



Seaton Sluice First School

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Red	Orange	Yellow	White	Purple
100%	96.4%	100%	94.8%	100%

Red, Yellow AND Purple Class have the best attendance this week with 100%!!! WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Our overall school target for attendance is 96%

Supporting Young People Online

Please find below useful information about supporting young people online. This area of life changes rapidly and it is worth keeping up to date with current advice and guidance with online matters.

Remember! - Pierced earrings <u>MUST</u> be removed on PE days

Celebration assemblies

We all love our weekly Friday assembly and the great opportunities it provides for the sharing of success and special awards in our school. We have always been and continue to be thrilled with the number of parents/carers/friends attending each week and do not want this to change. Recently we seem to have more visitors with children aged 3 and under and this is making the noise level in the hall difficult. You will appreciate that it is the children's (and relatives special moment when they are at the front and being able to hear what is being said is important. We ask that if your little person is finding it difficult being quiet during the assembly that you please take them out through the back doors until they are more settled.

Many thanks for your support with this.

Remember! - Scooters and bicycles <u>MUST</u> not be ridden on the yard before and immediately after school

Year 4 bicycle rides

The year 4 bicycle rides scheduled for Monday and Tuesday next week have unfortunately been postponed. Mrs Love is in touch with Richard Rothwell about re arranging dates and these will be shared as soon as is possible. We apologise for the disappointment.

Scholastic book Fair

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped man the stall last week. The fair was a real success. You spent enough money to allow the school to spend £200 on books!

Remember! - Children <u>MUST</u> be supervised by parents/carers before and after school on school premises

School closure

As you all know the school was closed due to no electricity on Monday 6th March. We apologise for the inconvenience this caused and thank you for your patience and support. Thankfully things were rectified very quickly so we were up and running again the next day.

Remember! - Parents/Carers <u>MUST</u> make themselves visible at picking up time so that children can be handed over safely

Mother's Day Gifts

Gifts have been coming in all week. Thank you for your support. This is always a popular PTFA event and the children really love the opportunity to buy 'in secret'. Buying day is Thursday 23^{rd} March. Children need to bring in a £1 to buy a gift for mum. The gift will be wrapped and labelled.

Remember! - Dogs $\underline{\textit{MUST NOT}}$ be brought onto the school site

Headship Post

The Headship post has now been advertised and prospective candidates have been and continue to visit the school. All being well an announcement will be made very soon after the Easter holidays.

Remember! - Parents/Carers <u>MUST</u> check book bags daily for letters/homework/messages etc...

Easter Egg Competition

Your child will bring home their polystyrene egg to decorate on Friday 24^{th} March. Entries need to be brought to school on Tuesday 4^{th} April and taken home again on Wednesday 5^{th} April at the end of the school day. Please ensure your child's egg is named and says which class they are in. There will be two prize winners for each class. Viewing of the eggs for parents/carers will be at 3.00pm on Tuesday 4^{th} April and at 9.00am on Wednesday 5^{th} April.

Remember! - Book bags and water bottles (named) <u>MUST</u> be brought to school every day

Contact details

We have a number of parents who are telling us that they are not receiving texts. On inspection we find that mobile phone numbers have changed and we have not been notified. Mrs Heslegrave is going to develop a change of details card to fill in if this happens. Please ask her for one if you need one and remember to tell us if any of your contact details change. It is vital for safeguarding all children.

School Football

Our school football teams have started to play their weekly matches in the local league on Saturday mornings. This Saturday they play Abbeyfields, Morpeth and Holywell AT HOME. We wish them the best of luck. We plan to have some football reports in assembly on Friday as of next week.

Remember! - Parents/Carers <u>MUST</u> keep school up to date of any changes in telephone numbers / emergency contact details

Out of school activities

In addition to our own after school clubs our school premises are used after school and in the evenings for Karate and Dancing Sessions.

A number of staff in school have reported that children and parents have been seen sitting in the library. Children have also been seen playing the musical instruments in the corridor and playing on large PE apparatus in the hall.

We are also having a problem with parents bringing food for their children to eat during these times and a great deal of mess being left in school after the cleaning staff have completed their work for the day. We are keen for our lovely building to be used for the benefit of the community but ask all parents and children to respect the spaces and areas they are using. If you need to feed your children that's fine but please clear up afterwards.

The library area should not be used at all please. We currently have our screens being used at the art gallery so we need families to take notice of the library being blocked off in other ways at present.

We must also ask that anyone using the school toilets only use the toilets at the Early Years end of school or the toilet outside the offices in Reception. Access to KS2 corridor, classes, toilets and the Staff Room etc is not permitted.

FUTURE DIARY DATES

Monday 20th March: Year four afternoon cycle ride with Cycling Generation

Tuesday 21st March: Year four afternoon cycle ride with Cycling Generation

Wednesday 22nd March: Sing Up Day

Thursday 23rd March: PTFA buying of Mother's Day gifts. £1 per child.

Friday 24th March: Comic Relief Day. Dress in red for £1 and send in cakes and money to spend on a cake stall to raise money.

Friday 24th March: Polystyrene eggs to go out for Easter egg decorating competition

Tuesday 28th March: Parent/Carer consultations 3.30 - 6.30pm for nursery, reception y1, y2, y3 & y4.

Wednesday 29th March: Parent/Carer consultations nursery 1.00 - 3.00pm and rest of school 3.30 - 6.30pm

Thursday 30th March: Year four morning Paralympic festival

Monday 3rd April: PTFA Easter disco with G-Force 3.15 - 5.00pm

Tuesday 4^{th} April: PTFA Easter egg competition entries to be brought to school (parent/carer viewing 9.00 and 3.00)

Wednesday 5th April: Results of Easter egg competition in assembly

Thursday 6th April: Final meeting for Robinwood at 3.15pm in purple class

Friday 7th April: School closes for the Easter holidays at 3.15pm

Monday 24th April: School closed for staff training
Tuesday 25th April: School re-opens at 8.45am for nursery and 8.55am for main school

Monday 1st May: School closed for UK Bank holiday

Tuesday 16th May: Year four cycle ride with Cycling Generation in the afternoon

Wednesday 17th May: Year four cycle ride with Cycling Generation in the morning

Friday 19th May: School photographer in to do group photos of year four and reception and siblings photos

Monday 22nd May: Bring gifts in for Father's Day

Friday 26th May: School closes for half term

Monday 5th June: School re-opens at 8.45am for nursery and 8.55am for main school