



## Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 2- Autumn Term

Headteacher: Mrs A Bennett

Seaton Sluice First School, Granville Avenue, Seaton Sluice. NE26 4BX

Telephone: 0191 2371839

Email: [admin@seatonsluicesouth.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@seatonsluicesouth.northumberland.sch.uk)

Website: <http://www.seatonsluicesouth.northumberland.sch.uk/website>

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

Week three already! How quickly time flies when you are having lots of fun! SSFS life is so settled with children working hard and staff preparing exciting lessons. It really is such a privilege to be Headteacher of our special school. The Year 3 and 4 children look incredibly smart in their ties and have all now been allocated their leadership roles. We have met together for our first 'House Meetings' where children from Reception up to Year 4 mingled and met with their House teachers and then voted for Captains. The presentation of badges to our House Captains will take place in Celebration Assembly on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Well done to the Year 4 children who were brave, stood up and gave a short speech for everyone to listen to.

### Attendance for this week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
98.7%	98.4%	99%	99.7%	94%

Well done to **WHITE** class for having the best attendance this week!

REMEMBER...the overall target for our school attendance is **96.2 %**

### Celebrating Achievements



Well done to the following children for their latest achievements:

Name of child	Class	Achievement
Ava Houghton	Purple	Completed the mini Great North Run on Newcastle Quayside, both completing the 1.5km in 9 minutes! So far Ava Houghton has raised £190 for motor neurone disease association- Well done girls! A huge achievement.
Ava Purvis	Purple	

**Please remember to hand in details of achievements out of school to Mrs Heslegrave in the school office.**

### PTFA Hot Dog and Film Night- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Tickets will be on sale for £2.50 from next week at the school office for one of the popular PTFA Hot Dog and Film nights. Tickets are limited to 30 children and the film will be shown



from 3:15pm-5:00pm. Children from all classes are invited to come along although it is requested that Reception children are accompanied by a parent.

### Middle School Applications

The online portal for admissions is now open and can be accessed via Northumberland County Council's website, under 'school admissions'. Parents with children who are currently in Year 4 **MUST** apply for a place at their chosen middle school. It is not an automatic transfer process from first to middle school. The closing date for all applications is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**. Please be aware that if you do not apply for the school of your choice, you are **unlikely** to secure a place for your child to begin middle school in September 2018.

### Reception Class

Reception children will be attending school full time as from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. They have settled in incredibly well with staff all commenting on their fantastic behaviour and superb levels of independence. Well done to all of the children.

### Sports Funding

School have been awarded double sports funding for sports provision across the year. Every year, Mrs Bennett meets with Marie-Anne Dowson who leads the SVLP sports provision and a fantastic varied programme has been planned for this year including yoga, Relax Kids sessions, skipping workshops, forest school, a lead dance coach supporting lessons, multi-skills workshops, cycling generation sessions for Year 4 and so much more! All years groups will be involved in the programme. We have also funded two lunch time sports clubs every week- one for Reception to Year 2 and one for Years 3 and 4. We are delighted to welcome two specialist coaches, Andy and Scott from Active Northumberland to lead these sessions with the children.

### Jewellery in P.E

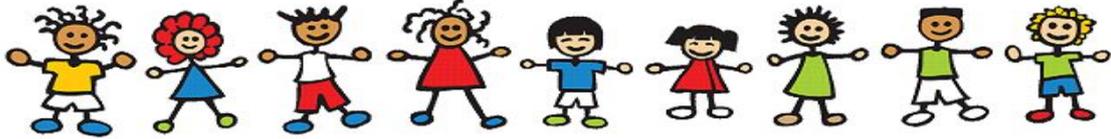
Can children please come into school on P.E days either without earrings in, able to remove them independently or with small elastoplasts to provide protection. This is a health and safety requirement. In addition to this, long hair must always be tied back. Your support in dealing with this matter is greatly appreciated.

### Forest School Equipment

Thank you to the PTFA who have kindly donated £200 for equipment to support Forest School provision. They have also purchased waterproof jackets and trousers for children working outdoors. Our first Forest School group consisting of ten children from across Years 1, 2 and 3 will be meeting this week for their first session with Claire Tustin. Every half term, a new group will be selected and invited to participate in the sessions. We can't wait to hear all about it!

### Year 4 Walking To and From School

Some of the children in Purple Class have mentioned walking to and from school by themselves. We encourage children to develop levels of independence throughout Year 4 in preparation for middle school. However, some children are more comfortable about the



prospect of walking alone or with friends than others. There is NO expectation that the Year 4 children will independently make their way into school. However, if you decide with your child that this is something they would like to try, permission slips are available from the office which MUST be completed prior to the arrangement commencing. For some children this will feel exciting whereas for others, it will feel daunting. It is therefore important that we go at the pace of individual children and they do not feel pressured to walk alone.

#### National Lottery Grant

We are extremely fortunate to have the support of Sharon Stirling (Parent Governor) and the PTFA. Sharon, along with Emma Stanyer, Kim McGuire and Julie Byrne have kindly given their time to complete a significant amount of paperwork applying for National Lottery funding to further support the development of music provision across school. We hope to share some exciting news regarding this application in the near future following a conditional offer at this point. Staff would like to extend their thanks to this committed group of parents for giving their time and efforts in applying for this grant.

#### Parental Consultations

Letters will be sent home with your child to book a short appointment with their teacher. The purpose of this consultation is to review how they have settled into their new class rather than discuss progress at this early point in the year.

#### Annual PTFA Meeting

The PTFA will be meeting in school on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm. The purpose of this meeting is to plan events across the school year. All parents of children in school are automatically members of the PTFA and everyone is welcome to attend.



## AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES

Please check every newsletter as this list will be regularly updated.

<b>October</b>	
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Reception and Year 1 Playground Festival (in school) 1:30-3:00
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PTFA Hot dog and film night 3:15-5:00 (tickets £2.50)
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Blind Awareness Workshop (all classes) 9:30-11:45
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Photographer in School 08:45 – 11:30
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parental Consultations Reception to Year 4 3:30-6:30
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parental Consultations Reception to Year 4 3:30-6:30
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Open Evening for parents of current Year 4 children at SSMS (time TBC)
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sustainable goals and aspirations special assembly (Years 1-4)
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Nursery Consultations
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Nursery Consultations
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM</b>
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Fire Service visits school
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Games- Year 4 Football at Astley High (1 team) 9:30-11:45

<b>November</b>	
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Bring in chocolate donation for the Christmas Fair tombola
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	NON UNIFORM- Bring in a ' bottle donation in a bag' for Christmas Fair
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-bullying week
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Any toy donations for the Christmas Fair are gratefully received this week.
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children In Need Day
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	SSFS Christmas Fair 2pm in the school hall
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu spray immunisations Reception-Year 4 (am)

<b>December</b>	
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Choir performing at Toy Service at SS Methodist Church 10:30am
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTFA Christmas Disco 3:15-5:00 in school hall (tickets £2.50)
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance 9:30am
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance 9:30am
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 9:30am
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 1:30pm
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 9:30am
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 1:30pm
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Cinema Experience (am)
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Christmas Party Day
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS</b>
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR SPRING TERM</b>