

# Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 6



“Shining a light on inclusion”

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Excellence”

## Autumn 2: SSFS HOUSE POINTS- RESULTS SO FAR!

AIR  
626

WATER  
601

EARTH  
562

FIRE  
626



### RUN PUDSEY MEDAL PRESENTATION



The medals have arrived in school for all children who registered and raised money for Children in Need this year. The medals will be presented as part of our weekly celebration assembly on Thursday to thank children for their efforts in fundraising. Please note: these medals have been sent to us based on funds raised and we are therefore unable to provide medals to children who participated without raising funds. However, we would like to thank everyone for their tremendous efforts and participation in this lovely event.



### This week's whole school attendance is...

Our current whole school average is **93%** which is below our school target of 96.2%. Whilst there are some genuine cases of illness, we also have some families booking holidays during term time. Please remember that these holidays will not be authorised. This is agreed across the Seaton Valley partnership. Blocks of time away from school can impact on academic progress and your child not feeling as settled and happy on return to school. We want all of our pupils to have the very best opportunities so they can thrive and achieve the best outcomes during their time with us at school. Well done to Year 2 for achieving 93.9% this week.

### End of term gifts policy

In response to the cost of living for many families, staff and governors have agreed that we should no longer accept end of term gifts. We very much feel privileged to be in our roles as staff at Seaton Sluice First School and believe that we should not be rewarded for carrying out our responsibilities; we love our jobs and love the families who we work with. Staff have also been asked not to buy end of term gifts for their classes and instead, plan in some special end of term activities. Whilst families may feel that they would like to show their appreciation, we respectfully request that gifts are no longer bought or given to staff. This will hopefully relieve pressure, with families at times wondering which staff to buy for and also feel worried about finances. We would far prefer money to be spent on school trips to allow us to take the children out of school on occasions. There will also be opportunities at school performances to contribute through collections towards the school fund account which uses money to purchase resources for the benefit of all pupils. We want to assist families in whichever ways we can- minimising additional potential stress.



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## Reminder: Start of the school day and Breakfast Club

Please remember that the school day begins for all pupils at 8:45am and finishes at the same time, 3:15pm (with the exception of Nursery). If you have more than one child attending our school, we recommend that children from Reception to Year 4 should be safely dropped first to their class line in the yard. Any siblings attending Nursery can be dropped off after this. Please remember that everyone should be ready to line up for 8:45am. If you arrive slightly late and your child misses lining up, please continue to make your way to the usual door for their year group. **There are a lot of children being dropped to the main entrance, which should only be used if they arrive after 9am.**

If you require the service of Breakfast Club, please remember that this is a **pay on the day** arrangement. Should you wish to pay in advance, this can be arranged with Mrs Dale making a note of the payment. If your child uses wraparound **as well as** breakfast club, both services can be combined on the same invoice- **this should be arranged via the school office with Mrs Howes, our Finance Manager.** Many thanks.

## **Christmas production thanks!**

It was fantastic to welcome so many of our families to the various Christmas performances. The children performed with enthusiasm and confidence, singing their hearts out and entertaining us all! These events certainly bring a sense of magic to such a special time of year, leaving us with memories that we will cherish forever. **Thank you** for taking the time to join us and for the generous donations for school fund. **We raised a brilliant £663.58** which will be used to plan in some extra enrichment opportunities for pupils across the whole school.



## Well done Luna!

We would like to congratulate Luna who won the Christmas design competition for our local MP, Ian Levy. The class designed some wonderful cards; it was a very difficult task to select the winning design which will now be made into a card that will be sent out to some very important people such as the Prime Minister and The King! All of the class received a special pencil and Luna was awarded with a Houses of Parliament special teddy! Well done Luna and many thanks to Mr Levy for taking the time to join us. Luna is pictured below, looking very proud!



**Please remember Monday  
8<sup>th</sup> of January is a training  
day for schools in Seaton  
Valley.**

**School will close slightly  
earlier on the last day of  
term (22<sup>nd</sup> December).  
All pupils will finish at  
2pm.**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AUTUMN TERM

Please keep checking details of this calendar for any updates. Highlighted events added

**CHILDREN ARE ALL INVITED TO WEAR PARTY CLOTHES/NON-UNIFORM ON PARTY DAYS**

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Party 9:30am
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Party 1:30pm
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party 1:30pm
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party 1:30pm
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> December	WINTER CHRISTMAS MARKET 3:30pm
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Movie in hall 9:15am
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> December-Tues 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY- FINISH EARLY at 2pm</b>
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>SVLP TEACHER TRAINING DAY</b>
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL TRAINING DAY FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE ONLY</b>
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Pupils return to school</b>
<b>Tues 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Safer Internet Day</b>
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Y3 Pedestrian Training starts</b>
<b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Parent Meeting- ROBINWOOD Arrangements 6:00pm</b>
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>British Science Week</b>
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>EYFS and Y1 Achievers' Assembly 9:00am</b>
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>SPRING Parent and Carer Think Tank Meeting 7:00pm</b>
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Years 2, 3 and 4 Achievers' Assembly 9:00am</b>
<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parental Consultations (3:30-6:00pm)</b>
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parental Consultations (3:30-6:00pm)</b>
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day- Seaton Valley schools</b>
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>

### PLEASE NOTE:



To allow for necessary SEND training, THE LIGHTHOUSE will return a day later, on WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023. Many thanks for your understanding and support.

### A FINAL THANK YOU!!!

To the **CO-OP COMMUNITY FUND in Seaton Sluice** and local residents for kind donations to the school reaching **£1879.12!** This is going to be such a fantastic help and will be used to generate more fundraising.

Also, to THANK YOU to **SMULDERS LAW FIRM in Wallsend** for donating a selection of monitors to school. We are really grateful and they will be used across the school to improve our computing equipment!

