

Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 10-Summer Term



Shining a light on inclusion"

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Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility



At our school, keeping children safe is our top priority. For this reason, as a staff, we talk regularly about something called **Contextual Safeguarding**. This means looking at all of the environments where children spend time- not just at home or in school, but also in places like parks, online spaces and when they are enjoying time with their friends. Whilst we want to **promote the importance of outdoor play and its many benefits**, we also need to be talking openly with children about **other risks they can face in our local settings**. This can include peer pressure, bullying or exposure to harmful behaviour.

It is important that we all work together, schools, families and all professionals, to best understand and respond to these risks. This will help children feel safe and supported wherever they are.

Whilst Seaton Sluice and surrounding localities are beautiful and vibrant places to grow up, with the harbour, coastline and surrounding dene, it is important for us all to be aware of some of the associated contextual safeguarding risks:

- When exploring near the harbour or along the coast, there can be dangers such as slippery rocks, strong tides or unstable cliffs.
- Spending time in the dene and wooded areas are very popular for playing and socialising, but can sometimes present risks if children are unsupervised, especially if mixed age groupings are meeting up.
- We also know that online safety continues to be a concern for many families, as children connect with friends outside of school.

At Seaton Sluice First School, we address some of these issues through our weekly PSHE lessons including internet safety as part of computing. We teach children how to stay safe in these environments and **actively encourage families to have regular open conversations at home too**. Within our community, we can make a huge difference by working together and signposting any harmful behaviours or potential risks to friends, others parents or by contacting professionals within schools, community police officers or Children's Services (Onecall) by telephoning 01670 536400.

For a range of tips and advice on ways of keeping everyone safe in our community, why not log onto the NSPCC parenting section of their website by clicking: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

Happy Retirement to Mrs Dale

This term, we say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Dale, who has brought so much to our school over the last 20 years! As she retires, looking forward to spending happy times with her lovely family, we would like to say a HUGE thank you to her for EVERYTHING! We will miss her so much.



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Welcome to Mrs Elliott (not Mrs Emma Elliott!)

For those people who feel confused about this news...we are delighted to welcome onto our team ANOTHER Mrs Elliott! Harriet Elliott, who many families know from her previous position as a local childminder, is joining our staff and will be supporting learning across the school. She will begin her role based in The Lighthouse and Year 1. Welcome to Harriet- we hope that you will be very happy in your new, exciting role!

Come and join us at our annual whole school water combat!



Each year, we finish the term by celebrating our time together, have some fun and create a memorable experience for the children.

Our last day of term is **FRIDAY 18th 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 **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'. If preferred, they can be 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.

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.
- We expect the children to have fun but also display respectful behaviour.

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

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Class Attendance for this whole academic school YEAR!!!

RECEPTION –92.2% YEAR 1 –94.8% YEAR 2 –95.2% YEAR 3 – 94.9% YEAR 4 – 95.3%

So, our winning class for 2025-25 is... PURPLE CLASS with 95.4%!

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs 15 th July	Year 4 visit to Lightship at Blyth Harbour (all day)
Thurs 17 th July	Y4 Leaver's Assembly 13:30
Fri 18 th July	Break up for Summer Holidays (14:00) EARLY FINISH
Fri 18 th July	Whole school water combat 14:00
Mon 1 st September	SVLP Training Day
Tues 2 nd September	All pupils return to school (Reception- only pupils <u>new</u> to SSFS)
Wed 3 ^d September	All pupils return to school (Including SSFS Reception 2025 pupils)

An end of term message from Mrs Bennett

As we reach the end of another busy and exciting summer term, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support, smiles and honest feedback throughout the year. It has been an absolute privilege to watch your children grow in confidence, independence, curiosity and kindness as they have explored new learning, made special memories and built strong friendships.

Our school community thrives because of the partnership we share with you. Whether you have supported school trips, read stories at bedtime, joined us for events, or simply encouraged your child with a smile at the school gate, please know how valued you are. Your involvement makes a real difference to the children and to the caring, nurturing environment we are so proud of.

To those families moving on from our school, we send our very best wishes for the next step in your child's journey. You will always be part of our school family, and we hope you take fond memories with you.

Looking ahead to the summer break, I hope it brings you time to rest, to play, and to enjoy precious moments together. We look forward to welcoming many of you back in September, refreshed and ready for the adventures of a new school year.

Wishing you all a safe, sunny and happy holiday!

With warmest regards,

Amanda Bennett (Headteacher)

