



Seaton Sluice First School

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Red	Orange	Yellow	White	Purple
97.2%	99%	97.4%	95.9%	90%

Orange Class has the best attendance this week with 99.0%!!! **WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

Our overall school target for attendance is 96%

Internet Safety - some information from the local authority

One area of e-safety schools can promote is ensuring that parents are fully aware of the risks and can keep their children safe. A useful site is www.net-aware.org.uk

Parentzone provide a free online course for parents and carers called **Resilient Families** - a free online course to help them get to grips with the things you really worry about when the children and young people in your care go online. It includes topics such as radicalisation and extremism, cyberbullying and sexting. It is presented as three short episodes that cover:

- A child's online world.
- The Bad Stuff - including online extremism and how radicalisation happens.
- How to use offline parenting skills to help your child stay safe online.

Book bags

Following some concerns from parents/carers about money for school photographs reaching the office the following has been agreed in school.

- Children in years 2, 3 and 4 are responsible for giving in any paperwork or money from home with daily reminders from their teacher especially if a recent request for something has gone out.
- Children in EYFS and year one will have their book bags checked as regularly as possible depending on staffing available especially when recent requests have gone out.

Nut allergies in school

Following taking medical advice about two nut allergies we have in school we have been advised to be a totally nut free school. I ask that no nuts of any kind are brought into school in packed lunches, as part of party food or in cakes for cake stalls. Thank you in advance for agreeing to support the health and safety of our children.

Chair of Governors

As many of you will remember our school chair of governors David Campbell resigned after being chair for nine years. I am pleased to be able to tell you that our new chair of governors is Emma Crowther (mum of Lewis in year four) and our vice chair is Elaine Erskine. We welcome both of these governors to their posts and wish them well for the future as well as thanking them for the time they voluntarily give to this vital role.

Celebrating birthdays and holidays

We hold an award called the Healthy Schools Award which we have worked hard to achieve. For this reason we discourage the eating of sugary snacks in school. It is school policy that children do not bring in birthday cakes or treats when it is their birthday or sweets/treats from a holiday destination for the class on their return. Thank you for your support with this.

Leave of absence from school

The Seaton Valley partnership of Schools (SVLP) has recently updated its letters to parents/carers following a request for leave of absence from school. This is a generic letter which will go out from all the schools in the Seaton Valley Partnership. I am aware that the letter has a very formal tone and could make some parents/carers feel anxious about planned absence. Please be reassured that nothing has changed. Holidays (without exceptional circumstances) taken in term time will continue to be unauthorised and further action will only happen if absence becomes persistently low.

Numicon workshops

Our numicon workshops take place on Monday 21st November at 2.00pm and 6.00pm. Numicon is a specialised piece of maths equipment that is being used across the school to help pupils with their maths and number work. Come along and find out how it is being used so you can support your children further at home.

Remembrance

The children have enjoyed learning about Remembrance Day in assemblies this week and many of you have supported by allowing the children to purchase poppies and remembrance gadgets. Thank you. The Royal British Legion are always very grateful for our support.

Anti-bullying week

Next week is national anti-bullying week. At our school we are having assemblies about how to deal with bullying and lessons about how to cope if it happens to us. This is a very important issue for us to be aware of. We need to show we are a school that supports anti-bullying and helps those who feel vulnerable or anxious.

This competition is open to pupils in Year 1 to Year 4.

Please design an anti-bullying poster for our school. Winning entries will be laminated and displayed around the school and there will be a small prize for each one chosen.

Please use A4 size paper.

If you need paper, ask at school and some will be provided for you.

Designs need to be in by: Friday 18th November

HAPPY DESIGNING!

Non-uniform day

Friday 18th November is a non-uniform day for 'bring a bottle in a bag' for the PTFA Christmas fair. This can be alcohol (must be delivered to the office by an adult), washing up liquid, bubble bath, perfume, anything that comes in a bottle really!

