



Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 11

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



"Nurturing Excellence"

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Welcome back! It is lovely being back together again although there have been some worried faces around school, with children very much wanting to have the opportunity to talk, especially in Years 3 and Year 4. The people of Ukraine are very much in our thoughts and prayers during this tragic time.

This week's whole school attendance

Our whole school attendance this week is 97%- a great result!

Just Giving Fundraising Page

We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** for the very generous donations towards 'The Lighthouse' outdoor play area. The amount raised so far is £1658 which is absolutely brilliant! This will really help us improve the area and equipment available to support the needs of the children and create a learning rich environment for them to enjoy with their friends.

World Book Day

Swap Shop and Shelfies!

We had a great time swapping books, trying to guess the teacher's 'shelfies' (their bookcases at home!). The teachers also swapped classes to share their favourite stories with the children across the school. The atmosphere was great!

A Poem for World Book Day 2022

I Opened a Book

I opened a book and in I strode
Now nobody can find me.
I've left my chair, my house, my road,
My town and my world behind me.

I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,
I've swallowed the magic potion.
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king
And dived in a bottomless ocean.

I opened a book and made some friends.
I shared their tears and laughter
And followed their road with its bumps and bends
To the happily ever after.

I finished my book and out I came.
The cloak can no longer hide me.
My chair and my house are just the same,
But I have a book inside me.

Julia Donaldson



World Down Syndrome Day- 21st March

We would like to invite pupils to participate in this special event. On this day, people with Down Syndrome and those who live and work with them throughout the world, organise and participate in activities. This is to raise public awareness and create a single global voice advocating for the rights, inclusion and well-being of people with Down Syndrome. Pupils, staff, parents and carers are invited to wear socks that get noticed! These can be crazy, colourful, mismatched...whatever takes your fancy!

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Behind the scenes of ... THE LIGHTHOUSE -written by Mrs Bennett and helped by all of the children and staff in the class.

This week in The Lighthouse, we have been celebrating 'Shrove Tuesday' and focused on the story **Mr Wolf's Pancakes** by Jan Fearnley. We **loved** this story and became very interested in pancakes. We carefully remembered what Mr Wolf needed to buy to make pancakes and made our own shopping list. We then went for a walk to the Co-op to buy the ingredients and we made our own delicious pancakes. Unfortunately, Miss Procter's flipping techniques weren't quite as good as Mr Wolf's so we mainly had not so perfect pancakes but we definitely enjoyed making them and of course...eating them! Kerrie and Amy (from Jigsaw Therapy Solutions) also came into The Lighthouse to work with us too.



Occupational Therapy- with Kerrie



Speech and Language- with Amy

SSFS Backpack

Following suggestions from our latest Parent Think Tank meeting, we now have school backpacks available either from Anne Thomas in Whitley Bay or from the school office. They are available in two sizes: small (£7) and medium (£11). These are optional as reading bags are still very helpful especially for the younger children to carry their key word folders.



UPCOMING...



Thurs 10th March

Year 1 Class
Assembly (Parents
and Carers welcome)
9:05am-9:30am

Monday 14th March

British Science Week

Mon 21st March

National Down
Syndrome Day

Thurs 7th April

Break up for Easter
(Teacher Training
Day on Fri 8th April)

Monday 25th April

Return to school

Monday 2nd May

May Bank Holiday

Wed 4th May-Fri 6th May

Y4 Robinwood
Residential

Sat 7th May

Voices of Virtue
Gospel Singing

(1-3pm)

Sat 14th May

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A final affirmation for the week:

Nothing can dim the light that shines from within.

MAYA ANGELOU

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Events added- PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR EASTER HOLIDAY

Date	Event
Mon 28 th Feb	Return to school
Thurs 10 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly (9:15am-9:45am)
Mon 21st March	National Down Syndrome Day
Wed 6th April	SSFS Family Appreciation Day
Wed 6 th April	Parent Think Tank Meeting (5pm)
Thurs 8 th April	Break up for Easter
Fri 9 th April	SVLP Teacher Training Day
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 7 th May	Re-scheduled Voices of Virtue Soul Singing Session 1 (1pm-3pm)
Sun 14 th May	Re-scheduled Voices of Virtue Soul Singing Session 2 (1pm-3pm)
Sun 15 th May	Children's Cancer Run
Wed 18 th May	Parent Think Tank Meeting (5pm)
Sun 21 st May	Re-scheduled Voices of Virtue Soul Singing Session 3 (1pm-3pm)
Wed 25 th May	Seaton Sluice Has Got Talent Shortlisting
Fri 27 th May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Whole School Garden Party (1:30-3:30pm)
Fri 27 th May	Break up for Half term
Sun 28 th May	Re-scheduled Voices of Virtue Soul Singing Session 4 (1pm-3pm)
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
Wed 22 nd June	Seaton Sluice Has Got Talent (6:00pm-7:30pm)