

# Seghill First School Newsletter October 2018 edition 1

**Whole school attendance 96.6%. Attendance target 96.3%**

## Message from Miss Chappell

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual **Macmillan coffee morning** this morning. As always at this event, there was a lovely feel in the hall with brilliant cakes and goodies that you very kindly donated. I must say a special thank you to Daniela Hedley, Susan Mullen, Claire Robinson and school staff for their marvellous work on the refreshments. We could not manage to host these events without you. **We raised a brilliant total of £226 for Macmillan.**

In addition to this, we **raffled some gorgeous cupcakes**. Winning tickets drawn at the end of the coffee morning belonged to Daniel Hall and Kaydan Ruler, both in blue class. Well done, Daniel and Kaydan. Don't forget where my office is when you leave tonight with your cakes! This raffle raised **£45 for school funds**.

It is great to have our Year 4 children back from **Dukeshouse Wood** following a very successful residential visit with Mrs Bell and Mrs Knowles.

A number of weeks ago we sent home your **data collection sheet** and **home school agreement** for you to check, sign and return to school. We are still waiting for these forms to be returned by some families. Please return them so we can contact you if your child is ill in school and so we can update our records.

With this newsletter we have included an updated **calendar of events** for parents and information about **Operation Encompass**. We have also included an invite to our **harvest lunch** on Friday 19 October and information about the **school photographer's** visit to school on Monday 22 October. Please check the dates for returning reply slips for the harvest lunch and photographs.

Have a peaceful weekend.  
Miss Chappell

## Jeans for Genes update

Thank you to all the children and staff who came to school wearing denim on Friday 21 September to support the Jeans for Genes charity. We raised **£58**. Well done, everyone.

## September attendance update 01 September to 28 September

Whole school attendance for the month of September is 95.3%, which is 1% below national average and our target.

In September we have lost the following days-

- 18 days due to leave of absence during term time;
- 49 days to illness or medical appointments;
- 4 days due to unauthorised absence.

We have also recorded 24 late marks.

Attendance for each class is as follows-

<b>Yellow class</b>	90.2%	<b>Red class</b>	96.1%
<b>Green class</b>	96.5%	<b>Blue class</b>	96.9%

Please make sure that you contact us on the first day of absence by 9:15am if your child is ill. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like support with your child's attendance or punctuality.

### Childline website for under 12s

We have been asked to promote a new website launched by Childline aimed at children under the age of 12. This provides age appropriate content on topics including: bullying, family, friends, feelings, school, abuse and staying safe. It also includes games and therapeutic tools for young visitors to play and express how they are feeling. It will be promoted through the NSPCC's Speak out Stay safe programme. The address is [www.childline.org.uk/kids](http://www.childline.org.uk/kids)

### Reading champions

Mrs Knowles has organised a meeting for parents who are interested in becoming a reading champion on **Friday 26 October** at 8:45am. We have a small group of very committed reading champions who give us a massive amount of help and support but it would be great to see more parents in school.

### Harvest lunch

We are delighted to announce the details of our **harvest lunch**. This will take place in the school hall on **Friday 19 October** from 12 noon until 1pm. This will bring our topic week to a close.

We would like to invite grandparents to attend this lunch. **Vegetable soup and bread**, which will be made by the children in key stages 1 and 2, will be served. Tea, coffee and biscuits will also be available. The cost of the harvest lunch will be £2.00, to cover the cost of the ingredients.

We would like to invite one grandparent, senior family member or senior family friend to attend. There will of course be some families who are not able to attend this event, just like some families are not able to attend some of our other events during the school day, so please don't worry about it. The children will be eating their lunch as normal in the dining room so children will not actually be aware of who is here and who isn't. We can't host this lunch and provide our usual school meals service at the same time on this day so school meals and the harvest lunch will be served separately.

If you have a grandparent, senior family member or senior family friend who would like to attend, please complete and return the reply slip by next Friday, **Friday 12 October**, with £2.00.

