

Seghill First School Newsletter November 2017 edition 2 Christmas special

Treats for all children using fundraising money

Thanks to all of the brilliant fundraising work by parents, carers, staff and children, we have money available to provide some extra opportunities for our children.

Children in **orange and yellow** class will be watching a performance of **The Littlest Elf** on **Tuesday 05 December** in school. This is a story based in Santa's workshop especially for younger children.

Children in green, red and blue classes will be going to the **Discovery Museum** to take part in Christmas workshops on **Thursday 14 December**.

Both of these treats and transport have been paid for using fundraising money. We hope you and your child agree that these are brilliant treats and a very good way to use the fundraising money.

Christmas post boxes

Christmas post boxes will be open from **Monday 18 December**.

Please wait until this date before bringing your cards in.

Lists of children's first names and surname initials for your child's class will be sent home by Friday 15 December to use to address Christmas cards.

Please only use the post box to post cards to **children who are not in your child's class**. Cards for children in your child's class should be taken to the classroom and the class teacher will arrange for them to be given out.

Arrangements for Christmas parties

Thursday 21 December

Children in **yellow class** should come to school in **school uniform** and bring party clothes in a named bag to change in to after lunch. Children in **orange class** should come to school at 1:00pm wearing their party clothes.

Friday 22 December

Children in **green red and blue class** should come to school in **school uniform** and bring party clothes in a named bag to change in to after lunch.

Christmas lunch on Wednesday 20 December

We will order a **school Christmas lunch** for **all children in yellow, green, red and blue class**. Parents of children in yellow and green class will not have to pay for this meal as it is provided free due to the Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative. Parents of children in red and blue class who pay for their child's meals should pay in the normal way as part of the weekly payment on Monday 18 December. If you **do not want to order** a Christmas lunch for your child please provide a packed lunch and **inform us in writing by Friday 01 December**.

Count down to the Christmas fayre

Our annual **Christmas fayre** is on **Friday 15 December** from **3:15pm**. We are hoping to make this our best fayre ever. The countdown to the event includes-

- **Week beginning Monday 20 November**
 - raffle tickets will be sent home;
 - non uniform 2 on Friday 24 November. Please send in donations for the chocolate / sweetie tombola.
- **Week beginning Monday 27 November**
 - Christmas letters to Santa available to buy for £1.00. Santa has promised a reply for every child.
- **Week beginning Monday 04 December**
 - non uniform 3 on Friday 08 December. Please send in donations for the general tombola.
- **Week beginning Monday 11 December**
 - Christmas fayre on **Friday 15 December**, including
 - raffle with first prize of £50 and other fabulous prizes to be won;
 - loads of stalls- tombolas (bottle, chocolate / sweetie and general) and pick the lock;
 - hand-made items for sale, including calendars with pictures of children in each class, reindeer dust, snowman poo, reindeer poo, hot chocolate reindeers;
 - colouring competition;
 - hot drinks and biscuits, hot dogs, chips and juice.
 - fingers crossed that Santa will be coming to the fayre so children can give him their Christmas letter and tell him what is on their Christmas list.

Help at Christmas

We are a small school with a small staff team. We are very lucky that the staff team are so committed and hard working to ensure that we provide the best opportunities that we can for our children. At this time of year we do become very stretched while we try to arrange all of these extra events for our children and their families. We would be very grateful for any offers of help from any parents and carers who may have some time available. Please let your child's class teacher know if you can help craft activities, display work and rehearsals.

Christmas performances

Our Christmas performance from children in yellow and orange class this year is “It’s A Baby” on **Monday 18 December at 9:15am** (doors open at 8:45am). Our children in green, red and blue class will be bringing you a carol concert on **Monday 18 December at 2:15pm** (doors open at 2:00pm) and **Tuesday 19 December at 9:15am** (doors open at 9:00am). All children will be taking part in either a singing or acting role.

Information about all performances

- The performances will start at 9:15am or 2:15pm- **late comers will not be admitted;**
- The **main entrance at the school office** will be the only entrance and exit.

Use of video and photographs

- Parents and carers may take **photographs and use videos**, but these must not be shared publicly on the internet. This includes social networking sites such as Facebook.

Tickets for performances

It would be lovely if everyone could see all the Christmas performances but we do not have enough space. In order to ensure the safety of all of our children and guests and to comply with the maximum capacity for the hall, we will be issuing tickets for the performances.

- For **orange and yellow class** each family can have up to 4 tickets for the performance (4 tickets per family for Monday 18 December) priced at 50p per ticket.
- For **green, red and blue class each** family can have up to 2 tickets for each performance (up to 2 tickets per family for Monday 18 December and up to 2 tickets per family for Tuesday 19 December) priced at 50p per ticket.
- The deadline for orders and payments to be received in school is **Monday 11 December**. Tickets will be sent home with your eldest child during the course of that week. Tickets will be numbered. Guests are required to sit in their numbered seat.
- **Seats cannot be reserved**, except for disabled guests. Guests who required disabled access must indicate on the booking form and they will be issued with a ticket with disabled access.
- People who arrive to watch the performance without a ticket will not be allowed to come in. We are giving plenty of notice about the tickets (3 full weeks). We will not exceed the maximum capacity of the hall in order to accommodate people who have not ordered tickets.

Extra tickets

- There may be an opportunity to have additional tickets. Additional tickets will be allocated after each family has received their tickets for each performance and names will be drawn out of a hat up to the maximum capacity of the hall. Please add extra ticket requests on the order form attached. Please note that any extra tickets will be allocated to seats which are available after the initial allocation. Additional guests will not be seated with their family members.

Suitability for young children

- The performances are around 45 minutes in length and are therefore unlikely to be suitable for young children. We cannot accommodate pushchairs and prams in the hall. If you do decide to bring a young child, you will be asked to take them out if they are unsettled as a mark of respect to the children on stage and as a courtesy to other guests.

Fundraising

- **Voluntary donations** may be made at the end of each performance, which will go to **school funds**.

Christmas performance ticket orders

Please complete the attached ticket order form and return it to school with payment by **Monday 11 December**.

Tickets will be sent home with your eldest child from **Tuesday 12 December**. Any additional tickets will be sent home after this date. Tickets will be numbered.

We are giving three full weeks' notice about ordering tickets. Payment must be made with orders.

Orders for tickets received after Monday 11 December will not be accepted.

Class of the term non uniform on Friday 22 December

The class with the best attendance and punctuality for the autumn term will be invited to wear **non uniform** on **Friday 22 December**. They will be informed in writing on Thursday 21 December. All other children should wear their school uniform on Friday 22 December.

Community events

Children in the choir from red and blue class will be singing at **Seghill Christmas fayre** in the Institute at **12:00 noon on Saturday 18 November**. They will also be singing at the **Seghill Senior Citizens Christmas Party on Saturday 09 December**. We have also been asked by Daft As A Brush to sing at the **Freeman Hospital on Monday 11 December**.

Movie night on Wednesday 20 December

Children in yellow class year 1, green, red and blue class are invited to stay after school until 5:00pm for movie night on **Wednesday 20 December**. Tickets cost **£2.00** and include film and food. The children will vote for their choice of film. Movie night tickets will be on sale from Monday 04 December until Friday 15 December.