Consultation on admissions to schools

Consultation is now open on Northumberland County Council's proposed Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for entry into Reception and transfers to middle and secondary school in September 2018.

Overview

All schools must have admission arrangements that set out clearly how children will be admitted to schools. Admission arrangements must include the criteria that will be applied if there are more applications for a school than there are places available. Northumberland County Council is the admission authority for all community and voluntary controlled schools in Northumberland.

Why are we consulting?

The Admissions Code 2014 requires admission authorities to consult on their admission arrangements once every seven years even if there are no changes proposed. This consultation will apply to the admission arrangements for entry into schools in September 2018.

A six week consultation is now open and runs from now until 21 December 2016. The link below will direct you to the relevant section where you will find the proposed admissions arrangements on the Council's website

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/About/Contact/Consultation.aspx#schooladmissionsarrangementsconsultation>

Hard copies of the documents are available on request.

Please forward any comments on the proposed arrangements by **email** to school.admissions@northumberland.gov.uk or by **telephone** to **01670 624889**

Further information can be found on the DfE webpage, please refer to the School Admissions Code at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/389388/School_Admissions_Code_2014_-_19_Dec.pdf

Relevant consultees include parents of children aged 2 to 18, all schools (including other Admission Authorities) in Northumberland, pre-school settings, neighbouring local authorities and local dioceses.

FUTURE DIARY DATES

Wednesday 16th November: Cycle ride number 2 for those year fours who went last Tuesday.

Thursday 17th November: Taster school lunch for key stage one children 12:00pm

Friday 18th November: Non- uniform day for bring a bottle in a bag

Monday 21st November: Parent Maths Workshop- 'Learning with Numicon' 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Tuesday 22nd November: Taster school lunch for key stage two children 12:00pm

Thursday 24th November: Celebration Assembly today (instead of Friday)

Friday 25th November: PTFA Christmas Fair 2.00pm

Saturday 26th November: turning on of the Christmas lights in Seaton Sluice

Wednesday 30th November: Flu injections for years one, two, three and four

Wednesday 30th November: PTFA decorate the school Christmas tree

Sunday 4th December: Toy Service at Seaton Sluice Methodist Church 10.30am

Tuesday 6th December: Early Years Performance 9.30am

Wednesday 7th December: Early Years Performance 9.30am

Sunday 11th December: Christingle Service at St Pauls Church

Monday 12th December: Key Stage One Performance 2.00pm

Monday 12th December: PTFA Christmas Hot Dog Night 3.15 - 5.00pm

Tuesday 13th December: School Christmas dinner

Tuesday 13th December: Key Stage One Performance 9.30am

Tuesday 13th December: Key Stage Two Performance 2.00pm

Wednesday 14th December: Key Stage Two Performance 9.30am

Thursday 15th December: Celebration Assembly today (instead of Friday)

Thursday 15th December: PTFA Christmas Hot Dog Night 3.15 - 5.00pm

Friday 16th December: Pantomime Company Jack & the Beanstalk 9.30am - Children may come in their pyjamas/ onesies. Hot chocolate and marshmallows will be served.

Friday 16th December: School closes at 2.00pm for the Christmas Holidays

School re-opens on Wednesday 4th January at 8.55am for main school and 8.45am for nursery

Tuesday 3rd January is a staff training day

Seaton Sluice First School MUSTS!

- * Pierced earrings **MUST** be removed on PE days
- * Scooters and bicycles **MUST NOT** be ridden on the yard before and immediately after school
- * Children **MUST NOT** play in the bushes at the bottom of the field or climb the trees
- * Children **MUST** be supervised by parents/carers before and after school on school premises
- * Parents/Carers **MUST** make themselves visible at picking up time so that children can be handed over safely
- * Dogs **MUST NOT** be brought onto the school site
- * Parents/Carers **MUST** check book bags daily for letters / homework / messages etc...
- * Parents/Carers **MUST** keep school up to date of any changes in telephone numbers / emergency contact details