



## Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 7- Autumn Term 2

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

### A quote for the weekend:

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single minute before starting to improve the world. (Anne Frank).

### Attendance for this week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
81.7%	96.7%	94.2%	95%	91.7%

Well done to **ORANGE** class for having the best attendance this week!

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

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 94.7%. Whilst we have had some poorly children, many of these absences are sadly as a result of family holidays.**

### Celebrating Achievements



Well done to the following children for their latest achievements:

Name of child	Class	Achievement
Rosie Flannery	Orange	Rosie has passed her Stage 2 'Learn To Swim' course. Brilliant news Rosie!
Emily Eggett	Orange	Emily has passed her Stage 2 swimming award. Fantastic!
Lewis Ambury	Orange	Lewis has passed his Level 8 gymnastics award-wow!

### Traffic outside of school

A number of people have brought it to my attention that traffic both in the morning and after school continues to be a huge problem. This includes:

- People driving too fast and in a hazardous way; this could easily result in a serious accident.



- Cars driving too closely to young children who are waiting at closed Nursery gates at the start of the day.
- People parking on corners and mounting the kerbs, resulting in many cracked paving stones and reduced visibility for pedestrians.
- Cars parked on the yellow lines outside of school.
- Inconsideration for local residents.
- General traffic congestion caused by people choosing to travel by car rather than travelling by foot.

I am liaising with Northumberland County Council's traffic control management on this matter as I am most concerned about the safety of our community. I would also welcome any suggestions from parents. Also, I will be meeting the school student council to launch a safety campaign linked to this issue. In the meantime, can I suggest that Nursery families feel free to assemble in the Reception area of the yard to ensure that the children are standing in a protected area away from the road. Your co-operation in dealing with this on-going issue is greatly appreciated.

#### Thank you to the PTFA

Thank you to all members of the PTFA for organising a particularly successful Christmas Fair. The atmosphere was fantastic and the efforts put in were exceptional. We are extremely blessed to be part of such a caring community and as a school, know exactly how lucky we are to benefit from the efforts of this committed group. The final amount raised was just over £2000! Amazing.

#### PTFA Canvas Bags

All of the children in the school have drawn their own little portrait with their name on to feature on our very own SSFS canvas bag. The PTFA will be selling these bags, which I'm sure you agree are a lovely keepsake! They will be on sale in the community room on Tuesday and Wednesday after school for £3 each.

#### The Toy Service

Our school choir performed beautifully at Seaton Sluice Methodist Church Toy Service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. We enjoyed meeting together, families generously donated toys to The Salvation Army to give as presents to children who are less fortunate than ourselves. As always, I felt incredibly proud to be there with the children and families. Thank you for your support.

#### Nut-Free School

Can I please remind everyone that we are a **NUT-FREE** school. We have some children in school with nut allergies and we must ensure that no packed-lunches contain products that contain any type of nut. We work closely with North Tyneside Council to ensure that there are no nut derivatives in any of the school meals. Thank you for your support.

#### Breakfast Club

Following a successful trial of breakfast club, I pleased to inform you that breakfast club will continue to be provided every day. Booking is not required and children just need to



be brought along between 08:00 and 08:30am. The cost is £2 per session which includes breakfast and activities.

### Office Opening Hours

The school office will be open at the following times:

Monday 08:45-16:00

Tuesday 08:45-16:00

Wednesday 08:45-16:00

Thursday 08:45-16:00

Friday 08:45-15:30

Outside of these hours, you are able to leave a message on the school answer machine.

### Last Day of Term

**A reminder that on the final day of term (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December) school closes at 2pm.**

## AUTUMN and SPRING TERM DIARY DATES

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

<b>December</b>	
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Choir performing at Toy Service at SS Methodist Church 10:30am
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	ART FOCUS WEEK
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Market 3pm-4pm
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School Assembly- Rev John Bowler 2:30pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTFA Christmas Disco 3:15-5:00 in school hall (tickets £2.50)
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance 9:30am
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance 9:30am
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Eye test for Reception 9am
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Choir singing at St Paul's Christingle Service 10am
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 9:30am
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 1:30pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 choir singing for residents at Beresford Lodge 1:45pm
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 9:30am
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 1:30pm
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Cinema Experience (am)
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 2, 3 and 4 cinema trip to SS Community Centre 1pm
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception Stay and Play session 1pm-3pm
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Whole school carols at St Paul's Church- families welcome to join 10am
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Christmas Party Day
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS</b>
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR SPRING TERM</b>



<b>January</b>	
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
<b>February</b>	
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	'Let There Be Light' candlemass 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
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bring in gifts for Mother's Day this week
<b>March</b>	
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