



Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 8

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



**"Nurturing
Excellence"**

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This week's whole school attendance is...

Our average whole school attendance so far this year is **93.6%**. We **REALLY** want to improve this to **95%** so we can ensure children have the very best opportunities to academically flourish. We would like to reward the year group with the best attendance this term with a Spring 'Games Afternoon'. We wonder which year group will be our winners?

Happy New Year to our friends and families! We hope you have had a fantastic holiday and managed to spend quality time together. It is great to be back in school and the children have all settled extremely well back in school. They have got off to a flying start for 2023! We look forward to the arrival of lighter evenings and a warmer weather as we move towards Spring.



SAFETY AT START AND END OF SCHOOL DAY



Thank you to everyone for your efforts in making the start and end of the school day safer for our community. Unfortunately, there have been some recent worrying incidents involving dangerous driving and parking which could have potentially caused serious accidents. Mrs Bennett is liaising with appropriate services to explore ways of improving the situation. She also met with children representing our School Council. The children are launching a class poster campaign to raise awareness of the importance of road safety. We look forward to sharing future ideas with you and invite you to share any thoughts with Mrs Bennett by emailing admin@seatonsluicefirst.co.uk. Governors are aware of this safeguarding issue and hope that together, we can make these busy times as safe as possible.

The children from our School Council raised the following concerns:

We feel worried when:

- ***grown-ups park on zig-zag line or double yellow line***
- ***people drive their cars too fast, making us worry about crossing the road***
- ***too many people bring their cars to school***
- ***my Dad, who is a fireman, can't get out of his drive to get to work (as we live near school)***
- ***when cars overtake each other***
- ***the way that some grown ups park on the pavements when people are around***
- ***cars parking on the corner- it is not safe for us to cross***

We really hope that the whole community will support us with this important safety campaign.

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Update: Industrial Action

As you will be aware, the National Education Union has recently announced that they have met the threshold for industrial action. The first proposed strike day is on **Wednesday 1st February 2023**. Updates will be provided as soon as we are in a position to advise of any necessary implications.

The Wonder of Reading- Reception and Year 1



Last term, Miss Brunton and Mrs Bennett led a Christmas bed time story session for pupils in Years 2 and 3. It was a magical, lovely event and gave us the opportunity to share special stories and songs together. We would like to invite children from **Reception and Year 1** to our next session. This will take place on Wednesday 1st February from 6pm-7pm. Tickets are available from the school office for £2 with places limited to 30 children. Money raised will go into the school fund which is used to provide enrichment opportunities for children across the school. Children are welcome to wear pyjamas. Siblings from other classes are welcome too.

NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe

On Tuesday 31st January, the whole school will be participating in a safeguarding themed day, with resources provided by the NSPCC. The day will include virtual assemblies led by Ant and Dec, with lots of opportunities for discussion and activities based on how we can keep ourselves safe. A separate letter will be shared with parents and carers explaining some of the key themes.



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UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS (added events highlighted in yellow)

16.01.23	Yoga sessions begin for Reception and Year 1 (each week for Spring term)
31.01.23	Speak Up, Stay Safe NSPCC Day- whole school
01.02.23	The Wonder of Reading- Reception and Year 1 (6:00pm-7:00pm)
07.02.23	Year 4 Parents Planning Meeting- ROBINWOOD RESIDENTIAL 5:00pm-5:45pm
17.02.23	Break up for Half Term
27.02.23	Return to school
01.03.23	Year 4 trip to BEAMISH- all day
02.03.23	SPRING Achievers' Assembly Nursery, Reception, Year 1, The Lighthouse 9:00am-9:30am
09.03.23	SPRING Achievers' Assembly Years 2, 3 and 4 9:00am-9:30am
15.03.23	Parent and Carer School Forum Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm
22.03.23	Seaton Sluice Has Got Talent 6:00pm-7:00pm
31.03.23	Break up for Easter
17.04.23	Return to School
25.04.23	Parental Consultations for Nursery-Year 4 3:30pm-6:00pm
26.04.23	Parental Consultations for Nursery-Year 4 3:30pm-6:00pm
01.05.23	Bank Holiday
04.05.23	Anti-Bullying Day
08.05.23	Bank Holiday- The King's Coronation
11.05.23- 13.05.23	Robinwood Residential Trip- Year 4
17.05.23	Class Photos Reception-Year 4
18.05.23	SUMMER Achievers' Assembly Nursery, Reception, Year 1, The Lighthouse 9:00-9:30am
22.05.23	World Day- Cultural Diversity
25.05.23	SUMMER Achievers' Assembly Y2-Y4 9:00am-9:30am
26.05.23	Break Up for Half-Term
05.06.23	Return to school
05.06.23	World Environment Day
05.06.23	Year 4 Multiplication Test Week
06.06.23	Nursery New Starters' Meeting 5:00pm-5:45pm
07.06.23	Reception New Starters' Meeting 5:00pm-5:45pm
14.06.23	Parent and Carer School Forum Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm
19.06.23	National School Sports Week
21.06.23	Nursery and Reception Sports Day 10:30am-11:30am
21.06.23	World Music Day
22.06.23	Years 1 and 2 Sports Day 2:00pm-3:00pm
23.06.23	Years 3 and 4 Sports Day 2:00pm-3:00pm
03.07.23	International Plastic Bag Free Day
07.07.23	Pupil end of term reports sent home
10.07.23	Transition Week
12.07.23	Class Transition Day 1:00pm-3:00pm
20.07.23	Year 4 Leavers' Assembly 1:30pm-2:30pm
21.07.23	Break up for Summer 2pm