



Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 3- Autumn Term 1

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Attendance for this week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
92.0%	97.3%	95.7%	94.2%	96.9%

Some great results for class attendance this week! Remember our school target is **96.2%** and excellent attendance really does make a difference to overall experience, enjoyment, social confidence and progress across all aspects of school life.

Celebrating Achievements



Name of child	Class	Achievement
Milly G	White	Milly has been working very hard at swimming lessons and has achieved her stage 7 award! Well done Milly!

Well, we are one week away from half term! This term has flown and it has been jam-packed with lots of learning, enthusiasm and many smiles. We now have five School Ambassadors in Year 4: Megan, Charlie, Jessica, Matilda and Theo. Well done to you all for being such wonderful role models around school! The launch of 'Class Dojo' in Years 1-4, along with 'Tapestry' in Early Years, has been a huge success thanks to the efforts of our families. It is fantastic sharing so much of our learning with everyone and the feedback that we receive back has been equally great!

Welcome to Mr Routledge

Mr Routledge has joined us this week, getting to know Year 4 in preparation for Mrs Walsh moving into Nursery after half term. Mr Routledge will hold the fort for the next few weeks until Mrs Collins and Miss Chivers return from maternity leave (just before Christmas). Mrs Walsh is really looking forward to getting to know the Nursery children and their families.

Parental Consultations

Please parental consultations are next week. The days and times are as follows:

Nursery: Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October 13:00-15:30

Reception- Year 4: Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October 15:30-18:00



Teachers will meet with parents/carers in their classroom areas. Cheerleading Club will still take place on Wednesday after school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please also remember to make an appointment with Mrs Bennett, who is our medical co-ordinator, if your child has an individual medical plan. This will be a good opportunity to review the current plan and see if any changes need to be made.

Year 4 Golf Competition

Good luck to ten pupils from Purple Class who have been selected to represent the school in the school games for Seaton Valley and Cramlington. This will take place at Seaton Sluice Middle School on Wednesday 23rd October. Good luck!

PTA Halloween Pumpkin Carving Competition

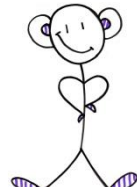
We look forward to seeing the creative carving of the pumpkins which will be displayed in classroom areas. Children will have the opportunity to view the entries on Thursday afternoon and results will be announced on Friday 25th October. Winners will be selected by Sharon Stirling, our Chair of Governors. Good luck and many thanks to the PTA for organising this lovely event.

'We Love Learning' Week

When we return from half term, the focus for our week is 'We Love Learning', which is a celebration of our bespoke Behaviours For Learning. These are:



Take pride



Listen to learn



Do it yourself



Get involved



Keep on trying

We will be talking lots about why it is important to remember these behaviours for learning, which are at the heart of what we do. It would be great if children can discuss these at home too.

Vision For Skills

On Tuesday 5th November, we look forward to welcoming into school Louise and John from '**Vision For Skills**'. John is visually impaired and visit schools with Louise, raising awareness of the impact this has on everyday life. This is vital real-life learning for the children, understanding that people have different needs which we should always be considerate of, trying to help if we can.

Cheerleading Club

Anna Melling leads our cheerleading club every Wednesday after school. The children are doing incredibly well, learning moves and routines. Furthermore, they are working towards an Arts Award across the year, completing tasks and collecting evidence of their achievements. They have decided to name their group the 'Seaton Sluice Sparks'! Well done to the children in the club and a huge thank you to Anna for making such a fantastic start.



A lovely email!

Mrs Bennett received a lovely email through the week from a member of our school community. This is what it said:

“When on the bus, a group of first school students were walking across the pelican crossing returning to school after a trip. After this happened, the driver turned to me and said, “I don’t know how that school does it but every time I meet their pupils, they are kind, courteous, friendly and happy to see me. I really look forward to picking kids up here and I wish I could say that everywhere, but I cannot.”

The sender then went on to say:

“You all have such a demanding vocation that can all too often be focused on academic end results and not on helping shape small children in to good, kind people and sometimes it must be good to know the impact the culture you have instilled has on the wider community. Thank you for all you and the team do.”

As you can imagine, this made Mrs Bennett and the team’s day! What lovely comments. We really can’t agree more with the importance of developing, kind and considerate citizens. Thank you to this very kind member of our community! The pupils mentioned were actually our Year 1 children on their way back from ‘Godly Play’ at the Methodist Church. Well done Year 1, Mrs Mays, staff and helpers!

Governor Corner

Hi, as you may recall the Governors are trying to be more accessible so that parents have another way to feedback to the school. So they have planned a few ‘Governor Drop In’s’ for this academic year.

Date	When
22/10/19	During parental consultations
23/10/19	During parental consultations
28/11/19	After celebration assembly
06/02/20	After celebration assembly
31/03/20	During parental consultations
01/04/20	During parental consultations
07/05/20	After celebration assembly

There will be Governors available at the Parental Consultations next week. They will be in the new meeting room, known as ‘The Cove’ on both nights and will be encouraging parents to complete the online Parentview questionnaire in preparation for the OFSTED inspection we are expecting anytime from now.

We look forward to seeing you then
Sharon Stirling



DATES FOR THE DIARY- to end of Autumn Term

Tues 22 nd Oct	Parental Consultations Rec-Y4 3:30-6:30pm
Wed 23 rd Oct	Parental Consultations Rec-Y4 3:30-6:30pm
Wed 23 rd Oct	Nursery Consultations 1-3:30pm
Thurs 24 th Oct	Nursery Consultations 1-3:30pm
Mon 28 th Oct- Mon 4 th Nov	OCTOBER HALF TERM
Mon 4 th Nov	We Love Learning Week
Mon 4 th Nov	Fustal Play Programme begins every Monday EYFS and Y1 (am)
Tues 5 th Nov	Vision For Skills sessions (am) Y1-Y4
Mon 11 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Thurs 14 th Nov	Y1 Godly Play
Fri 15 th Nov	YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY 9am
Fri 15 th Nov	Y2 Hula Hoop Festival (am)
Sun 1 st Dec	Toy Service at SS Methodist Church 10:30am
Mon 9 th Dec	Art Focus Week
Mon 9 th Dec	Nasal Flu Immunisations Rec-Y4 am
Tues 10 th Dec	EYFS Dress Rehearsal- 9:30am
Wed 11 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Performance 1-9:30am
Thurs 12 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Performance 2- 9:30am
Thurs 12 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal 1:30pm
Fri 13 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal 1:30pm
Mon 16 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance 1- 9:30am
Mon 16 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Performance 1- 1:30am
Tues 17 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Performance 2- 9:30am
Tues 17 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance 2- 1:30pm
Thurs 19 th Dec	Christmas Party Day KS1 am KS2 pm
Fri 20 th Dec-Mon 6 th Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS