

Seghill First School Newsletter February 2017 edition 1

Introduction from the Chair of Governors

I am delighted to introduce our new Chair of Governors, Mrs Steph Hall. Please see her letter below.

Dear Parents

My name is Stephanie Hall and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at Seghill First School. I have been a governor since May 2016 and took over as Chair in January.

I have a 38 year background in education. Having worked as both a teacher and a Head Teacher, I have a lot of experience and knowledge about how good schools work, what Ofsted look for, what children need to progress and, very importantly, what parents should expect.

It is our job, as governors, to ensure that the school is well-run. It is a relationship which works when all stakeholders, teachers, parents, children and governors, work together. We all want what is best for our children.

As Governors, we meet regularly and always with a focus of school improvement. We are also in school from time- to- time catching up, or working alongside Miss Chappell. In this way, we get the information we need to do our job properly and we can support the school.

As Chair, I hope to be at occasional events and hopefully to take an assembly now and then. Please do say hello if you see me. And, very importantly, if you need to speak to either myself or any other governor, please contact us through the school office.

Regards,

Steph Hall



Governor contacts

Our governors are Mrs Steph Hall (Chair of Governors), Mrs Peta Spence (Vice Chair of Governors), Mr Mike Catchpole, Mrs Kerry Hall, Mrs Alison Hunter, Mrs Clare McCoy, Mrs Stella Murdy and Mr David Street. Governors can be contacted in writing via the school office or by email at admin@seghill.northumberland.sch.uk

Bags2school

We collected 197kg for our Bags2school appeal. Thank you to everyone who contributed. We made a total of £78 from this to add to school funds.

Creative day for Chinese New Year on Monday 30 January

Children had a very enjoyable whole school creative day to celebrate Chinese New Year on Monday 30 January. Children learnt about traditions and customs relating to the Chinese New Year celebrations. Children in Early Years class 2 and Years 1 to 4 had a Chinese themed meal for lunch. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our assembly on Monday afternoon, which rounded off the day beautifully.

Do we have your current mobile number? Please let Mrs Elliott know as soon as you change your number so we can contact you in an emergency and keep you up to date by text messages.

Building work

Building work is on schedule despite some very cold weather recently. The windows in the Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms on the Cheviot View side and windows in the Year 3 and Year 4 classrooms on the field side have been replaced. Work in the internal corridors continues. Work in the Early Years unit and the hall will be completed in February half term holidays.

FUNdraising events

Following a meeting of the fundraising team on Monday we are delighted to announce these new, exciting events-

- **Friday 17 February celebration assembly coffee morning**

Parents, carers, grandparents and friends are welcome to join us in the hall from 8:45am for a cuppa while watching all children taking part in the end of spring A celebration assembly. There will also be a raffle.

- **Friday 03 March World Book Day coffee morning and book sale**

Join us in the hall for a cake and cuppa for £1 from 8:45am. All children will be brought to the book sale by their teachers, when you can buy them a book. Parents can go back to the classroom with their child to share a book. Donations of books and cakes will be very gratefully received. Children and staff are asked to come to school dressed as a book character on Thursday 02 March- more details in our next newsletter.

- **Thursday 06 April Easter disco**

We are having a disco for children in key stages 1 and 2 and for Early Years children who are accompanied by an adult from 3:15pm to 5:00pm. Hot dogs and juice will be served, included in the ticket price of £2.

- **Thursday 27 April games night**

Children in key stages 1 and 2 can join us from 3:15pm to 5:00pm in the school hall for games night. Hot dogs and juice will be served, included in the ticket price of £2.

If you are able to help us at any of these events, please let us know.

After school clubs

The after school club for spring term B is **multi sports** for children in **Years 2 and 3**. This will operate on Tuesdays after school until 4:15pm. Letters with more details will go out to Years 2 and 3 children next week.

Seaton Valley multi skills academy

Four children in Year 4 have been chosen to represent our school at the Seaton Valley multi skills academy. This is where children from each Seaton Valley first school compete against each other and themselves to set personal bests in a range of sporting events. Murray, Devon, Bailey and Tianna competed at Seaton Sluice First School last week and New Hartley First School today. Feedback from the organiser was that our children were excellent- very hard working and super behaviour. What a credit to our school and our families.

Spring term meetings for parents with class teachers

Reminder that meetings for parents with class teachers will take place from **3:00pm on Tuesday 04 April** and **3:30pm on Wednesday 05 April**. More information will be sent out after half term. Please make sure you have a note of these dates in your diary.