



Seaton Sluice First School

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Red	Orange	Yellow	White	Purple
90%	97.4%	99.3%	95.9%	95.2%

Yellow Class has the best attendance this week with 100%!!! **WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

Our overall school target for attendance is 96%

Newsletter items

It is lovely to see so many families attending our Christmas performances. Thank you to everyone for their kind words and support. We get so many positive comments about the children's singing and their willingness to be part of the entertainment. Thank you children!

Mr and Mrs Awan

We would like to say thank you to Mr and Mrs Awan (parents of Asfand, Faryal and Shahzaib) for providing every child in the school with a lovely chocolate advent calendar. This is a most generous gift and is given in support of the community. They have also kindly donated a large number of packets of biscuits for each class to enjoy at snack time which is much appreciated.

Miss Chivers returns

Miss Chivers returns from her maternity leave on Wednesday next week when she will be in year one for three days on Thursday and Friday as well. Once we return to school in the New Year the arrangement in year one will be that Miss Chivers will teach the class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Collins will teach the class on a Thursday and Friday. Miss Chivers and Mrs Collins have been spending liaison time together for the past few weeks to discuss planning and preparation for the new term.

New homework policy

During the last term teachers have worked on devising a new homework policy for the school which will be put into operation from January 2017. I will be sending out a letter and copy of the policy to all families during next week before the holidays so that everyone is well informed. Please read it and keep your copy.

Celebration assemblies for reception class

From January our reception class children will be attending our celebration assemblies on a Friday and parents/carers and friends of children in red class are warmly invited to join us on these occasions. Assemblies start at about 9.10am every Friday. Parents/carers of stars of the week will be notified by text the Monday prior to the assembly giving as much time as possible for arranging to be there if they can. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Final celebration assembly

Our final celebration assembly before Christmas will be on Thursday 15th December at 9.10am. In this assembly we will do all of the birthdays that fall in that week plus those that fall in the Christmas holidays up to and including Sunday 1st January. We will be awarding 'most improved writer' pens and certificates for one person from each class in y1, y2, y3 and y4.

Seaton Valley Focus

Look out for SVF Focus

A new termly magazine will soon be published by the Seaton Valley Federation of Schools, replacing the long-running Astley Standard. Covering news and events at Seaton Sluice Middle School and Whytrig Middle School as well as Astley Community High School, it is hoped that the new focus on all three schools in the SVF will be of direct interest to pupils, parents and staff of our feeder first schools as well. The first edition will be out before the end of term and every pupil will have their own individual copy to bring home. If you have any feedback about SVF Focus, please contact Clare Roberts, Communication and Marketing Assistant via reception@astleyhigh.org. We hope you enjoy reading our new magazine.

Use of school facilities

We welcome the opportunity for children to enjoy some play time after school finishes. We politely request that children do not return inside the school building to use the toilets as they are being cleaned at this time. Floors and toilets can be wet/slippery and would be a danger to those using them. Many thanks for your support with this matter.

Christmas performances

The performances have been very well received so far and we look forward to KS1 and KS2 next week. Thank you to all parents/carers who have supported with learning words for songs, making and providing costumes and encouraging and practising the learning of words and lines. It is very much appreciated. I would like to say a special thank you to all the staff here who work so hard at this time of year to produce such wonderful and enjoyable shows.

Nursery - Returning After Christmas

Nursery will be returning to school on **Thursday 5th January 2017** due to Mrs Sawyers and Mrs Warren making home visits for new starters on Wednesday 4th January.

Anti-bullying poster competition

Congratulations to our winners of the recent poster competition held in school. Luke Kennedy Y3, Lucy Stanyer Y3, Amelia Johnson Y2, Joe Eggett Y4, James Hawman Y4, Ben Graham Y4, James Green Y4, Ella-Jean Wiper Y3, Evie Towns Y3, Daniel McAreavey Y1.

Their designs will be copied, enlarged and laminated and displayed to promote ourselves as an anti-bullying school.

FUTURE DIARY DATES

Sunday 11th December: Christingle Service at St Pauls Church 12.00noon

Monday 12th December: Key Stage One Performance 2.00pm

Tuesday 13th December: School Christmas dinner

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Tuesday 13th December: Key Stage Two Performance 2.00pm

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Wednesday 14th December: PTFA Christmas Hot Dog Night 3.15 - 5.00pm

Thursday 15th December: Celebration Assembly today (instead of Friday)

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Friday 16th December: Pantomime Company Jack & the Beanstalk 9.30am - Children may come in their pyjamas/ onesies. Hot chocolate and marshmallows will be served courtesy of the PTFA

Friday 16th December: School closes at 2.00pm for the Christmas Holidays

School re-opens on Wednesday 4th January at 8.55am for main school and 8.45am for nursery

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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 or climb the trees
- * 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...
- * Parents/Carers **MUST** keep school up to date of any changes in telephone numbers / emergency contact details