

Seghill First School Newsletter December 2019 edition 2

Whole school attendance since September 2019	93.9%	Attendance target	96.3%
Attendance this term so far	93.9%	Number of late marks this term so far	156

Fundraising update

Thank you so much to everyone who came to or contributed to our Christmas events this year. The total raised from our wonderful Christmas fayre, movie night, performance tickets and raffles and Christmas Eve packs was a magnificent **£1471**.

The purpose of our fundraising events throughout the year is to raise enough money so all our children have a treat at Christmas time and to subsidise the cost of school visits.

The Christmas treats cost £870 this year- £275 for the theatre performance for red, yellow and orange class and £595 for the children in green and blue class to go ice skating at Woodhorn.

In terms of collecting for other charities, we raised-

- Jeans for Genes £83.65;
- Macmillan coffee morning £239.70;
- Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal £42.30.



In addition to this we collected donations for the Seaton Valley Food Bank through our harvest festival. Children in the choir raised money for Daft As A Brush by singing at the Freeman Hospital on Tuesday.

The events that we are able to offer are only possible because of the **fundraising group** and all of their amazing hard work before, during and after all of the events. It is these ladies who go to buy the food and drinks for our events, set them all up, source prizes, set up the raffles and tombolas, arrange for other people to look after their children so they can staff the events and then tidy up after them. This is all done in their own time and at cost to themselves which I know they never claim back for. Without them, our amazing programme of fundraising activities would be significantly restricted and much less successful. Some people are able to contribute to every event and some do so when they can but all contributions are so very much appreciated. So to Denise, Daniela, Emma, Helen and Susan, we send you a huge thank you.

Christmas performances

Yet again this year the children did a fabulous job in all three of the Christmas performances. As always there were a few watery eyes in the audience. The performances all showcased the very talented, confident and enthusiastic children that we have in our school.

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers in the audience, as well as special guests. Those of you who saw Miss Meredith and Mr Leighton will see that retirement is suiting them both very well and they both looked smashing.

Not only were the children brilliant but all of the staff did a wonderful job in planning and putting on the shows. Thank you to all of the staff and the adult helpers for their amazing work. We hope you enjoyed them.

Singing group

The singing group did an amazing job singing at the **Seghill Senior Citizens' Christmas party** and at the Freeman Hospital in aid of **Daft As A Brush**.

The children sang without any words or backing tracks at both events, which is a great skill to have. They were fabulous and we are very proud of them. They are Jessica W, Maisie, Casey, Aurora, Lucy, Evie, Abbie, Emily He, Emily Ha, Rachael, Layla, Jake, Lily, Katie, Lauren and Jessica F. Well done, singers, you made us all feel very Christmassy!

Attendance and punctuality

Information for each class for autumn term is-

class	% attendance	days missed	late marks
Yellow	93.5	88	37
Red	93.6	102.5	35
Green	90.6	102.5	14
Blue	95.6	112.5	70
Whole school	93.9	405.5	156

Certificates were given out in celebration assembly this morning for **excellent attendance** in autumn term B and the whole autumn term. **30 children** had excellent attendance in autumn term B while **31 children** had excellent attendance in the whole autumn term.

Blue class had the best attendance in the autumn term with **95.9%** and they were invited to wear **non uniform** today to celebrate. Well done blue class.

Blue class had the best attendance in autumn term B with **95.2%** and they will have an afternoon of **Golden Time** with Mrs Bell after the Christmas break.

The winner of the **autumn term B £10 voucher** was **Mason** in blue class and the winner of the **autumn term £20 voucher** was **Maisie** in blue class.

Reminder about parental duty to inform school of pupil absence

It is the responsibility of parents to inform school on the first day of their child's absence by 9:15am. The school office opens at 8:30am and messages left on the answer machine are picked up then and then noted in the absence book. Failure to inform school of your child's absence will lead to the absence being unauthorised.

Staffing update

Mr Taylor will be leaving us today as he has secured a new job at a school closer to home in Darlington. I'm sure that he will miss the journey to and from Seghill every day! Mr Taylor has worked here for 4 years and will be missed by us all. Good luck in your new school.

Recruitment for a **new caretaker** is underway and interviews will take place in early January.

Mrs Pennell has also left us and although she only worked here for a short time, we are also sad to see her go. A new lunchtime supervisory assistant will be starting with us in January.

Spring term A clubs

We are offering **gymnastics club for children in green and blue class** on Tuesday nights next half term with **Mr Dowson** from Shape Performance Coaching.

We have organised **team games club for children in red and blue class** on Thursday nights next half term with **coaches** from the Newcastle United Foundation. Please see the separate letter about this if your child is in red, green or blue class.

Spring term A PE days

PE days for spring term A are-

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



January 2020	
Monday 06	School closed- staff training day
Tuesday 07	School opens for the spring term
	January new starters stay and play 1:00pm
Monday 13	Blue class coffee morning 8:45am*
Tuesday 14	Showing potential trials with Mr Dowson for blue class pupils
Wednesday 15	Red class coffee morning 8:45am
Thursday 16	Green class coffee morning 8:45am
Friday 17	Yellow class coffee morning 8:45am*
Friday 17	Reception class eye testing
Thursday 23	Environment for Learning and Resource Management committee meetings
Friday 24	Orange class coffee morning 11:00am
February 2020	
Friday 07	Blue class assembly 8:45am
w/b Monday 10	Topic week with a focus on RE
Wednesday 12	Gymnastics festival for Year 3 and 4 gymnastics squad
Friday 14	Spring A celebration assembly 2:15pm
	Non-uniform in aid of school fund
Monday 17 to Friday 21 February school closed for February half term	
Monday 24	School opens for spring term B
March 2020	
Thursday 05	World book day book and toy sale and coffee morning 8:45am
Friday 06	Green class assembly 2:15pm
Friday 13	Sport Relief fun run
Wednesday 16	Full governing body meeting 5:00pm
Friday 20	Mother's day lunch
April 2020	
Thursday 02	Spring B celebration assembly 8:45am
	Easter egg competition judged in celebration assembly
	Easter disco 3:15pm
Friday 03	School closed- staff training day
Monday 06 to Friday 17 April school closed for Easter holidays	
Monday 20	School opens for the summer term

*Please note the change to the original dates published in September.

Breakfast and after school club

We are delighted to be operating **Breakfast Club** and **After School Club** again next term.

Breakfast Club opens at **7:30am**. Please take your child to the Club Room. **After School Club** runs from **3:15pm to 5:15pm**.

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.

Please note that due to staff and governor training on **Thursday 30 January 2020** **there will be no After School Club**. Please make alternative arrangements for childcare on that night.

**The children,
staff and
governors of
Seghill First
School wish
you a very
merry
Christmas
and all the
best for
2020.**