

Seghill First School Newsletter September 2019 edition 1

Attendance target 96.3%

Welcome back

We hope you have enjoyed a happy and peaceful summer break. It is lovely to see all of the children looking so smart in their school uniform.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our **new children**- Paddy, Milo, Mason, Frankie and Orla. Our new Nursery children will be joining us next week.

We would also like to welcome our **new staff**. **Mrs Ellison** will be providing additional support to learning in red class. Mrs Ellison worked here previously and is looking forward to joining us.

Mrs Pennell will be joining our team to be a lunchtime supervisory assistant following Miss Meredith's retirement. **Miss Ornsby** will return to work as a lunchtime supervisory assistant following a lengthy absence.

Miss Edmondson will be working with **Mrs Hurst** in both breakfast club and after school club.

Our classes and staff are arranged like this-

Year group	Class name	Staff names
Nursery class	orange class	Mrs Askew and Mrs Whitelaw/Mrs Miller
Reception class	yellow class	Mrs Kembrey and Mrs Hurst
Year 1 class	red class	Mrs Knowles and Mrs Ellison
Year 2 class	green class	Mrs Lyons
Year 3 and 4 class	blue class	Mrs Bell

Mrs Whitelaw and **Mrs Miller** will continue to support learning in orange and yellow class during the morning sessions and throughout school during afternoon sessions. **Mrs Hurst** will provide additional support to learning in yellow class.

Mrs Watson will be starting her maternity leave on Friday 13 September. She will be supporting learning throughout the school until this date. **Mrs Lyons** will be teaching green class full time while Mrs Watson is on maternity leave.

As always, your child's class teacher should be the first person you talk to if you have any questions or to discuss an issue. I always try to see parents straight away if I am available, or by appointment via Mrs Elliott in the school office.

PE days for the autumn term A

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

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.

Autumn term coffee mornings

Class teachers will be providing class coffee mornings during **week beginning Monday 16 September**. We hope you will be able to join us. Each class has their coffee morning on a different day each term rather than on a set day each term- please see our diary dates sheet. We hope you will be able to attend. The dates and times are-

Red class	Monday 16 September at 8:45am
Yellow class	Wednesday 18 September at 8:45am
Blue class	Thursday 19 September at 8:45am
Orange class	Thursday 19 September at 11:00am
Green class	Friday 20 September at 8:45am.

The class with the highest percentage attendance of adults at the coffee morning will win 15 minutes extra playtime.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

We are delighted to announce that we are now operating a **Breakfast Club** and an **After School Club**.

Breakfast Club opens at **7:30am**. Please take your child to the Club Room. Staff from Breakfast Club will take your child to their classroom at the start of the school day.

After School Club runs from **3:15pm to 5:15pm**. Staff from After School Club will collect your child from their classroom at 3:15pm. Please collect your child to the Club Room.

Breakfast Club costs **£3.50** per child and includes breakfast. **After School Club** costs **£7.00** per child and includes tea. Parents who book their child in for both a morning and after school session to be taken on the same day will **receive a discount of 50p**, so the cost will be **£10.00** in total for the day rather than £10.50.

Bookings for Breakfast Club and After School Club must be made in advance; children cannot turn up on the day without a booking.

We hope that this service will be well used and will support families in our village.

Dukeshouse Wood

There is a meeting about Dukeshouse Wood for parents, carers and Year 4 children in blue class on **Thursday 12 September at 3:15pm**. It is important that an adult from each family attends this meeting, as we will be sharing the final arrangements with you and collecting information which will be required while the children are away.

Jeans for Genes

Staff and children are invited to wear **denim** and pay a minimum donation of 50p on **Friday 20 September** to support the Jeans for Genes charity. This charity does amazing work to support families where a child has a genetic disorder. We will be learning about genetic disorders and the work of the charity in assemblies in the next few weeks.

School uniform

As we have said, it is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their school uniform. In order to ensure that your child returns home with their own uniform, **please ensure that all items are named**. We have already come across a number of issues, particularly with jumpers and cardigans, because they are not named.

Punctuality

We want to make a super start to the new school year with all children arriving at school on time and being collected on time. Please support us to make sure your child has the best possible start to the day by **arriving at their classroom by 8:45am**. Gates are locked at 8:45am and late comers must come to the school office, which is not a good start to the day.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon Friday 27 September

We will be hosting our annual **Macmillan coffee afternoon** on **Friday 27 September** in the school hall from **2:00pm**. This is always a wonderful event.

Children in **yellow, red, green and blue class** will be brought to the hall to join you for a cake and cuppa. Parents of children in orange class are very welcome to come back to school and join us for a cake and a cuppa.

We will be selling a **cake and a cuppa for £1**. Cake pledges will be sent out soon. We are very much looking forward to supporting the Macmillan charity again this year.

Information for parents and carers

On Friday we will be sending out a pack of information for parents and carers. This will include the following information for you to keep-

- Copy of the school calendar including training days and holidays;
- Copy of the 2019 – 2020 diary;
- E-safety information;
- Information about Operation Encompass;
- Information about Operation Endeavour.

We are circulating the diary dates for the whole academic year to give you advance notice about all of our events between now and the end of July 2020. Please keep this at hand to make sure you know what is happening. Extra events may be added as the year progresses, but we hope you find this useful.

We also need some information from you. We will be sending home some forms that we need you to complete and return to school. They are-

- Home school agreement;
- Admissions form;
- Medical conditions form;
- Local visits form;
- Photograph permission form.

Please read the instructions in the information pack and complete and return the specified forms by **Friday 13 September**. It is very important that we have the correct contact details for you and your permission for activities.

Parentmail

We use Parentmail to send out **text messages and emails** to parents and carers. We will circulate Parentmail registration forms to **parents of all of our new children**. Please complete and return the registration form so Mrs Elliott can upload your details to the system.

If your child is already in school and you are **not registered with Parentmail**, please see Mrs Elliott for a Parentmail registration form. Please complete and return the registration form so Mrs Elliott can upload your details to the system.

If your child is already in school and you are **not receiving text messages or mails via Parentmail** and you have completed a registration form, please see Mrs Elliott and she will check your details to the system. Parentmail is a very good system but it only works if we have the correct contact details for you.

