



# Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 17

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



**"Nurturing Excellence"**

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This week's whole school attendance is...

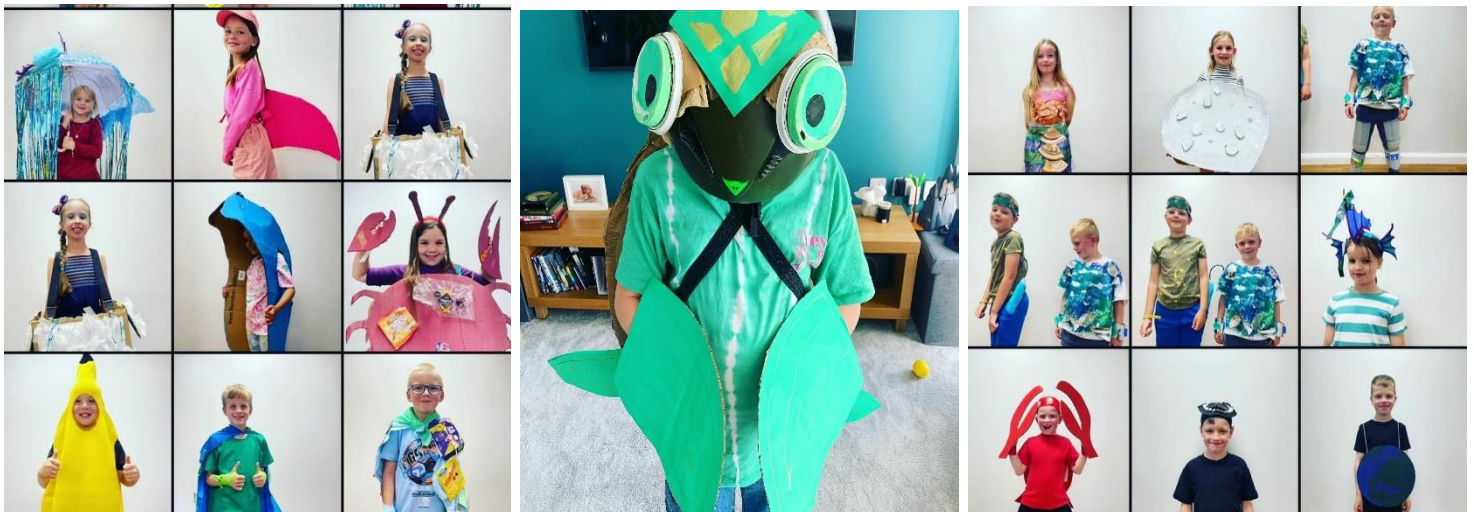
Our whole school attendance this week is 95.3%.

Well done! Attendance has been much better this week, great for transition day in our new classes! Keep it up everyone!



*"I may be small, but small things can do great big things!"*

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 'Team Turtle' wowed us with a brilliant musical performance of the book, 'Little Turtle Turns The Tide'. The choir and children from Year 3 performed the various parts of story featuring cranky crabs, pink shark, little turtle, seahorse and jellyfish! Costumes and the set were all recycled and the children performed five musical movements that told the story word for word. Lauren, (Bo's Mum) who wrote the story, directed the musical and created the choreography. We were also joined by two fantastic charities, Surfers Against Sewage and The Wild Oyster Project. Lovely animations of the story were shared- all in all, it was a magnificent night. Thank you to Anna Melling for teaching the Makaton to some of the songs, Mrs Dale for assistance with costumes, James Peacock, The Hardy Family and Mrs Bennett for the music, the parents and carers for the costumes and 'Loud Arts' for assistance with funding. Finally, a massive well done to our wonderful pupils and the talented Lauren Davies for her inspiring book! We loved every minute of the performance.



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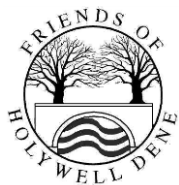
## Seaton Sluice Reading Challenge

Look out for the Seaton Sluice Library reading challenge over the holidays! If children would like to take part, they are invited to visit the library over the Summer holidays.

Opening times are Monday 1:00 - 5:00 pm; Wednesday 10:00 am- 12 noon and again 1:00 -5:00 pm; and Friday 1:00 - 3:00 pm. There are certificates and usually small prizes given.

## Community Uniform Bank

We are delighted to let you know that Seaton Sluice Community Centre have kindly offered to store pre-loved SSFS uniform for free. Items can be handed into the community centre. Clothes should be clean and with names removed if possible. Rachel, from the school PTFA will be monitoring the scheme. A poster will be circulated soon with extra details such as opening times. The pre-loved uniform will be available for families to access, rather than buying new items throughout the year. What a great way of recycling and contributing to a greener world!



