



# Seaton Sluice First School

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## Newsletter items

# WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

## Lunchtimes

We are working hard to make lunchtimes quieter and calmer. As you can imagine 145 children in the hall makes this quite a challenge. The children have responded well to sitting in houses and are trying really hard. We would appreciate your support with discussing lunchtime behaviour with your children in an effort to work together in partnership with this area. We are currently working on the following:-

- Use a knife and fork to eat a school dinner unless it is a sandwich
- Concentrate on eating not talking
- Use a quiet voice and chat only with the children on your table
- Sit smartly at the table at all times Tuck your chair in when you are leaving the table
- Walk to and from the dining room and in the dining room
- Hand up if you need help
- Packed lunch children may leave when they have finished eating
- School dinner children must wait to be given permission to leave (due to the queue for returning trays)

## Storage of PE kit

We tried the great idea of keeping kit in shoe boxes but it was not terribly successful. We would like all children to keep kit in a draw string bag on their coat peg please. Please no back packs, holdalls, satchels. We do not have the room in the cloakroom to store these kinds of bags.

## Non-uniform days

There are two non-uniform days coming up to support the PTFA Christmas Fair.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Please bring in a bottle in a bag

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Please bring in an item of chocolate for the chocolate tombola

The PTFA really appreciates the support for these contributions and they go a long way to helping the success of the Christmas Fair.

## Children in Need Day

Children in Need Day is also Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Please send in silver change (5p's, 10p's, 20p's 50p's ONLY) and we will make a trail in aid of Children in Need.

### **Christmas Lights Competition**

Every year the year 2 children take part in the *Design a Christmas Light Competition* in the summer term. We have just received the names of the winners and will be arranging a presentation to them in a school assembly in the near future.

In the meantime we offer congratulations to:-

Violet Ward - 1st place (her design will be made into a light to be used on Beresford Road)

Ben Graham - 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Ruby Scurr - 3<sup>rd</sup> place

### **Vtech/Apple watches**

It has come to our attention that some children may have recently been given one of the above watches. These watches take photos, make recordings, take short pieces of video and can be used for gaming.

It is not appropriate for children to have these watches in school. Please support us by ensuring these items do not come into school with your child.

### **Future Diary Dates**

**Wednesday 11th November** - PTFA meeting at 6.00pm ALL WELCOME (refreshments will be served)

**Friday 13th November** - Non uniform day for bottle in bag tombola & Children in Need Day (bring in silver change please for making a trail)

**Friday 20th November** - Non uniform day for chocolate tombola

**Tuesday 24th November** - Bikers Breakfast 8.15am and Dr Bike

**Wednesday 25th November** - Year four bike ride

**Friday 27th November** - Hula Hooping Festival for year 3 pupils at Blyth Sports Centre 9.30 - 11.45am

**Friday 27th November** - PTFA Christmas Fair 2.00pm

**Sunday 29th November** - Toy Service at Seaton Sluice Methodist Church 10.30am

**Sunday 6th December** - Christingle Service at St Pauls Church Seaton Sluice 10.30am

**Tuesday 8th December** - Early Years Christmas Performance 9.30am

**Wednesday 9th December** - Early Years Christmas Performance 9.30am

**Thursday 10th December** - Christmas Dinner in School (More details to follow)

**Monday 14th December** - Year one and year two Christmas Performance 2.00pm

**Tuesday 15th December** - Year one and year two Christmas Performance 9.30am

**Tuesday 15th December** - Year three and year four Christmas Performance 2.00pm

**Wednesday 16th December** - Year three and year four Christmas Performance 9.30am

**Thursday 17th December** - Pantomime for the whole school and party food in morning/ Toy afternoon in pm

**Friday 18th December - School closes for the Christmas Holidays at 2.00pm**

**Monday 4th January 2016 is a training day - School is closed**

**School re-opens on Tuesday 5th January 2016 at 8.55am and 8.45am for Nursery.**

**Seaton Sluice First School MUSTS!**

Pierced earrings **MUST** be removed on PE days

Scooters and bicycles **MUST** not be ridden on the yard before and immediately after school

Children **MUST** not play in the bushes at the bottom of the field

Children **MUST** be supervised by parents/carers before and after school on school premises

Parents/Carers **MUST** make themselves visible at picking up time so that children can be handed over safely

Dogs **MUST NOT** be brought onto the school site

Parents/Carers **MUST** check book bags daily for letters/homework/messages etc...

Book bags and water bottles **MUST** be brought to school every day