

Seghill First School Newsletter September 2017 edition 1

Whole school attendance 96.2%. 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- Keegan, Kaycee, Mitchell and William. Our new Nursery children will be joining us next week.

Our classes and staff are now arranged like this-

Year group	Class name	Staff name
Nursery class	orange class	Mrs Kembrey
Reception / Year 1	yellow class	Mrs Murdy
Year 1/ 2 class	green class	Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Watson
Year 3 class	red class	Mrs Knowles
Year 4 class	blue class	Mrs Bell

Mrs Whitelaw and Mrs Miller will support in orange and yellow class during the morning sessions and throughout school during afternoon sessions.

We will be referring to the classes by the name of their colour from now on. Please make a note of your child's class.

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.

Information for parents and carers

This newsletter is part of our pack of information for parents and carers. Please find attached the following extra information-

- Copy of the school calendar including training days and holidays;
- Diary dates for 2017 to 2018;
- E-safety information.

We have sent you 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 2018. 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 have also attached two important documents that we need you to complete and return to school. They are the **school admissions form** and the **home school agreement**. Please complete the school admissions form and return it to school by **Friday 15 September**. There are 2 copies of the home school agreement; please sign both and return one copy to school by **Friday 15 September**.

We will be sending out our revised attendance policy next week.

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.

Autumn term coffee mornings

Class teachers will be providing class coffee mornings during week beginning Monday 19 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. We have also included some coffee afternoons- please see our diary dates sheet. We hope that this change means that more of you will be able to attend.

Yellow and orange class

Wednesday 20 September at 8:45am in the Club Room.

Green class

Thursday 21 September at 8:45am in the green classroom.

Red and blue class

Friday 22 September at 8:45am in the blue classroom.

Fundraising meeting Tuesday 12 September

The fundraising group will be meeting at 5:00pm on **Tuesday 12 September at 5:00pm** in the **Club Room**. This meeting is for any parents and carers who are interested in supporting the school with fundraising activities. We have a great team of very hardworking fundraisers, but we are a very small group, and would love more members to join. Meetings are informal and we are keen to hear from new members. Please use the Club Room entrance- walk down the school drive and follow the path around to the Club Room. The rest of the doors will be locked and you will not be able to get in via the office.

PE days for the autumn term

Orange class

Monday (please come to school wearing joggers and trainers)

Yellow class

Monday and Thursday

Green, red and blue class

Tuesday and Thursday

Children should wear a plain white 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.

Reminder about individual and family photographs on Wednesday 13 September

All children should be dropped off at the classroom by 8:45am as normal. If you have returned a slip for a family photograph, please go to the hall. Your children will be sent for when it is your turn. Please do not take your children to the hall.

School meals

I am aware that there were some issues this week arising from the school meals provided being different to those on the menu. This was due to our cook receiving the food order for another school, and in order to compensate, Mrs Rogage did make extra choices for the children. I believe this has now been sorted out by the supplier, and we will be back to normal next week, providing meals as per week 2 of the menu.

Dukeshouse Wood

There is a meeting about Dukeshouse Wood for parents, carers and children in blue class on **Tuesday 19 September at 5:00pm**. 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.

Some parents have still not made the final payments for this visit, despite having had since January to pay £70. Please ensure that we receive any outstanding payments next week, as we have already paid for your child's place on the visit.

Reading champions required

Could you spare **15 minutes** to help us to support reading in school? We are desperately in need of help to **change children's reading books** and/or **listen to children read** so they can continue to make good progress. An ideal time would be from 8:45 to 9:00am when children are dropped off, however other times could be accommodated. Please let us know if you are able to help. Training and biscuits provided!