## Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 9- Spring Term 2

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**Achieve and Believe, Care and Share, Safe and Secure, Enjoy Together**

Attendance for this week

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| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 |
| 97.24% | 95.33% | 93.1% | 98.39% | 89.35% |
| Well done to WHITE Class for achieving such an amazing attendance result the week before half term. |

Thank you to our Whitley Bay High students!

This week, we were joined by Rose, Bethan and Sally for their work experience. It has been an absolute pleasure having all three girls with us and they have been perfect role models to all of the children. We would like to thank them for choosing our school for their work experience and congratulate them on such a successful placement. They are most certainly talented teachers in the making!

Change to May Bank Holiday

Please be aware that the usual Monday bank holiday will be on Friday 8th May instead. The government has announced the change of date to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day which took place on Tuesday 8th May 1945.

Rock Steady Music Crew

We are looking forward to welcoming back into school Tim from Rock Steady. We have already enjoyed an assembly with Tim who wowed us with his live performance on guitar, drums, keyboard and vocals. He will lead workshops in school on Monday 2nd March, giving the children the opportunity to be part of a mini-band. After school, interested parents and carers are invited into the school hall (with your child) to be part of an interactive workshop. Rock Steady is a private organisation and they will be offering lessons in school from April 2020. This will provide an opportunity to experience a sample of a lesson and ask questions. Lessons are paid for as a monthly subscription which you are not tied into, paid direct to Rock Steady. We look forward to meeting interested mini rock-stars. Please make your way through the main school entrance.

After School Clubs

We would like to remind parents and carers to check dates on letters regarding after school clubs. Most clubs change each half term and the start/end date is always stated on the letter which contains the signing up slip. There have been quite a few cases of children staying back for a club that has changed to a different focus or year group. Thank you for your support.

Safety Outside of School

This is a regular item on newsletters. We are still waiting for our safety zone to be marked on the roads outside of school. The current gas works have impacted on the project. However, there are still drivers from our school community who are driving in a dangerous manner, putting safety of pedestrians at risk. We request that drivers slow down and drive in a considerate and safe manner at all times.

Protocol for Communicating With School

Can we please ask that you consider the following when communicating with school:

* When reporting a pupil absence, please either phone the school to leave a message or speak directly with a member of staff. Alternatively, you can report an absence on Parent Mail. Please do not report an absence through Class Dojo. This is reliant on the fact that the class teacher will pick up the message before registration which is not always possible. If we don’t receive notification, Mrs Johnson will make a phone call to clarify the absence.
* If you have a pastoral concern about your child, you should speak with the Class Teacher initially. The Class Teacher is the person who spends most of the day with their class; they know the children best. They are also aware of group dynamics and more familiar with various events that occur across the school day. Should you be unhappy with the way an incident has been dealt with, or would like to discuss a matter further, you are of course most welcome to contact either Mrs Bennett or Mrs Walsh.
* If you would like to speak with the Class Teacher, please send a message through Class Dojo or phone the office. If you message is simply to inform the teacher of something or ask a simple question, feel free to just mention this in the message. The teacher will respond as soon as they can. However, if your concern warrants more of a conversation, it is more appropriate to request an appointment at a mutually convenient time.
* Please do not contact staff via Facebook or Messenger. Our committed staff work very hard and often work long hours. It is vital that once they leave school, they are able to relax and spend quality time with their own families. To receive a message on social media late at night impacts on quality time with their own family.

Many thanks for your support with this. We always welcome our families into school to discuss any concerns with us. We just ask that agreed procedures are adhered to in respect of work-life balance and staff well-being.

Reading Scheme Update

We are over the moon to inform you that our new reading scheme has arrived! The paper versions of’ The Bug Club’ scheme will soon be utilised (once organised) across the school and the digital versions used to compliment/support. Thank you to parents and carers who honestly articulated their thoughts about the implementation of this updated material. We have taken on board all of the comments, including ways of communicating changes within school in a more transparent way, outlining clearly the reasons for the change. As always, we are grateful to our families for their involvement and support. Thank you to our wonderful PTA and also our families through school fund contributions for making this possible.

Mrs Heslegrave

We would like to thank Mrs Heslegrave for her time spent with us at SSFS. She has been offered a new job and will leave school next week. We wish her well in her new position.

Mrs Johnson will remain with us until the position is advertised. Mrs Johnson is very happy to stay with us and has settled quickly and well into our school.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY- SPRING TERM**

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| Thurs 5th Mar | World Book Day |
| Fri 6th Mar | YEAR 2 CLASS ASSEMBLY |
| Fri 6th Mar | Y4 Showing Potential Academy (HVFS) 1-2:30pm |
| Wed 11th Mar | National Sing Up Day |
| Fri 13th Mar | Sport Relief  |
| Fri 13th Mar | Y4 Showing Potential Academy (SSFS) 1-2:30pm |
| Tues 17th Mar | Y3/4 Athletics Competition at SSMS (am)- 5 boys, 5 girls |
| Thurs 26th Mar | Y1 Godly Play (pm) |
| Mon 30th Mar | Y4 Cycling Experience |
| Tues 31st Mar | Y4 Cycling Experience |
| Wed 1st Apr | Y4 Cycling Experience |
| Tues 31st Mar | Parental Consultations R-Y4 3:30-6:00pm Nursery 1:30pm |
| Wed 1st Apr | Parental Consultations R-Y4 3:30-6:00 pm Nursery 1:30pm |
| Fri 3rd Apr | SVLP Teacher Training Day |
| Thurs 4th Apr-Mon 20th Apr |  EASTER HOLIDAYS |