### Admissions to Year 5 in September 2019

At the end of this school year, Year 4 children will move to Year 5. As we are part of a three tier partnership of schools, this means that they will move to a middle school. Children in our school usually transfer to Seaton Sluice Middle School, as we are one of their feeder first schools. Parents have the right to apply for a place for their child at Seaton Sluice Middle School or any other school of their choice. Year 5 may seem a long way off, but the **deadline for applications for Year 5 places closes on Wednesday 31 October 2018.**

In recent years a number of our Year 4 parents have not completed the application process for a Year 5 place for the following September by the deadline. This has resulted in very difficult situations as both Seaton Sluice Middle School and Whytrig Middle School are regularly oversubscribed. **It is absolutely vital that you apply for a Year 5 place in middle school by Wednesday 31 October 2018.** Please visit the **admissions pages** on the County Council's website and read the **Middle, High and Secondary School Admissions Handbook 2018 – 2019**. This explains how to register online.

### Star of the week

Our stars of the week for week beginning **Monday 24 September** and **01 October** are-

**Blue class star** Jessica C and Thomas;

**Green class star** Alfie and Katie;

**Red class star** Joey and Mattias;

**Yellow class star** Callum W and Ava-Betty;

**Orange class star** Bobby and Beau;

**Support staff star** Dylan and Jay;

**Miss Chappell's star** Aurora and Jessica W;

**Miss Chappell's staff star** Mrs Lyons, Mrs Bell and Mrs Knowles.



## Calendar summary 2018 to 2019

<b>Celebration assemblies</b>	<b>Class assemblies</b>
Friday 26 October at 2:30pm	Blue class Friday 08 February 8:45am
Friday 21 December at 8:45am	Green class Friday 08 March 2:30pm
Friday 15 February at 2:30pm	Red class Friday 10 May 2:30pm
Thursday 04 April at 8:45am	Yellow class Friday 14 June 8:45am
Friday 24 May at 2:30pm	Orange class Friday 05 July 11:00am
Thursday 18 July at 8:45am	
Year 4 leavers' assembly Friday 19 July	
<b>Autumn term coffee mornings at 8:45am</b>	<b>Summer term coffee mornings at 8:45am</b>
Red class Monday 17 September	Blue class Monday 29 April
Green class Tuesday 18 September	Orange class Monday 29 April 11:00am
Yellow class Wednesday 19 September	Red class Tuesday 30 April
Orange class Thursday 20 September 11:00am	Green class Wednesday 01 May
Blue class Friday 21 September	Yellow class Friday 03 May
<b>Spring term coffee mornings at 8:45am</b>	<b>Full governing body meetings</b>
Yellow class Monday 14 January	Wednesday 28 November 5:00pm
Blue class Tuesday 15 January	Wednesday 27 March 5:00pm
Red class Wednesday 16 January	Wednesday 26 June 5:00pm
Green class Friday 18 January	
Orange class Friday 25 January	
<b>Autumn term meetings for parents and children with class teachers</b>	<b>Spring term meetings for parents and children with class teachers</b>
Friday 19 October 2018 8:45am red and green class	Monday 01 April 2019 8:45am red and green class
Tuesday 23 October 2018 8:45am blue class	Tuesday 02 April 2019 8:45am blue and orange class
Wednesday 24 October 2018 8:45am yellow class	Wednesday 03 April 2019 8:45am yellow class
Wednesday 24 October 2018 3:30pm all year groups	Wednesday 03 April 2019 3:30pm all year groups
Thursday 25 October 2018 8:45am orange class	
<b>Christmas performances</b>	<b>Christmas parties</b>
Monday 17 December 9:15am yellow and orange	Thursday 20 December 1:00pm yellow and orange
Monday 17 December 2:15pm red, blue and green	Friday 21 December 1:00pm red, blue and green
Tuesday 18 December 9:15am red, blue and green	
<b>Santa's reading challenge</b>	<b>Easter tables challenge</b>
Monday 03 December start	Monday 18 March starts
Monday 17 December ends	Monday 01 April ends
Friday 21 December certificates	Thursday 04 April certificates
<b>Classes</b>	
Nursery orange	
Reception yellow	
Year 1 red	
Year 2 green	
Years 3 and 4 blue	

