

# Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 8- Spring Term 1

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

#### Attendance for this week

| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 99.3%     | 96.1%  | 97.7%  | 98.1%  | 93.7%  |

Well done **RED CLASS** for having the best attendance! 99.3% is an amazing result. There were three classes this week who actually EXCEEDED our attendance target. Keep it up!



#### Celebrating Achievements

| Name of child | Class     | Achievement  |
|---------------|-----------|--|
| Ethan C       | Reception | Ethan gained his 10m, 15m and 20m swimming badges all within one lesson! What a truly amazing achievement Ethan! |

#### PTA Valentines Tea

A huge thank you to everyone who gave their time to help with the PTA Valentine's Tea. We are extremely lucky to have such a hardworking PTA who give up their time to raise funds for the school that really do enhance the educational experiences of our children.

Many thanks also to those families who kindly donated cakes, second-hand uniform and raffle prizes. There was a very happy, busy atmosphere and the event was a great success. Special thanks to Ann Marie Ambury who co-ordinated the event and put many hours of her time into the organisation.

Raffle winners are available on the PTA website.

#### **Uniform reminder**

We are noticing an increasing number of children who are not sticking to our uniform policy. Staff would like to remind families that the certain items are not part of our uniform:

- School shoes must be worn- trainers are not permitted, apart from in physical education.
- Small plain, stud ear-rings are fine but not fashion accessories please. Some children are wearing unsuitable jewellery that needs to be saved for out of school time. Earrings MUST be removed for P.E lessons. If your child cannot do this independently, ear-rings MUST be removed on the morning before they come into school. If they are



- unable to remove them due to recent piercing, it is the responsibility of the child to use suitable sticky tape to cover the ear-rings to protect from possible accidents.
- Large coloured bows should NOT be worn for school. Discreet accessories that are
  in line with the school colours eg black, grey, white, purple are fine. Long hair should
  be tied back for health and safety reasons.

Finally, can we remind you that lip balm, sparkly writing accessories and other items that may distract children or cause upset if lost, remain at home. We provide everything that is needed in school so all the children need to concentrate on is getting themselves safely into school. We hope you appreciate that we are simply trying to keep things straightforward and spend less time having conversations about who has taken who's lip balm or fancy pencil!!

### Mrs Sawyers update

After the recent death of her husband, Mrs Sawyers has decided that she will retire from her position as Nursery teacher at the end of April. Mrs Sawyers has been a truly wonderful member of staff who we are going to miss very much. Not only is she a gifted early years teacher but she is a genuinely lovely person who we have loved having as part of our team. She has decided to spend lots of time with her family and hopefully make plans to travel. As a school we will celebrate Mrs Sawyers time with us and all wish her the very best of health and happiness in the future. She would like to thank the whole school community for their immense love and support through what has been an extremely upsetting time for her.

### NSPCC & Tanzania Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the NSPCC pyjama day and the Tanzania collections recently. Both events were great fun and the children really enjoyed raising money for good causes.

NSPCC pyjama day raised £129.70

Tanzania Day raised a massive £826.88

Thank you again for your generosity.

### Comic Relief Day

Comic Relief Day is on March 15<sup>th</sup> this year. On that day children are invited to wear something whacky or red for a donation of £1. We will also be holding a bake sale in the morning and donations of cakes for the event would be most welcome. In the afternoon we will be holding an open mic stand-up comedy session for children to come along and tell their jokes to all their friends and teachers! We hope your child will be excited to get involved. We can't wait for the fun to begin!

### Free Readers

Children who have received all their reading certificates will no longer receive a bookmark with their reading books. Instead they will be presented with a certificate in celebration assembly declaring them a "Free Reader" which is to encourage them to choose their own books and develop a love for reading.



#### World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Instead of dressing up teachers are organising a day full of fun, book related activities. More details to follow.

