



Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 1



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

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**"Nurturing
Excellence"**

This week's whole school attendance is...

Our whole school attendance this week is **95.3%**.

Well done everyone- a great start. Our whole school target is 96.2%.

We want our school to have the best attendance with our children achieving the very best outcomes!



Welcome back to school!



It's been a really busy, exciting start to the term with many smiling faces. Well done to everyone for such a settled start to the term. Welcome especially to our new families in Nursery and Reception! It's great to have you onboard!

Arrangements for coming onto and leaving the school site

Thank you to everyone for your efforts in making the start of this term so smooth.

Please remember to reduce speed when driving next to the school site and also park in a considerate way. This includes not blocking the drives of residents and spacing out, even if this means parking further away and spending a few minutes walking onto the school site. The school car park is only to be used by staff and taxis that transport pupils into school. This includes not using the car park when using wraparound care (Breakfast Club and After School Club). We want to keep our families safe without any risk from moving vehicles so please avoid walking through the car park too.

New arrangements for early years pupils

The Nursery gate will now only be opened for the end of the morning session. On entry to Nursery, all families should use the main gate just along the path (with Reception children). This allows just one gate to be used which will be supervised by staff. The gates are both very close to the road and we want to minimise the risk of children wandering off the school site during busy drop off or collection times as well as reduce congestion from people queuing which could result in people walking close to or onto the nearby road putting their safety at risk. During busy periods, adults have witnessed children being too close to the edge of pavement.

Please can we request that all children are closely supervised by adults when making their way onto the school site, with young children holding adult hands or being kept close by. Thank you for your support.

Notification of childcare arrangements

A letter was sent out to all families on 15.09.22 requesting details of childcare arrangements (including childminders and private childcare settings). It is vital that the slips are returned to school as soon as possible so we can make sure school records are up to date. It is essential that we have clear instructions regarding trusted adults dropping and collecting our pupils. If we are at all unsure, a phone call will be made to check.

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Having a word with the teacher

In the Summer term, we decided to limit home/school communication to **Parent Mail** and the **school website** <http://www.seatonsluicesouth.northumberland.sch.uk/web> .We appreciate that on some days, it may be necessary to have a word with your child's class teacher.

As a school, we have an open-door policy which means that we always encourage openness and are happy to talk with you about any issues that you feel either we need to be aware of, or would like to discuss with us to further. Many conversations will be very brief. Can we please request that if a longer conversation is likely to be required, you should contact the school office to arrange a specific meeting time? We will arrange to meet with you as soon as possible, either before or at the end of the school day.

Mrs Bennett (Headteacher) and Mrs Walsh (Deputy Headteacher and SENDCO) are available to meet with parents and carers throughout the week, including during the day. Class Teachers, on the other hand, have daily teaching commitments which may limit their availability during teaching sessions (unless the matter is deemed as urgent). Please remember that when the Class Teacher is meeting their class in the morning and dismissing at the end of the school day, they must prioritise their attention on the safety of their pupils. Your support is appreciated.

School Lunches

This year, we have moved back to just one staggered lunch time sitting instead of two separate sessions which was proving more challenging to staff. Our youngest children will continue to come in for lunch first, with the older pupils coming in slightly later.

One lunch sitting provides the safest and most settled option, for both during meal times as well as when playing in the yard afterwards. However, it also means that children will not be able to sit in full classes and may be asked to sit with a small group of their friends to fill spaces on tables. This has taken a bit of adjusting to for some children. It is a perfect opportunity for our Year 3 and 4 pupils to lead by example, being responsible and giving assistance to the younger children who very much enjoy their company. This is a model that is extremely successful at our wraparound club, with mixed ages enjoying their snack together.

Gardening Club

Mrs Blakely, one of our school parents and governors leads our school gardening club. The club meets every Friday from 3:15pm-4:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, from Reception to Year 4. Children should be accompanied by an adult and all generations are welcome! It is a lovely chance for us to come together as a community, planting, growing and developing our lovely gardening area into a wonderful environment to support learning and enjoy together. Below are some pictures of some of the fantastic produce grown last term. Many thanks to Mrs Blakely and her enthusiastic team!



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UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS	
26.09.22	European Day of Languages- knowledge of the world week
10.10.22	Hello Yellow Week focus on well-being and mental health
17.10.22	Black History Week
21.10.22	Flu vaccinations for whole school
21.10.22- 31.10.22	October Half Term
01.11.22	Parental Consultations Rec to Year 4 3:30-6:30pm
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09.11.22	Tempest School Photos- individual and siblings
10.11.22	AUTUMN Achievers' Assembly (Nursery, Reception and Y1) 9:00am
14.11.22	Anti-bullying Week
17.11.22	AUTUMN Achievers' Assembly (Years 2, 3 and 4) 9:00am