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SEATON SLUICE FIRST SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 7 - AUTUMN TERM 2



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Attendance for this week

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
98%	95.6%	96.9%	100%	99.3%	97.5%

Well done to YELLOW class who are our winners this week- a HUGE well done for achieving an impressive 100%!

Fantastic attendance with *so many pupils* exceeding our school target of 96.2%!

A Busy Week of Festivities!

What a brilliant week we have had! We have managed to squeeze in Christmas performances, Christmas lunch, recording a school Christmas song and made many lovely Christmas crafts ready for our school Winter Market stalls. Well done to children and staff for all of their efforts, including the sprinkling of glitter which seems to reach every tiny corner at this time of year! We can't wait to share everything with our families next week.

Class Christmas Market Stalls

Unfortunately, our plans have been scuppered for the school Winter Market due to Covid-19 restrictions. However, the teachers and children have still been busy at work, creating some lovely products to sell at their class market stalls. Each class will decorate their classroom window as if it was a shop window. Their products will be on view, available to buy at the end of the day on Tuesday 14th December at 3:15pm. Contributions of £3 are welcomed with all profits being donated to The Salvation Army, who aid families in need over the Christmas period. Thank you in advance for your support.

Class Parties

Your child is welcome to come into school in an outfit of their choice for their party day. Food is not required and prizes will be given out for games, provided by School Fund. The planned party days are:

Nursery, Reception: Wednesday 15th December (am)

Years 1 and 2: Wednesday 15th December (pm)

Years 3 and 4: Thursday 16th December (pm)



PTFA Elves Visit to SSFS

Our pupils are in for a treat on Monday 13th December with a visit from some mischievous Christmas elves! They will receive a gift from the PTFA for Christmas. Thank you in advance to our wonderful PTFA for their efforts as always.



We would also like to thank three members of the PTFA who have decided to retire from the group. Firstly, Muriel and Ruth who have given endless hours, helping to prepare for many events in so many ways but most significantly, through their delicious baking for the events. This has included class sets of gingerbread men for Reception children and cakes and scones for tea events such as school fairs. On most occasions, ingredients were provided and funded by themselves. Secondly, we would like to thank Ann Marie for her service to the school within the role of Treasurer. She has also given many hours of her time, organising and accounting for the funds raised by this wonderful group that we are so fortunate receive support from. School has benefitted hugely from the incredible funds raised by the PTFA of which we are extremely grateful. Thank you to Muriel, Ruth and Ann Marie!

Seaton Sluice Football Club

On Tuesday 14th December, every child in the school will receive a selection box kindly donated by Seaton Sluice Football Club. The pupils who attend the club are invited to attend school on this day in their football strip. They will then take responsibility for distributing the selection boxes to all of the classes. Thank you to Seaton Sluice Football Club for this lovely gesture!

Well-Being Words of Wisdom- from Rachael, SSFS well-Being Teacher

You and your mental health still matter this Christmas

Christmas can be a joyful time of the year but many people feel additional pressure in some form or another. This may be feelings of obligation, loneliness, financial worries, struggling with disruption to routines etc. For some people, the challenges are intense and Christmas can actually be one of the hardest times of the year.

Here are some tips for looking after your mental wellbeing this Christmas from The Mental Health Foundation. You can find more information and advice on their website

www.mentalhealth.org.uk/christmas/blog/you-and-your-mental-health-still-matter-christmas
www.mentalhealth.org.uk

"Balance your sense of social obligations against your need for self-care."



"Prioritise and tackle things one at a time."



"Find time for yourself - it might be taking a long bath, or going on an errand, but five minutes to yourself can be really helpful."



Need support? If you're in distress this Christmas and want someone to talk to, please call **Samaritans on 116 123** - their phone lines are open all day every day over the festive period and they're free. You can get in touch about anything that is troubling you, no matter how large or small the issue feels.



Final Day of Term and Training Day

Please remember that we finish school on **Friday 17th December at 2:30pm.**

We also have a training day on **Tuesday 4th January** with the children returning to school on **Wednesday 5th January.**

An End of Term Message from Mrs Bennett

As we come towards the end of our first term, I would like to thank you all for being so supportive. Never has there been such a time for people to be caring and kind towards each other and this is something that I can honestly say is a very special quality of our school community. Whilst it has been a very busy term, which has taken a bit of getting up to speed for us all, it has been such an enjoyable term. The children have been incredible- full of smiles, enthusiasm and great humour. They really are a credit to you. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Mon 13 th Dec	PTFA Christmas Elves in School- gift for children
Wed 15 th Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party (am)
Wed 15 th Dec	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party (pm)
Wed 15 th Dec	Parent Think Tank Meeting (5pm)
Thurs 16 th Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party (pm)
Friday 17 th Dec	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Tues 4 th Jan	Teacher Training Day
Wed 5 th Jan	Return to school for pupils
Thurs 27 th Jan	Year 2 Class Assembly 9:15am-9:45am
Wed 9 th Feb	Parent Think Tank Meeting (5pm)
Thurs 10 th Feb	Year 4 Bikeability Day
Fri 18 th Feb	Break up for Half Term
Mon 28 th Feb	Return to school
Thurs 10 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly (9:15am-9:45am)
Wed 6 th April	Parent Think Tank Meeting (5pm)
Fri 8 th April	Break up for Easter
Mon 25 th April	Return to school
Mon 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Wed 4 th May-Fri 6 th May	Year 4 Trip to Robinwood Residential Centre
Sun 15 th May	Children's Cancer Run
Wed 18 th May	Parent Think Tank Meeting (5pm)
Fri 27 th May	Break up for Half term
Wed 8 th June	Year 4 Ocean Youth Trust Sailing Voyage Group 1
Thurs 9 th June	Year 4 Ocean Youth Trust Sailing Voyage Group 2
Fri 10 th June	Year 4 Ocean Youth Trust Sailing Voyage Group 3