**Friends of Holywell Dene** would like to offer a pond dipping experience for family groups on **Saturday the 23rd of July 10:00 - 12:00** at the Dipping Pond just below Hartley Lane car park. This activity is aimed at FoHD members and their families with young children. Family membership is £5 per year. Parents/guardians should also attend. Please let us know beforehand if you intend coming along by emailing [friendsofholywelldene@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofholywelldene@gmail.com).

## FIT FRIDAY

We would like to request that when we return to school in September, that children wear only their **school P.E kit** for Fit Friday. This will allow us to compete as house teams as well as also looking really smart. Furthermore, we hope to begin attending sporting events with other local schools. By wearing the school PE uniform, we are easily identified as being the school we are so proud to be!

*Thank you for your support!*

## UPCOMING...



Wed 20<sup>th</sup> July

KS2 boys' football NUFC1892 event (8 pupils and adults)

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July

Y4 Leaver's Celebration 1pm-3pm

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Whole school water combat 2pm

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July

## **SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR SUMMER**

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> and Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Sept

Teacher training days

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept

Pupils return to school

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## Forecast hot weather

The UK is set to declare it's first ever **Level 4** national emergency over a heatwave as temperatures could soar past 40C next week. These exceptional temperatures are likely to be on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**. Please can you ensure children have plenty of sun cream on, have a full water bottle and also (if possible), a cap or sun hat. Time outdoors is likely to be limited especially over lunch time. Thank you for assistance.

## END OF TERM WATER COMBAT ARRANGEMENTS



Our last day of term is **FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY**. School will finish early on this day as follows:

**Nursery (30hrs children), Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: to be collected at 2pm (water combat 2:05pm-2:15pm)**

**Years 3 and 4: to be collected at 2:15pm (water combat 2:20pm-2:30pm)**

**Can we request that all parents and carers make a line to collect their child? Please be patient- it is vital that children all are signed out safely.**

We would be most grateful if parents could bring along equipment for the water combat event on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July **at the end of the school day**. This will make it easier for us as there is not enough space in school for storage.

Please remember that everyone should make their way off the school site once their event is finished. This includes children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, not joining in with the key stage 2 event.

**Please note: there will be no wraparound care on this final day.**

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 our time together this year. It is to boost our well-being by having some fun and creating a memorable experience for the children at the end of term.*

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## Expectations of the event:

- Water equipment cannot be re-filled as we do not have outdoor water facilities.
- One adult per family is invited to join in with their child (although it is not essential- you may choose to watch and be ready for your child afterwards.)
- We ask that one adult per family should spectate, supervise school bags etc and be prepared with a towel for after the event.
- After the event, families should not return inside the school building. They should make their way safely off school site.
- 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. 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 from the Class Teacher, they are the responsibility of the parents/carers during the event and afterwards.
- Most importantly, HAVE FUN!

We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate the start of our Summer holiday!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/Y4 Boys NUFC 1892 competition (8 pupils) 2pm-5pm
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 4 Leavers' Celebration Event (1:00pm-3:00pm)
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Whole school water combat celebration (2pm-2:30pm) EARLY FINISH
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Break up for Summer
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Teacher Training Day
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Teacher Training Day
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Pupils return to school for Autumn term

## **A final word of thanks from Mrs Bennett:**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw towards the end of another fantastic year, I would like to thank you for your tremendous support. The last few months have started to feel more like the good, old days; with the fun of Sport's Days, talent shows, gospel singing, assemblies and some trips out of school. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration was a special highlight for me, when there were so many people all together, relaxing and having lots of fun. Looking back, the last two years actually feel like a lifetime ago! Keeping distances, wearing masks and washing our hands twenty times a day...strangely, this feels like such distant memories. I hope that those days never return although amongst the challenges, there were so many moments of hope and happiness too.

Seaton Sluice First School is a special school; genuinely, like one very big family where there is always something funny to chat about. The children radiate sunshine through

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their smiles and bring about so much laughter. Every day is unique. Our pupils are our inspiration.

I wish you all a wonderful Summer, making magical memories as a family. Make sure you take time out of your busy routines, try to have a break from technology, read lots, talk lots, dream lots... and just enjoy the wonder of nature! After all, it is the simple things in life that mean the most.

Finally, for the children who are leaving us in Year 4, I will miss you especially. This class was my first Reception class when I first took up the position of Headteacher in September 2017. I remember the tiny people who started school that day and now see the big personalities, brimming with confidence, now ready for the next stage of their exciting journey up to middle school. A HUGE well done to you all! I am immensely proud of each of you and wish you so much happiness in your new school. Of course, I know I will hear lots of great things about how well you are all doing and remember that you are always welcome to pop back and see me anytime!

Have fun and be happy!