## Fundraising events 2018 to 2019

<b>Fundraising and community events</b>
<b>Autumn 2018</b>
Jeans for Genes Friday 21 September non uniform
Macmillan coffee morning Friday 05 October coffee morning
Harvest lunch Friday 19 October 12:00 noon to 1:00pm
Film night Tuesday 06 November 2018 from 3:15pm to 5:00pm for red, green and blue class
Non uniform for Christmas fayre 1 Friday 09 November
Non uniform for Christmas fayre 2 Friday 23 November
Non uniform for Christmas fayre 3 Friday 07 December
Christmas fayre Friday 14 December at 3:15pm
Film night Wednesday 19 December from 3:15pm to 5:00pm for red, green and blue class
<b>Spring 2019</b>
World book day book sale and coffee morning Thursday 07 March
Mother's day lunch Friday 29 March
Easter disco Thursday 04 April at 3:15pm for red, green and blue class
Easter egg competition Thursday 04 April (judged in celebration assembly)
<b>Summer 2018</b>
Games night Friday 10 May from 3:15pm to 5:00pm for red, green and blue class
Ground Force day Friday 07 June
Non uniform for summer fayre 1 Friday 14 June
Father's day lunch Friday 14 June
Non uniform for summer fayre 2 Friday 28 June
Non uniform for summer fayre 3 Friday 12 July
Summer fayre Wednesday 17 July at 3:15pm
<b>Sports events</b>
Yellow and orange class sports day Tuesday 11 June at 8:45am
Yellow and orange class sports day reserve date Wednesday 12 June
Red, blue and green class sports day Thursday 13 June at 8:45am
Red, blue and green class sports day reserve date Monday 17 June
Cycling for Blue class Year 4 Friday 22, Monday 25, Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 March
<b>Topic weeks</b>
Autumn topic week Monday 15 to Friday 19 October 2018
Spring and summer topic weeks to be confirmed

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05 October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you about Operation Encompass. This is an innovative project in which schools in Northumberland are participating, and which is run in partnership with Northumberland County Council and Northumbria Police. Many other Local Authorities both nationally and locally have successfully implemented Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass aims to support children and young people who are affected by domestic abuse. Witnessing domestic abuse is really distressing for a child or young person, who often see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards or can be physically hurt by trying to stop the abuse.

As a result, following any domestic abuse incident being reported to the police, the Police will make contact with Children's Social Care who will then communicate relevant and necessary information to nominated school staff. This will ensure that the school is made aware at the earliest possible opportunity and can subsequently provide support to children in a way that means they feel safe and listened to.

Each school has members of staff (key adults) who have been fully trained in liaising with police and Children's Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following the disclosure of a domestic abuse incident.

I believe that this project demonstrates our school's commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children, and to providing the best possible care and support for our pupils.

In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about the project or require further information please contact our key adults in school who are either Miss Chappell or Mrs Knowles on 0191 237 0419 or via email at [admin@seghill.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@seghill.northumberland.sch.uk)

You can also find out more information here <http://www.operationencompass.org/> and <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03y9r5h>

Yours sincerely  
Miss Chappell  
Headteacher





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05 October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

We are visiting school to take your child's photograph on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018.

It is very important to us that the photographs reflect your child as you see them. Please make sure that they come to school in full school uniform. We will try to make sure that all children look their best for their photograph but we cannot style hair.

We will take photographs in the following order-

- families with older siblings at middle and high school;
- families with pre-school children;
- family groups of children in our school (no pre-school or older siblings);
- individual photographs.

Please note that if your child has a brother or sister in school, they will only be photographed together unless you specifically wish to purchase an individual photograph.

Please complete and return the slip below by **Monday 15 October**.

After the photographs have been taken a proofcard will be sent to you, offering a choice of packages. To ensure that you are included in free delivery to school, please return your order with your proofcard to school before the date shown on your proofcard.

Yours sincerely,  
*Michelle Fowler*

## Invite to harvest lunch on Friday 19 October 2018

If you have a grandparent, senior family member or senior family friend who would like to attend, please complete and return the reply slip by next Friday, **Friday 12 October**, with £2.00.

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Name of adult who will be attending the harvest lunch on Friday 19  
October 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose £2.00 to cover the cost of the ingredients.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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### Photograph permission slip

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that if your child has a brother/sister in school, they will only be photographed together unless you specifically request an individual photograph.

#### Please tick to indicate your requirements.

- I would like my child photographed individually.
- I would like my child photographed with his/her brother/sister in school. Name/s:  
..... Class .....
- ..... Class .....
- ..... Class .....
- I would like my children photographed together and individually.
- I would like to bring in my child's brother/sister, who does not attend this school, to be photographed with him/her.

Photographs will be taken on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018.

Signed ..... parent/carer

Please complete and return by **Monday 15 October**.

