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**SEATON SLUICE FIRST SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 4 - AUTUMN TERM 1**

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**Attendance for this week**

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
96.9%	98.3%	98.6%	99%	96.5%	96.7%
Well done to all classes! Fantastic attendance with <b>EVERYONE</b> exceeding our school target of 96.2%!					

**Shining a Light on Inclusion in 'The Lighthouse'**



On Wednesday 10th November, we welcomed a very special visitor into school. Nicola Taylor (Head of Northumberland Inclusive Education Services and SEN Transformation) came to officially open our lovely new class, 'The Lighthouse'. The Lighthouse is 'Additional Resourced Provision' (ARP) that provides a bespoke, personalised approach to learning. Over the last few weeks, we have welcomed four new pupils into our school who are now well and truly part of our school family. The photo below shows Mrs Taylor cutting the red ribbon and opening the resource base with Mrs Walsh, our Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Manager. This was such a proud moment!

**School Gardening Club**

Mrs Blakely, one of our governors and parents leads this fantastic club every Friday after school. The children and their adults have done some great work helping to keep the other garden areas around school tidy and interesting. They cleared dead plants from Early Years and refreshed the tyre planters with daffodil bulbs ready to brighten the space in Spring.

The willow tunnel in the Forest School area had become overgrown and all out of shape so they spent an afternoon weaving and tying it all back in place.

Last week, they got messy making birdfeeders with pinecones, fat and bird seed and have hung them around the field so the children can spot any birds who will use them!

The children and families who have been recently involved are:

Eden, Alex, Esther, Isla, Fabian, Esme, Betsy and some of their friends. They certainly deserve some extra Class Dojo points! Well done to the children and their families for all of their efforts.



### Snack Time in School

Children in early years, Years 1 and 2 receive a funded daily piece of fruit or vegetable. Pupils across the school are welcome to bring in their own snack. However, the choice of snack should support our healthy school approach and either be a piece of fruit or vegetable (unless you have raised specific dietary requests for your child with Mrs Bennett). Please also support us both through snack choices and packed lunches by not sending in any form of nuts as we are a nut free school in accordance with school policies. Finally, can we also ask families to refrain from sending in sweets for birthdays? Many thanks for your support.

### Leave of Absence- Term Time

May we remind families to complete a 'leave of absence' form, available from the school office, should you need your child to miss time from school as a result of family commitments. We strongly discourage term time holidays and in accordance with the Seaton Valley agreed policies, as a general rule, will not authorise holidays that involve missing important learning time. This has an unsettling effect on the children and can also result in them missing important learning that is difficult to catch up on. Leave of absence forms must be completed (for a half day or more) with a minimum of two weeks' notice being provided. These requests are reviewed regularly by Mrs Bennett and our school Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Ratcliffe. Medical appointments should be arranged around school hours where possible. If this cannot be arranged, your child should be in school in the morning before their appointment and returned to school straight after to minimise disruption to their learning. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Christmas Performances

It is with regret that we have made the decision not to invite parents and carers to this year's Christmas performances. This is a decision that we have considered at length in consultation with Northumberland County Council, as a result of current Covid restrictions. We understand that this is very disappointing news. We still feel that it is important for the children to have the opportunity to prepare for and perform for their families. Therefore, we have made arrangements for a full day of filming with a local production company. Each class will be recorded in full costume and a link will then be forwarded onto families to enjoy the class performance. A voluntary contribution of £2 per family would be gratefully received to go towards the cost of the recording. This can be sent into the school office in a labelled envelope. Whilst this is not the same as a live performance, we hope you feel that it is the next best thing and it will provide a nice memory for you to keep and share with your families.

### PTFA Update

Following a successful AGM, the PTFA are able to continue with their fantastic work. Next events planned are a sponsored scavenger hunt in the school grounds (during the school day) on December 1<sup>st</sup>. They will also be organising a Christmas raffle so please look out for the tickets. They have also kindly agreed to buy a book for each child in the school which will be given out by their Christmas elves!

### Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children who received a 'Star of the Week' certificate over the last two weeks:



Reception: Maddie, Oliver, Lizzie and Fabian  
 Year 1: Noah, Darcie, Owen and Lottie  
 Year 2: Esther, Joseph, Genevieve and Henry  
 Year 3: Molly-Grace, Kobi, Lexi and Thomas  
 Year 4: Finn, Scarlett, Elby and Daisy



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Year 3 Class Assembly – to be recorded and shared with parents</b>
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	PTFA Scavenger Hunt
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Christmas Production 9:15am-10:15am
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception Christmas Production 1:30pm-2:30pm
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception Christmas Production 9:15am-10:15am
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Christmas Production 1:30pm-2:30pm
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Christmas Production 9:15am-10:15am
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 (Y3 and Y4) Christmas Production 1:30pm-2:30pm
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 (Y3 and Y4) Christmas Production 9:15am-10:15am
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Soul Singing Workshop 4 (10:00am-12:30pm)
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTFA Christmas Elves in School- gift for children
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class Winter Market Stalls 2:00pm-3:00pm
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party (am)
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party (pm)
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Parent Think Tank Meeting (5pm)
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party (pm)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Teacher Training Day
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Return to school for pupils
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 2 Class Assembly 9:15am-9:45am
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent Think Tank Meeting (5pm)
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 4 Bikeability Day
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break up for Half Term
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Return to school
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Class Assembly (9:15am-9:45am)
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Think Tank Meeting (5pm)
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> May-Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Trip to Robinwood Residential Centre
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Children's Cancer Run
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Think Tank Meeting (5pm)
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for Half term
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Ocean Youth Trust Sailing Voyage Group 1
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Ocean Youth Trust Sailing Voyage Group 2
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Ocean Youth Trust Sailing Voyage Group 3