



## Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 5- Autumn Term 2

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

Autumn term two already! We hope that you have had a lovely half-term holiday. The children have certainly returned to school raring to go and impressing us with their positive attitude towards learning. The first week back was 'We Love Learning' week which involved everyone taking part in different activities based on our school characteristics of learning.

### Attendance for this week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
93.7%	88%	92.6%	95%	94.7%

Well done to class for having the best attendance this week!

REMEMBER...the overall target for our school attendance is **96.2 %**

### We Love Learning Week

Our Behaviour For Learning posters are now displayed in the classrooms for the teachers and children to refer to. If you could chat with your children about what these behaviours mean to them and applying the same attitude to everyday life it would be much appreciated.

1. Keep on trying (perseverance)
2. Take pride (aiming high)
3. Get involved (teamwork and motivation)
4. Do it yourself (independence)
5. Listen and learn (concentration and focus)

### Breakfast Club update

Breakfast Club has got off to a flying start. Each day we have had a lovely group of children attend who have enjoyed mixing across the age groups, having breakfast together and starting the day in a positive, productive way. Can we please remind parents that children should be into the club by 8:30am at the very latest to ensure they receive their breakfast before the activities. The staff who are running the breakfast club are: Mrs Heslegrave and Miss Hall (Tuesday and Thursday) and Mrs Davidson and Miss Hall (Monday, Wednesday and Friday).

### PTFA Preparation for Christmas Fair

The PTFA are working hard in their preparations for our annual Christmas Fair. As part of this event, we would like the children who attend the choir to assemble in the hall at 3pm for a performance of Christmas songs. This will add an extra sparkle to the atmosphere.



There is a list available during Friday Celebration Assembly to sign up to additional stalls. All help is very much appreciated. Good quality toys, books, teddy bears and games can be brought in from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November and placed in the Community Room for the PTFA to sort through.

#### Children in Need Day (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November)

The theme for this year is 'Do Your Thing' so we would like the children to choose an outfit that represents themselves! It could be fancy dress, Pudsey bear theme, onesie themed or simply just their very favourite outfit! Donations of £1 are welcome and on the day we will be taking part in some fun themed activities.

#### Goodbye and Thank you!

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Kerrigan and Mrs Hills later this term. Mrs Kerrigan has been one of our lunch time supervisors and cleaning staff for many years and will be retiring at the end of November. Mrs Hills has also worked in the school cleaning and is currently one of the dinner staff. She is leaving to allow her to fulfil family commitments. They have both been wonderful, loyal staff, liked and valued by the children and staff. We would like to thank them for everything that they have done for the school and wish them luck as they move on to their next ventures.

#### Big Lottery Grant- Singing Spreads Sunshine

We can now confirm our exciting news! The school has been awarded £9000 for a singing and arts based project to be planned and delivered this year. Many thanks to the PTFA for applying for the grant, in particular, Sharon Stirling, Kim McGuire, Emma Stanyer and Julie Byrne.

The money will be used to plan a multi-school singing event on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 called '**Singing Spreads Sunshine**'. This will take place at The Whitley Bay Playhouse and will involve choirs from the schools within the Seaton Valley Learning Partnership. The funding will also allow us to purchase a choral riser for the pupils to perform on, design and buy our own choir uniform, some pop-up banners for the school and extra music tuition during the school day and also after school. We are sure that you are as excited as we are to be part of this project!

#### Linking with Tanzania- a message from Miss Chivers

As some of you know, we have supported the Newcastle based charity Coco for a number of years now. They have asked if we would like to link with a brand new nursery/primary school in the village of Milaweni, northern Tanzania. Milaweni school currently has 45 children, with ages ranging from 3-7years old. They have 3 teachers. The primary purpose of our link is to help our children and theirs to learn about a different culture and way of life. The educational benefits are huge and children in our school have always loved learning about life in Tanzania. We will be communicating with them via post and also through email (the school does not have electricity but there is a Coco employee who can get messages to the school).



We will also aim to raise small amounts of money for the school to help them to buy much needed resources and to contribute to their long-term goals of installing a fresh water pump and establishing a garden in which to grow food for school lunches. We will let you know more about our plans soon.

We hope that the children enjoy making friends with children in Milaweni and that you are happy to help us support them where we can.

You can find more information about Coco on their website: <http://www.coco.org.uk/>

### AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES

Please check every newsletter as this list will be regularly updated.

<b>November</b>	
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	NON UNIFORM- Bring in a ' bottle donation in a bag' for Christmas Fair
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-bullying week
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Any toy donations for the Christmas Fair are gratefully received this week.
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children In Need Day- BE YOURSELF theme!
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Rev Eva Walker visiting for assembly
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	PC Turnbull visiting school to work with KS2 pupils
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	SSFS Christmas Fair 2pm in the school hall
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu spray immunisations Reception-Year 4 (am)

<b>December</b>	
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Choir performing at Toy Service at SS Methodist Church 10:30am
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	ART FOCUS WEEK
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Market 3pm-4pm
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School Assembly- Rev John Bowler 2:30pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTFA Christmas Disco 3:15-5:00 in school hall (tickets £2.50)
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance 9:30am
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance 9:30am
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Eye test for Reception 9am
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Choir singing at St Paul's Christingle Service 10am
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 9:30am
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 1:30pm
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 9:30am
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 1:30pm
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Cinema Experience (am)
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 2, 3 and 4 cinema trip to SS Community Centre 1pm
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception Stay and Play session 1pm-3pm
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Whole school carols at St Paul's Church- families welcome to join 10am
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Christmas Party Day
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS</b>
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR SPRING TERM</b>