



## Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 15- Summer 2

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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
96%	98.2%	95.9%	97.9%	97.1%	96.6%
<b>SUPERB ATTENDANCE AGAIN FROM ALL CLASSES- WELL DONE!</b>					
<b>THE WINNING CLASS THIS WEEK IS RECEPTION</b>					

### Year 4 Return from Robinwood

Purple Class returned to school last Friday after a fantastic three days away at Robinwood Activity Centre. They had a great time and were absolutely exhausted from their adventure. The staff unanimously praised their outstanding efforts, participation and behaviour throughout the trip. Thank you to all of the Year 4 pupils and also to our fantastic staff who left their families behind to supervise- Mrs Mays, Mrs Elliott and Mrs Dale.

### Thank you, goodbye and good luck to Mrs Davidson

After over twenty years of working at our school as Teaching Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisor, Christine Davidson will be retiring at the end of the Summer term. She has been a wonderful, highly supportive member of staff, highly regarded by children, staff, governors and our families. Christine is one of the most caring, patient and committed people that we have had the pleasure of working with and she is going to be a huge miss in school. She has supported children's learning and provided an outstanding level of pastoral support. We know that she will keep in touch and will look forward to spending more time with her grandchildren as well as in her caravan with her husband. Thank you Christine for everything that you have brought to Seaton Sluice First School- we will miss you tremendously.

Her husband, Bryan Davidson has worked with us for the last two years as school cleaner. He is also retiring from his post and we would like to thank him for his hard work, smiles and support. We look forward to hearing about their days of relaxation together, travelling around.

### Parking and driving around school site

Sadly, this issue is an ongoing concern within our school community. We request that when transporting children to and from school, consideration to local residents and the safety of the community must be given. We continue to receive complaints from members of the public about the dangerous parking and manner of driving that has been reported. This is highly alarming and most concerning in terms of keeping everyone safe. Please refrain from parking on yellow lines, on street corners and in a way that compromises the safety of the whole community. We know that this issue



only involves a minority group of people; however, even a small group is significant as this could lead to a serious accident. Thank you for your support with this matter.

#### Increase in price of school meals

We have been informed by our school meal providers, North Tyneside Council, that the cost of a meal will increase as from September 2021 to £2.40 or £12 per week. Universal Free School Meals will still be available for pupils up to the end of Year 2. Therefore, the cost is only relevant to pupils in Years 3 and 4. School meals will be able to be paid online as a 'top up' through the Parent Mail system. This will be set up after 9<sup>th</sup> July.

#### Fruit for snack time

If your child wishes to bring in fruit for snack/break time, please remember that this should be a piece of healthy, fresh fruit. This does not include high sugar snacks such as cereal bars and fruit winders. Many thanks.

#### Return of data sheets

A gentle reminder to parents and carers with children in Nursery-Year 3. Please remember to return your new **Data Collection Sheet** and **consent forms** to school by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021. These sheets will allow us to update vital information including emergency contact details should we need to contact you. This will be extremely helpful to Mrs Johnson in preparation for the Autumn term.

Any outstanding music tuition (keyboard, ukulele and guitar) payments should be made by 30<sup>th</sup> June please. Please contact the school office for any problems or queries.

#### Class Photos

Tempest Photography have advised us that the group photographs are available to view and purchase at <http://http.st/SeatonSluiceFirstSch>

Please note this will be the only way to view and order photographs. There will be a 'deliver to school' option open for approximately 14 days, otherwise home delivery is available for £5.00 postage and packing.

If you do require any assistance, we would ask that you please contact Tempest on - 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on 'Contact Us' on their home page.

#### Last day of term arrangements

Our last day of term is **FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY. School will finish early on this day as follows:**

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: 2pm (water combat 2:05pm-2:15pm)

Years 3 and 4: 2:15pm (water combat 2:20pm-2:30pm)

On this day, **Year 2 will exit from the Community Room.**

The children are invited to participate in a celebratory 'Water Combat' accompanied by one adult. Please note that not all children will choose to take part- this is fine and they are welcome to watch their class if they wish.



*The rationale for this event is to celebrate together our resilience across the last 16 months of the pandemic. It is to boost our well-being by having some fun and creating a memorable experience for the children at the end of term.*

#### Expectations of the event:

- Water equipment must not be shared between pupils and cannot be re-filled.
- One adult per family is able to join in with their child.
- One adult per family should spectate, supervise school bags etc and be prepared with a towel for after the event. The towel must not be shared.
- After the event, families should not return inside the school building and should make their way off site.
- Face coverings are not expected to be worn as the event is likely to last for no greater than ten minutes, with movement outside.
- Families should collect their child from the usual pick up point at the end of the school day, and then make their way to the school field. The areas to assemble in school 'Houses' will be marked on the field. Spectators should wait on the school yard. A bell will sound to mark the start and end of the water combat.
- Once the children are collected, they are the responsibility of the parents/carers during the event and afterwards.
- Most importantly, HAVE FUN!

#### FINALLY...WELL-BEING WORDS OF WISDOM



Today's advice is a simple quote for reflection:

***"Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind.  
Be led by the dreams in your heart."***

***Roy T. Bennett***

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**PLEASE NOTE AMENDED DATE FOR NEW RECEPTION PARENT'S MEETING**

Date	Event
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	New Nursery Parent's Meeting (5pm)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception Parent's Meeting (5pm)
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Water Sport's Experience (all day)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Reports out to Parents and Carers
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Transition Week
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition to new classes (pm)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Leaver's Celebration Event
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Final day of term- Whole School Water Combat (2:30pm)
<b>Break up for Summer on FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021 at 2:00pm and 2:15pm</b>	
<b>TRAINING DAY- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>	
<b>START OF AUTUMN TERM- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>	



**Please note: The Summer holiday this year lasts for 7 weeks**