



## Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 8- Autumn Term 2

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### **THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU...**

*As we approach the end of term, I would like to thank **EVERYONE** for your support, smiles and generally making Seaton Sluice First School the wonderful school that it is. I have loved every minute of my first term as Headteacher. May I take the opportunity to wish you a happy, healthy and very magical Christmas and new year!*

#### Attendance for this week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
94.3%	93%	96.1%	93.7%	98.3%

Well done to **PURPLE** class for having the best attendance this week.

**98.3% is a fantastic result!**

PLEASE REMEMBER...the overall target for our school attendance is **96.2 %**

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 94.8%. Fingers crossed that we return after the Christmas holidays all healthy and raring to go!**

#### Celebrating Achievements



Well done to the following children for their latest achievements:

Name of child	Class	Achievement
Daniel McAreavey	Yellow	Daniel has worked very hard in karate and passed his orange belt grading- brilliant news Daniel!
Jacob Cunningham	Yellow	Jacob has gained his Stage 3 swimming award and ALSO his orange belt in karate! Fantastic!
Amelia Johnson	White	Amelia has achieved her purple and white belt in karate- great news! Also, she has passed her Stage 6 'Learn To Swim' award. Amazing!

#### Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have three vacancies for parent governors. If you feel that this is something that you would be interested in, please feel free to approach Mrs Bennett or any existing school governors to discuss. We are extremely fortunate at SSFS to have such committed governors who are involved in so many aspects of the school development plan including



observations in school, chatting with the children, reviewing key policies and procedures, recruiting, attending termly meetings and generally being critical to future changes and developments. We look forward to hearing from parents who think that they can devote the time to and would enjoy taking on this role.

#### SS Pad Support Group

We are delighted to support this local group which involves specific CPR training and first aid using defibrillators. Our school has a defibrillator housed by our main office and we feel that it is very important to train our staff to effectively use if it needed. Furthermore, we will be training up our school council on basic first aid with regard to CPR.

#### Christmas Performance Collections

Thank you to all of our families who came along to our magnificent Christmas productions. The children were incredible and it was such a privilege to see the enjoyment on their faces and their confidence soar. We collected £567.64 for school fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

#### Thank you again to the PTFA

Our hard-working PTFA raised £239.50 from the Christmas disco. There was a great atmosphere and the children all had lots of fun. Huge thanks to all of the volunteers who organised this event. As always, we are very grateful!

#### Mrs May's Maternity Cover

Governors are delighted to announce that Mrs Lucy Schierig has been successfully appointed as our Reception Class Teacher after Easter 2018. She will replace Mrs Mays whilst she leaves to have her baby. Mrs Schierig has been working with us in Year 2 recently and she is already very much part of the team. She is delighted to be joining us and will be spending some time after Christmas getting to know the class to ensure a smooth transition takes place.

#### Any even more thank you messages!

*Thank you to **The Seaton Sluice and Old Hartley Residents' Association** who kindly gave their time to plan and provide our fantastic cinema experience for children in Years 2, 3 and 4. The children watched 'Despicable Me 3' and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. ALSO, thank you to all of our helpers who walked the children down to St Paul's Church on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December for our whole school carol service. It was a lovely experience! **We are SO fortunate to be part of such a wonderful community with many facilities and opportunities on our doorstep. We are keen to make as much use of our local area and without the help of our families to help supervise such visits, this would not be possible.***

**SCHOOL RETURNS ON TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018.**

**TEACHER TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY.**

**Please note:** Breakfast Club will be up and running for the first day back, open from 8am.



## SPRING TERM DIARY DATES

Please check every newsletter as this list will be regularly updated.

December	
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Teacher Training Day
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR SPRING TERM

January	
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Year 1 visit to The Great North Museum- all day
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	PTFA hot dog and film night 3:30-5:00
February	
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	'Let There Be Light' candlemass (choir) at St John's Church Whitley Bay
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Parent Workshop- Internet Safety led by lead for Northumberland CC
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	STEM Focus Week ( <b>S</b> cience, <b>T</b> echnology, <b>E</b> ngineering and <b>M</b> aths)
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bring in gifts for Mother's Day this week
March	
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	WORLD BOOK DAY- Dress as your favourite book character
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	PTFA Mother's Day Stall
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	National Sing Up Day
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	SPORT RELIEF WEEK
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Nursery Consultations 1:00-3:00pm
Tues 20 Mar	Parental Consultations for Rec-Y4 3:30-6:30pm
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Parental Consultations for Rec-Y4 3:30-6:30pm
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Dr Bike in for Y4 Group 1 full day
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	PTFA Easter Disco 3:30-5:00pm
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Dr Bike in for Y4 Group 2 full day
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Dr Bike in for Y4 Group 3 full day
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Viewing of Easter hats in hall after school
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Winners of Easter hats announced in Celebration Assembly