



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



SEATON SLUICE FIRST SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 8 - SPRING TERM 1

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Attendance for this week

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
96.9%	94.4%	100%	98.6%	97.9%	95.5%
Well done to Orange class who are our winners this week with an amazing 100%! What a great start to 2022- well done to everyone.					

Happy New Year to everyone! It is lovely to be able to start 2022 with such a positive feel and we are very much looking forward to sharing with you some exciting plans for getting our 'community spirit' back on track with some new family events. These will include: Celebration Assemblies attended by parents and carers, stay and play sessions within Early Years, well-being themed days, the Children's Cancer Run, 'House' Activity Days and a special whole school Queen's Platinum Jubilee Garden Party. We are very excited to begin planning some local area studies across the school, making use of the beautiful locality that we have been blessed with. Thank you to everyone who has so quickly returned their consent form to allow off-site visits to be planned into the curriculum. We very much look forward to getting out and about in the community. An updated 'Educational Visit's policy is available to view on our school website.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

An additional bank holiday, to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, has been scheduled for Friday 3rd June 2022. As this date falls within half term an additional day's holiday has been arranged for **Friday 1st July 2022** for all schools within Seaton Valley. This date has been agreed in order to provide consistency for parents who need to make childcare arrangements and to ensure exams are not impacted.

World Religion Day

We would like to celebrate with our pupils and families, 'World Religion Day' which takes place on Sunday 16th January. Time will be allocated over the next two weeks, to broaden our knowledge on different religions, producing art work, listening to stories, examining artefacts to learn all about the religions in our exciting, diverse world! Our work and ideas will be displayed within school and shared via Class Dojo. We are also keen to hear from any family members who would like to come into school and talk to the children about their religion. If this is something that you are interested in, please contact the school office on admin@seatonsluicefirst.co.uk



Parking Outside of School

Can we politely ask that people drive and park in a safe, considerate and respectful way during school drop off and collection? We appreciate that these are very busy times. However, it is disappointing to hear about ongoing incidents involving cars blocking residents drives and parking in unsafe ways, such as on street corners. We are very grateful to families who promote healthy lifestyle/eco-friendly choices involving walking to school or travelling on bikes or scooters. Thank you for your co-operation.

Thank you to Waitrose

Before Christmas, Nell's Mum (in Year 4) contacted us to ask if there was anything that school would like extra help with in terms of funding. We were over the moon when she contacted school to inform us that Waitrose had kindly agreed to donate £500 to school for the development of our lovely gardening area. This is such a generous gesture and we are very much looking forward to planning how to develop the area this term with our keen pupils and adults in the gardening club. A huge thank you to Waitrose!

Fit Friday and Well-Being Wednesday

Don't forget that children are invited to come into school every Friday in sport's clothing or P.E kit. This is to support our whole school initiative, 'Fit Friday' to promote the importance of fitness and active lifestyles. We would also like to encourage the children to think about ways of getting into school, in a way that also increases their fitness levels. This could include:

- Walking to school
- Cycling or scooting to school
- Setting themselves a weekly target of how far to jog to school
- Travelling by car for some of their journey and then walking into school for the rest of the journey
- Coming into school ten minutes early and then organising some form of exercise with their friends such as skipping, running around the school field (if grass is dry) or laps around the yard.

Please remember that if your child chooses to bring a bike or scooter into school, they must not ride on the playground for safety reasons. It would be lovely to share examples of their ideas with their classes via Class Dojo to inspire others.

In addition to 'Fit Friday', we would also like to introduce 'Well-Being Wednesday'. Mrs Mays has suggested that we launch this new initiative with '**22 Things for a Happier 2022**'. The launch date will be **22.02.2022**. The children will bring home with them a calendar for 22 days beginning on 22nd February suggesting **22 acts of kindness**.

For some ideas linked to 'Acts of Kindness' and the impact of this on our well-being, click on the links below:



<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-ideas>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9UByLyOjBM>

We have also been developing our school website:

<http://www.seatonsluicesouth.northumberland.sch.uk/web> which now contains specific sections on **safeguarding, e-safety, mental health and well-being**. You will be able to access some very helpful resources that could support you and your family.

As a staff, we will be planning our own bespoke staff **'Acts of Kindness'**. We can't wait to share future news involving our kind school community and look forward to hearing about examples from within your homes too.

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children who received a 'Star of the Week' certificate over the last two weeks:

Reception: Elijah and Evie

Year 1: Isla, Diego, Harry and Scarlett

Year 2: Elsie and Willem

Year 3: Braxton and James

Year 4: Evan and Ben





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Events added

Date	Event
Sunday 16 th January	World Religion Day
Thurs 27 th Jan	Year 2 Class Assembly 9:15am-9:45am
Wed 9 th Feb	Parent Think Tank Meeting (5pm)
Thurs 10 th Feb	Year 4 Bikeability Day
Fri 18 th Feb	Break up for Half Term
Mon 28 th Feb	Return to school
Thurs 10 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly (9:15am-9:45am)
Wed 6 th April	Parent Think Tank Meeting (5pm)
Fri 8 th April	Break up for Easter
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)
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