****Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 1- Autumn Term

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

Welcome to our first newsletter of this academic year. It is lovely having everyone back in school looking so healthy after the Summer break. A special welcome to all of our Reception parents who have joined our school. Please remember that at Seaton Sluice First School, we have an open door policy and should you have any questions or concerns, you are always welcome to come into school and arrange to speak with the staff. Please remember that you are also invited to join us at our **‘Celebration Assembly’** every Friday morning 09:00-09:40



Celebrating Achievements

As part of our newsletter, we would like to also celebrate achievements out of school. If your child has been given an award in activities such as swimming, cubs, rainbows, dance etc. please jot it down on a note so we can celebrate their achievement. The note should either be handed in to the class teacher or Mrs Heslegrave in the office.

Parental Questionnaires

Your child should have brought home a questionnaire for you to fill in. Please answer honestly as we value your opinions and your suggestions will shape the future of provision within school. Please hand in the completed questionnaire to your class teacher by Friday 15th September. Written feedback will be communicated back to parents.

Dinner Money

Can we request that dinner money is paid in advance on a Monday. Dinners cost £2.15 a day or £10.75 each week. However, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals. If money is not paid for two consecutive weeks, a reminder will be issued and then packed lunches will need to be provided.

Please remember that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL** as we have a number of children with allergies. Thank you for your support.

Biscuits

Donations of one packet per half term of plain biscuits such as digestives or rich tea are gratefully received. We like to provide the children with a biscuit once a day for a snack at break time to keep energy levels up so we can work to the very best of our ability.

Forest School

We are delighted to welcome Claire Tustin to our school to provide a pilot trial of Forest School sessions with a target group of children from Years 1, 2 and 3. We hope that we will be able to continue the provision of Forest School across the year as part of the special ethos running through our nurturing, inclusive school.

Yoga sessions

As part of Physical Education this year we have funded weekly yoga sessions for the children across the school. This half-term, Year 4 will be participating in sessions led by an experienced coach. The sessions will take place in every year group. I’m sure you will agree that this will be a lovely addition to our strong emphasis on physical and emotional well-being.

Holidays during school term times

We have an agreed Seaton Valley partnership target of 96.2% for attendance. Nationally, schools are expected to achieve a minimum of 95% attendance and last year, our attendance figure dropped slightly below this. Whilst we understand that exceptional circumstances can occur, many families are choosing to book family holidays during term time. This not only has an effect on our overall school result but more importantly significantly affects the progress of children who miss important lessons that may not be re-visited. We are requesting that you carefully consider taking your child on a family holiday during term time due to the unsettling effect it could have on them. Thank you for your co-operation.

PTFA Welcome Coffee Afternoon

The PTFA would like to invite everyone to a coffee afternoon on Friday 22nd September at 2pm. You will be able to collect your child from 2:30pm so they can join you for delicious refreshment! Baking donations are welcomed to support this event. Any questions- please see Kim McGuire and Emma Stanyer. Thank you for your support in advance.

**AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES- so far!**

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| **October** | |
| Tues 10th Oct | Parental Consultations Reception to Year 4 3:30-6:30 |
| Wed 11th Oct | Parental Consultations Reception to Year 4 3:30-6:30 |
| Mon 16th Oct | Nursery Consultations |
| Tues 17th Oct | Nursery Consultations |
| Fri 20th Oct | BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM |
| Mon 30th Oct | Back to school |
| Mon 30th Oct | Fire Service visits school |

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| **November** | |
| Mon 13th Nov | Anti-bullying week |
| Fri 17th Nov | Children In Need Day |