We need more new members to join us now so we have a plan for the future and can continue to provide brilliant additional opportunities for our children and subsidise the cost of school visits. Our **next 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.

Dukeshouse Wood deposits

Reminder- **Monday 10 February** is the deadline for **£40 deposits** for Dukeshouse Wood for our current Year 3 pupils for their visit in September.

February 2020

w/b Monday 10	Topic week with a focus on RE
Tuesday 11	Blue class personal challenge festival (all morning)
Wednesday 12	Gymnastics festival for Year 3 and 4 gymnastics squad (all morning) Red and green class visit Newcastle Central Mosque (all morning)
Thursday 13	Blue class visit Newcastle Central Mosque (all morning)
Friday 14	Spring A celebration assembly 2:15pm Non-uniform in aid of school fund
Monday 17 to Friday 21 February school closed for February half term	
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 18	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

At the end of this half term, **Mrs Morien** will be leaving her role as a lunchtime supervisory assistant. Mrs Morien has worked here for many years and we have known her as a colleague and also as a mum, bringing her daughters to our school. We wish Angela all the best as she heads off to spend more time with her husband and her girls.

School website

Please remember to use our school website as a valuable source of information. The latest **newsletter** is on the front page and all previous newsletters can be found in the "**newsletters**" tab.

Letters sent out to parents are in the "**letters**" tab.

Lots of useful information is in the "**information for parents**" tab. Each week we update the home page with events and deadlines for the week.

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 10 February- **week 3 menu**. Week beginning Monday 24 February- **week 1 menu**. Menus are on the school website in the "**information for parents**" tab in the "**menus**" folder.

Fundraising 2019 – 2020 financial report 01 September 2019 to 31 January 2020

Income		
Christmas including Christmas fayre, movie night, Christmas Eve packs, performance tickets their raffles	December 2019	£1471
Anonymous donation	December 2019	£100
Non uniform day	14 February 2020	
World Book Day book sale and coffee morning	05 March 2020	
Toy and uniform sale and coffee afternoon	Date TBC	
Sport Relief fun run	12 March 2020	
Mother's day lunch, including gifts and raffle	20 March 2020	
Easter disco	02 April 2020	
Running total		£1571

Expenditure		
Christmas treat theatre performance for red, yellow and orange class	December 2019	£275
Christmas treat children in green and blue class to go ice skating at Woodhorn	December 2019	£595
Whole school performance of Aladdin	January 2020	£150
Subsidise key stage 2 visit to Holy Island*	February 2020	£200
Mother's Day lunches and gifts	March 2020	
Refreshments for all events	Ongoing	
Running total		£1220

Other fundraising		
Jeans for Genes	September 2019	£83.65
Macmillan coffee morning	September 2019	£239.70
Donations to the Seaton Valley Food Bank from the harvest festival	October 2019	donations
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	November 2019	£42.30
Daft as a Brush (choir singing at the Freeman Hospital)	December 2019	£305.88
Running total		£671.53 plus donations

Income	Up to 31 January 2020	£1571
Expenditure	Up to 31 January 2020	£1220
Balance	Up to 31 January 2020	+£351

*Cost per child for the visit to Holy Island is £10.76. This was reduced to £4.00 per child due to the subsidy of £200 from the fundraising account.

Advance notice of fundraising events

Non-uniform in aid of school funds

Please come to school in **non-uniform** and **pay £1** on **Friday 14 February**.

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 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 and/or toy 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 and toy sale and coffee morning in the **Nursery classroom from 11:00am**.

Children will be bringing home their **£1 World Book Day book token** after half term. We will be asking for donations of books for this event after half term.

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.

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.

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.

Mother's Day lunch

Mother's Day lunch is on **Friday 20 March**. Tickets will go on sale after half term for lunch and the chance to order special treats. There will be a raffle and hot drinks on offer after lunch.

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.

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 after half term.

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