



# Seaton Sluice First School

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## Newsletter items

### Welcome Back

We extend a very warm welcome to all new families who have recently joined us at Seaton Sluice First School.

Welcome back to all our returners! I hope you have all enjoyed a restful and refreshing summer break.

Thank you to all parents/carers who returned report reply slips before the holidays. There were some very kind and much appreciated comments and compliments.

The first few days have gone well and the children seem very happy and settled in their new classes. If you have any concerns or you or your child feels anxious in any way please do chat to me or your child's class teacher. We aim to find solutions wherever we can.

We welcome two new members of staff, Mrs Sawyers is our new nursery teacher and Mrs Wood is teaching year 2 until October half term.

The school has had some painting work completed during the holidays including all of the children's toilets, staff toilets and staff room. We have renewed all of the hall chairs which are now in our school colour - purple. Each class has a full set of new chairs in the colour of their class. This has smartened us up considerably and makes the school look brighter.

PLAYDALE have now completed the installation of the story telling chair and toadstools for EYFS and Key Stage One and a new trim trail for Key Stage Two. The equipment should be set by Monday and weather permitting the children will be able to enjoy exploring it next week.

There are all kinds of reminders at the start of a new year. Please read them carefully and contact the school if you have any queries. We are here to help.

**UNIFORM, PE KIT, LUNCH BOXES, WATER BOTTLES, COATS, BOOK BAGS** should all be named clearly with a permanent marker pen. The school has a set of Sharpie pens if anyone would like to use them to name belongings. Just ask!

You should all have received a curriculum map and welcome letter for this half term today. Please see your child's class teacher if you have not. Please make a note of PE days etc... so that your child has the correct kit in school on the day it is needed.

Please can each child bring a **shoebox** to school to keep PE kit in.

**EARRINGS** must be removed for PE and games lessons. Teachers are not permitted to remove or replace earrings. The simplest solution is to note the days for PE and remove earrings on this day. Earrings may be removed by the child themselves providing they can do so quickly, easily and without any distress.

**Celebration assemblies** will start again on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 9.05am. All parents/carers are welcome to attend. Our reception children do not take part in these assemblies until January.

**Free wheelin' Fridays** & **Walk on Wednesdays** will both restart next week. Encourage cycling or scooting on Fridays and walking /scooting or cycling on Wednesdays. A record of travel is kept in school and children who score highly are entered into a draw at the end of each term.

**PTFA** will be holding a coffee morning and planning meeting very soon. A text will go out when this date is confirmed. All new parents are very welcome to attend! Please join us!

**Clubs** organised for this term **so far** are as follows:-

### **Art Club**

Mrs Barlow our new year 2 teacher who will be starting after October half term is running an art club on Tuesdays starting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Mrs Barlow is keen to get to know children and invites each class to one session after school 3.45pm until 5.00pm. Children should remain at school where they can have a drink and snack provided by school and some 'down time' before the club starts at 3.45pm. The clubs will be working towards art pieces to exhibit at Seaton Sluice Community Centre on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a talk by Geoff Hughes on nursery rhymes and the art work will be based on nursery rhymes. This event is at 7.30pm and will cost £2 for admission including refreshments. Mrs Barlow is trying to organise the children's work being kept at the community centre for the week afterwards so that any parents/carers unable to attend on 13<sup>th</sup> can still view the exhibition.

The year 2's will go first so that they can then go on to attend the gymnastics club the week afterwards if they wish.

Please see the schedule below:-

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Year 4
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	To be arranged
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	To be arranged

### **Tour of Britain**

As many of you may know the Tour of Britain Cycle event takes place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Due to the route planned various roads in the community will be closed to vehicles during the afternoon on that day.

Please be assured that if the road closure adversely affects any parents/carers picking up children from school on that day then they should be collected by you at your convenience earlier in the day.

Should the children be absent during the afternoon they will be given an ***authorised*** absence for that day. If you know your child will not be having a school lunch on this day please inform Mrs Graham in the school office as soon as possible.

**Safety in school** is a priority. Please remember that there should be no riding of bicycles or scooters and no ball games on the yard prior to the bell going at 8.55am. It is preferable for children to arrive at school just before 8.55am so that they do not have to stand for a long period before the bell goes.

Children are welcome to use the school grounds after school but please leave cycling, scooting and football on the yard until the yard is cleared of parents/carers and small children.

## **Dates for the autumn term**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September** - Art Club for Year 2

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September** - Tour of Britain

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September** - Gymnastics Club for Year 2 starts (6 weeks)

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September** - Reception attend full time

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September** - Celebration Assembly today instead of Friday due to Hula Hooping Event in school

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September** - NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** - School photographer in to do individual and sibling pictures

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October** - Parental Consultations for years 1, 2, 3 and 4 (3.30 - 6.30pm)

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October** - Art exhibition and talk on nursery rhymes at Seaton Sluice Community Centre 7.30pm

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September** - Parental Consultations for years 1, 2, 3 and 4 (3.30 - 6.30pm)

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October** - PTFA Quiz Night 6.00 - 9.00pm

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** - school closes at 3.15pm for half term

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** - School closed for staff training

**School re-opens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 8.55am**