

Seghill First School Newsletter November 2017 edition 1

Whole school attendance 96.0%. Attendance target 96.3%

Photographs on the school website

Photographs from our fabulous **creative week** for Divali are on the **home page** of the school website. Most recent photographs will be on the **home page**. When they are replaced by newer photographs, they will be moved to the **gallery tab**.

Thank you to everyone who came to our **Halloween party**. Photographs from the party and the **Macmillan coffee morning** are in the **gallery tab** on the school website.

Reminder for Year 4 parents about middle school applications

Despite numerous reminders, some parents of children in blue class have still not applied for a middle school place for September 2018. The deadline was **31 October 2017**. Please get in touch with the admissions team at County Hall if you have missed this deadline.

Fundraising and community news

Bags2school

We have arranged a **Bags2school collection** for **Monday 13 November**. Bags have been sent out for donations of clothes, bedding etc. The bags are weighed by the Bags2school team. The heavier the bags, the more money we raise for our school. The money raised will be used to subsidise the **Christmas treat** so all children experience a special opportunity free of charge.

Non-uniform for the Christmas fayre

On **Friday 10 November** we are hosting our first **non-uniform** day for the Christmas fayre. We would like donations for the **bottle tombola** please. Donations can be any sort of bottle- wine, spirits, bubble bath, pop, sauce etc. Please send in your donation with your child next Friday. The money raised from the Christmas fayre will be used to subsidise the **Christmas treat** so all children experience a special opportunity free of charge.

Demolition of the CIU Club

Work on demolition of the CIU Club will start next week. A hoarding will be put up in the top yard. School will still be fully accessible from the top yard at both the beginning and end of the school day as normal. We are working closely with Sapphire Homes North East Limited to ensure the safety of our children while the demolition and subsequent building of 8 new homes on the site takes place. Please contact me immediately if you have any concerns about this work.

Meetings with class teachers on Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 November.

A date and time for your appointment to see your child's class teacher has been sent home with your child today for you to check. If the appointment date and time is not convenient, please see your child's class teacher next week, who will try to find an alternative. Meetings will take place in the hall. You are welcome to bring your child with you to the meeting, but they will have to entertain themselves while you meet with the class teacher. Drawing and colouring activities will be available and children are welcome to bring in a book, toy or Ipad from home. Appointments are for ten minutes. Please do not make other parents and carers miss their slot by extending your meeting beyond the time allocated.

November 2017	
Tuesday 07	Keep on riding session 2 for blue class
Wednesday 08	Full governing body meeting at 6:00pm
Friday 10	Non uniform for Christmas fayre Two minutes silence at 11:00pm
Monday 13	Resource management committee meeting 5:00pm
Tuesday 14	Meetings for parents with class teachers 3:30pm to 5:00pm in the hall
Wednesday 15	Meetings for parents with class teachers 3:30pm to 5:30pm in the hall
Saturday 18	School choir singing at the Seghill Christmas fayre
Thursday 23	Environment for Learning committee meeting 5:00pm
Friday 24	Non uniform for Christmas fayre
Monday 27	Dukeshouse Wood 2018 meeting for parents and children in red class at 5:00pm
December 2017	
Monday 04	Santa's reading challenge
Friday 08	Non uniform for Christmas fayre
Saturday 09	School choir singing at the senior citizens Christmas party.
Monday 11	School choir singing at the Freeman Hospital
Friday 15	Christmas fayre at 3:15pm Santa's reading challenge
Monday 18	Christmas performance 9:15am yellow and orange class Christmas performance 2:15pm red, blue and green class
Tuesday 19	Christmas performances 9:15am red, blue and green class
Wednesday 20	Christmas lunch Film night at 3:15pm (blue, red, green class and year 1 children in yellow class)
Thursday 21	No orange class this morning Christmas party 1:00pm yellow and orange class
Friday 22	Celebration assembly at 8:45am Santa's reading challenge awards Christmas party 1:00pm red, blue and green School closes for the Christmas holidays at 3:15pm

Keep on riding for blue class

The second **Keep On Riding** session will take place for children in blue class on the morning of **Tuesday 07 November**. Children should come to school dressed in clothes and footwear suitable for cycling outdoors all morning. Children do not need to bring school uniform to change in to for when they are not cycling during the afternoon session.

Christmas newsletter

Our next newsletter will be sent home on **Friday 24 November** and will contain all of our Christmas news and arrangements. Please refer to the **annual calendar** that was sent out in September to see the dates and events that have already been planned.

Remembrance

Poppies, wristbands and reflectors will continue to be on sale next week. If you would like your child to buy a reflector, wristband or poppy, please place the **correct money** in a **named envelope**. Children from blue class will be visiting each class to sell these items daily. We have a limited amount of wristbands and reflectors therefore we need to impose a limit of **one per child in our school**.

We will be observing two minutes silence on **Friday 10 November at 11:00am**.

Children will be learning about the significance of the poppy and why and who we are remembering during the next couple of weeks in school.