### **Eventbrite – Celebration Assembly**

As per the letter from Governors earlier this term, you must now sign up to attend celebration assemblies using Eventbrite. If you have a relative or friend who is unable to sign in for themselves, please help them and sign up on their behalf. This system will improve safeguarding for all of our pupils.

You can sign up for assemblies using the following links:-

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-assembly-friday-1st-march-2019-tickets-55505001955

## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-assembly-friday-8th-march-2019-tickets-55505136357

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-assembly-friday-15th-march-2019-tickets-55505203558

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-assembly-friday-22nd-march-2019-tickets-55505320909

#### Friday 29th March 2019

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-assembly-friday-29th-march-2019-tickets-55505336957

## Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-assembly-thursday-4th-april-2019-tickets-55505348993

#### Scholastic Book Fair

We would be extremely grateful of any volunteers who could give some time to help us with our visiting book fair. This will take place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March after school (3:15-3:45pm) until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March before school (8:45am – 9:15pm). Children are also able to bring in money and visit the book fair during the school day. In our previous book fair, over £250 was given back to the school for the purchase of new books. Please contact Mrs Heslegrave our Office Manager if you are able to help. Thank you for your support in advance.



## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

| BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM ON FRIDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar   | Y4 begin IPad Music Creation lessons with Mr Olatunji (pm) |  |  |  |
| Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar   | Year 1 Godly Play- Seaton Sluice Methodist Church (pm)     |  |  |  |
| Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar                                       | World Book Day   |  |  |  |
| Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | Year 2 Class Assembly (Y2 families only)                   |  |  |  |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Mar                      | Whole school Art Exhibition                                |  |  |  |
| Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | National SING-UP Day                                       |  |  |  |
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | Comic Relief – Red Nose Day 2019                           |  |  |  |
| Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar                                       | PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS Reception-Year 4 3:30-6:00pm        |  |  |  |
| Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS Reception-Year 4 3:30-6:00pm        |  |  |  |
| Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | Year 4 Inclusive Sport Festival (am)                       |  |  |  |
| Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | Year 1 Godly Play- Seaton Sluice Methodist Church (pm)     |  |  |  |
| Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr  | Nursery Consultations 1:00-3:30pm                          |  |  |  |
| Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr  | Bring in Easter Eggs for competition                       |  |  |  |
| Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr   | Nursery Consultations 1:00-3:30pm                          |  |  |  |
| Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr   | Viewing of Easter Eggs 9am                                 |  |  |  |
| Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr                                       | Results of Easter Egg competition in Assembly              |  |  |  |
| BREAK UP FOR EASTER ON THURSDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019      |  |  |  |  |
| SVLP TRAINING DAY ON FRIDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019          |  |  |  |  |
| EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY MONDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2019        |  |  |  |  |
| SCHOOL RETURNS ON TUESDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> APRIL                |  |  |  |  |
| Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr  | Y4 Residential Trip to ROBIN WOOD                          |  |  |  |
| Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr                                      | Y4 Residential Trip to ROBIN WOOD                          |  |  |  |
| Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr  | Y4 Residential Trip to ROBIN WOOD                          |  |  |  |
| Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> May                                       | Natalingo French Whole School Experience                   |  |  |  |
| Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> May   | Y1 Godly Play- SS Methodist Church 1:00-3:00pm             |  |  |  |
| Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> May  | YEAR 1 CLASS ASSEMBLY (Only Y1 families)                   |  |  |  |
| Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> May  | Seaton Sluice Has Got Talent 6:00-7:00pm                   |  |  |  |
| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May  | Y4 Cycling Experience                                      |  |  |  |
| Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> May                                       | Y4 Cycling Experience                                      |  |  |  |
| Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> May  | Y4 Cycling Experience                                      |  |  |  |
| Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May                                      | PTA Sponsored Walk 2:00pm-3:00pm                           |  |  |  |
| Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> May  | School Games Rugby Y3/4 (Team of 10) ACHS 9:30-11:30am     |  |  |  |
|   | IP FOR MAY HALF-TERM on FRIDAY 24th MAY 2019               |  |  |  |