



Seaton Sluice First School

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Red	Orange	Yellow	White	Purple
98.2%	99%	99.3%	92.4%	98.2%

Yellow Class has the best attendance this week with 95.0%!!! **WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

Our overall school target for attendance is 96%

Social networking sites

Please remember that if you are conversing on social networking sites that this is not the place to discuss or criticise anything to do with our school. If you have any kind of concern or complaint please ask to see Mrs Love who will happily discuss it with you.

Bumped Heads in school

In the case of more serious bumps to the head children are treated by a trained first aider and parents are notified so that they can take further action if they wish e.g. check with walk in clinic or casualty. More minor bumps are recorded and your child may come home with an orange sticker that says they have had a bump on that day.

School Lunches

We and North Tyneside are delighted with the current uptake of school meals. Since changing the school that cooks the meals for us we have had very positive feedback about the quality of the food. The children seem to be really enjoying their lunches. It is so much better to be able to have a choice for their school meals and we are very grateful to all parents and carers who take the time to sit down with their children to discuss their choices from the menus. We are well aware that children can change their minds about what they want to eat and that they can like something one day and not the next. We must stress though that the request to only make changes to the menu after the first 3 weeks of a new menu be understood and accepted by parents and children. I understand that it is a worry and a concern that your child may be having very little to eat at lunchtime if they have told you that they don't like something. The reality is that there is usually a wide variety of food available and we can offer all sorts to fill them up on those days. There is a full salad bar including pasta and bread most days and puddings to offer every day.

Coats

We have children arriving in school without a coat. At this time of year the rule is that unless staff says otherwise coats are to be worn at every playtime. Please ensure that your child wears a coat to school.

Toys

An incident involving a toy brought from home this week has led to this reminder that toys from home should not be brought in to school please.

Numicon Workshops

You will see from the future diary dates section that we are holding two maths workshops for parents during November based around how NUMICON (mathematical apparatus) is used for learning in school. Children will be involved in the workshops and interactive activities will be taking place. Please save the date!

Communication from school

Mrs Heslegrave has worked hard to send out, receive and process all the data sheets for every child in the school. Please contact the school office if you are not receiving texts or e mails from school and we will investigate why. There could be a very small simple error on your sheet or in the system that needs correcting but unless you tell us we will not be aware of it.

Volunteers for the PTFA

The PTFA met this week to discuss activities and the up and coming Christmas fair. If you feel you can offer your time to help out in any way prior to the fair or during please see Kim McGuire (Amy in year one) or Nikki Cosgrove (Noah year two and Oscar reception) and they will let you know how you can be of help.

PTFA purchases

To keep you up to date the PTFA have recently bought for school:-

The red outdoor shelter on the yard

Contributed towards school visits

Keyboard stands

The Christmas pantomime

Penny whistles

Mounting of the defibrillator on the wall outside of school

Transportation of water bottles

Please do not put water bottles inside children's book bags as we are having problems with them leaking all over reading and homework books.

School grounds and play

We welcome children to use the school grounds for exercise and play. **The bushes and trees at the bottom of the fields are out of bounds as it says in the newsletter every week.** Please supervise your children at all times and ensure they are following school rules

Most improved writers

Over the course of a half term all staff are looking at the progress of children's writing and working on targets to improve their writing skills. As we reach the end of this half term our most improved writers are:-

Year One - Andrew Fearman

Year Two - Cassidy McDermott

Year Three - Innes Boyd

Year Four - Paul Stirling

Congratulations to you all!

Future diary dates

You will see in 'Future diary dates' that there are two PTFA hot dog nights organised very close together the week before Christmas. This is because we need to reduce numbers at these events and children often have to be turned away once all the tickets are sold. The PTFA plans to advertise two different screenings one possibly more suited to younger and one to older children so that a choice of which to attend can be made. Watch out for more information.

Head girls and head boys

Following nominations by the staff, the filling in of application forms, giving of speeches, voting on the part of year threes and fours and all school staff, we have a final result!

Head Girl - Jessica Thorn

Deputy Head Girl - Emma Ambury

Head Boy - Ben Graham

Deputy Head Boy - Joe Eggett

Congratulations to all of you and well done on your success. Mrs Bennett and Mrs Love were present for the speeches which were very interesting and well presented. Thank you to all nominees who took part and were great sports!

FUTURE DIARY DATES

Friday 21st October: School closes for October half term

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Monday 7th November: Toys & books for the Christmas Fair may be brought in from today

Monday 7th November: Y4 cycle ride with Cycling Generation

Tuesday 8th November: Y4 cycle ride with Cycling Generation

Wednesday 9th November: Skipping workshops for every class throughout day

Friday 11th November: Year 3 Hula Hooping Festival

Friday 11th November: Non- uniform day for chocolate tombola

Thursday 17th November: Taster school lunch for key stage one children

Friday 18th November: Non- uniform day for bring a bottle in a bag

Monday 21st November: Parent Maths Workshop- 'Learning with Numicon' 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Tuesday 22nd November: Taster school lunch for key stage two children

Thursday 24th November: Celebration Assembly today (instead of Friday)

Friday 25th November: PTFA Christmas Fair 2.00pm

Saturday 26th November: turning on of the Christmas lights in Seaton Sluice

Wednesday 30th November: Flu injections for years one, two, three and four

Sunday 4th December: Toy Service at Seaton Sluice Methodist Church 10.30am

Tuesday 6th December: Early Years Performance 9.30am

Wednesday 7th December: Early Years Performance 9.30am

Monday 12th December: Key Stage One Performance 2.00pm

Monday 12th December: PTFA Christmas Hot Dog Night 3.15 - 5.00pm

Tuesday 13th December: School Christmas dinner

Tuesday 13th December: Key Stage One Performance 9.30am

Tuesday 13th December: Key Stage Two Performance 2.00pm

Wednesday 14th December: Key Stage Two Performance 9.30am

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

Thursday 15th December: PTFA Christmas Hot Dog Night 3.15 - 5.00pm

Friday 16th December: Pantomime Company Jack & the Beanstalk 9.30am

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

Tuesday 3rd January is a staff training day

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