



Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 12- Summer 1

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

Attendance for this week

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
99%	100%	98.7%	98.2%	98.3%	97.9%

ANOTHER AMAZING WEEK FOR ATTENDANCE!

Well done to everyone for exceeding our school target of 96.2%.

In particular, congratulations to Reception for achieving an almighty 100%!

Routines to Return

We have started to slightly relax some of the restrictions within our class 'bubbles'. The classrooms are now set up in groups with a carpet area to allow for more class discussions. This is proving to be far more settling to the children who are responding in a positive way, enjoying more collaborative, hands-on learning. This week, we also enjoyed a short whole school singing assembly. This was kept to no longer than 10 minutes with spacing between classes. The joy on the children's faces and uplifting of singing together again was quite overwhelming for the staff.

Lunchtimes, start of the day and end of the day will remain the same until 17th May at least. However, as national restrictions gradually begin to ease, we look forward to sharing with you more news...including the resuming of our lovely 'Celebration Assembly' every Thursday morning. We will provide regular updates.

New Protocol- Tapestry and Class Dojo

Class Dojo will now only be used to celebrate individual and class experiences with you and to communicate generic class messages. For questions, comments or concerns about your own child, we ask that all parents and carers telephone the school office on 0191 2371839 or email admin@seatonsluicefirst.co.uk. Mrs Johnson will be happy to assist you and pass on your concern to the relevant class teacher. Thank you for your support.

Reception Heights and Weights

The school nursing team will be in school measuring the heights and weights of the pupils in Reception on Thursday 20th May. Can you please let Mrs Johnson know only if you do not wish your child to take part. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to Miss Storey

Having enjoyed a very successful newly qualified teacher year, we would like to thank Miss Storey for being such a fantastic Nursery and Year 2 teacher. The children have



all loved having her as their teacher this year and she is a valued member of staff. Miss Storey will be leaving us in July and we all wish her every success for the future.

Proud To Be Inclusive

At Seaton Sluice First School, we are proud to promote the importance of inclusivity. This means that everyone is unique and valued. Our school provides a 'home' to everyone and we are all part of the Seaton Sluice family. We have recently introduced 'Inclusion Ambassadors' as an additional responsibility for pupils in Years 2, 3 and 4. These children were nominated by staff for their kindness to everyone and their understanding of equality demonstrated through their attitude within school. We welcome people from different backgrounds, religions, cultures and those with individual needs.

Some of our 'inclusive classroom' practices include:

- ✓ Greeting everyone with eye-contact, a smile and their own 'hello'
- ✓ Maximised opportunities for class discussions in line with our strong PSHE curriculum
- ✓ A range of teaching styles to cater for the effective learning
- ✓ Differentiated activities so all children can achieve success and work at the appropriate level
- ✓ Personalised approaches or interventions where needed
- ✓ A whole school understanding that we are all unique and valued for who we are with our own special story
- ✓ Modelling of the 'THRIVE' approach to promoting effective relationships and creating a culture of trust and respect
- ✓ A recognition that inclusion is not about ignoring differences...but rather embracing differences

Embedding our inclusive culture is a commitment for us as a school. Furthermore, we are very much looking forward to welcoming up to eight pupils from outside of our catchment area who will join 'The Lighthouse' class, managed by Mrs Walsh who is our school Special Educational Needs Coordinator. The Lighthouse will officially open in September 2021.

FINALLY...WELL-BEING WORDS OF WISDOM

Have you heard of Ecotherapy?



Ecotherapy involves participating in activities outdoors, benefitting from the beauty of nature, known to significantly boost our well-being. This is thought to be a result of combining regular physical activity and social contact with the sheer enjoyment and relaxation of being outside in nature.

The charity, 'Mind' has produced a very interesting document that gives a wealth of great ideas to invite an eco-therapeutic approach to family life. If you have a spare ten minutes, it is well worth a read of this article! Click on the link below:

<https://www.mind.org.uk/media-a/2931/nature-and-mental-health-2018.pdf>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note changes to Sport's Day original dates

Date	Event
Thursday 22 nd April	IPad Music launch- Year 4
Monday 3rd May	May Day Holiday
Monday 10 th May	Reception and Year 1 Storyteller Visit
Tuesday 11 th May	Parental Consultations (3:30-6:00pm)
Wednesday 12 th May	Parental Consultations (3:30-6:00pm)
Friday 28th May	Break up for half term
Tuesday 8th June	Nursery and Reception Sport's Day (am)
Wednesday 9th June	KS1 (pm) and KS2 (am) Sport's Day
Wednesday 16 th - Friday 18 th June	Robinwood Residential Trip
Monday 28 th June	New Nursery Parent's Meeting (5pm)
Tuesday 29 th June	New Reception Parent's Meeting (5pm)
Friday 2 nd July	Reports out to Parents and Carers
Monday 5 th July	Year 4 Transition Week
Wednesday 7 th July	Transition to new classes (pm)
Thursday 15 th July	Year 4 Leaver's Celebration Event