

Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 1-Autumn Term



Shining a light on inclusion”

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“Nurturing Excellence”

Class Attendance for the year: Attend Today...Achieve Tomorrow...Attendance Matters

RECEPTION - 98.1% YEAR 1 - 99.3% YEAR 2 - 94.2% YEAR 3 - 100% YEAR 4 - 96.7%

Our whole school target is 96.2%. This is ambitious but we are determined to achieve it. If your child is slightly under the weather, encourage them to still come in and we will monitor them carefully.

SPRING: SSFS HOUSE POINTS- celebrating success at school

AIR
87

WATER
83

EARTH
101

FIRE
92

We have had a great start to the Autumn term! A **warm welcome** to everyone, including our new families who have joined us as their children begin Nursery and Reception. We have been really impressed with how well our youngest pupils have settled into school already and really appreciate everyone’s efforts in getting the children ready and able to do so many things independently. Please continue to encourage your child to simply ‘have a go’ at tasks such as putting coat and shoes on and carrying their bags. Shoes should have Velcro fastenings and older pupils should be encouraged to practise tying laces if not wearing shoes with Velcro. **As always, thank you for your support.**

The Seaton Sluice Courteous Citizen Agreement



At Seaton Sluice, we promote a **positive culture** where everyone is encouraged to behave in a **polite, considerate and respectful way**. In assembly this week, we talked about our school agreement which includes:

- ❖ Using polite greetings such as saying “good morning”, “please” and “thank you”.
- ❖ Not interrupting conversations and if urgent, saying “excuse me” and “thank you”.
- ❖ Showing mutual respect and being thoughtful towards each other. For example, holding doors open, offering help and checking that people are ok.
- ❖ Before entering a room that is being used, knocking and waiting patiently for a “Come in” response.
- ❖ Keeping ourselves safe by remembering to walk around school and not run.



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A few reminders



Packed lunches and snacks: We respectfully ask that contents of packed lunches are nutritious with **no chocolate bars or fizzy drinks**. We understand that many children have limited foods that they enjoy eating. If they see their friends trying different foods, they may show interest in trying new choices. This includes hot meal choices at school. We **will not allow children to share any food** brought in from home due to allergy risks. Please remember that we also are a **nut free school** and strictly adhere to this in providing reassurance for families with children who have food allergies. For this reason, cereal bars containing nut pieces or Nutella type spreads are not allowed. Pupils in Reception, Years 1 and 2 will receive a fruit item at morning break. Pupils in Years 3 and 4 are able to bring in a snack that is either fruit, crackers or a plain biscuit. Thank you for your cooperation.

Suitable clothing: Now that the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child brings a coat into school with them. Ideally, a coat with a hood is perfect for changeable weather days. All children are expected to have time outdoors in the fresh air, with the opportunity to run off some energy. School shoes should be comfortable, flat and easy to get on and off.

Wraparound payments: Can we please request that breakfast club is paid for either on the day or in advance (in cash). We appreciate that many people use debit cards as a preferred choice and will explore future options. For families who use breakfast club as well as after school club, Mrs Howes can generate a monthly invoice with the breakfast club fees added onto the wraparound total. For these invoices, payment can also be made through the Tax-Free Childcare scheme or by setting up a payment item on ParentMail.



Parent and Carer Think Tank

At Seaton Sluice First School, we welcome the views of our wonderful parents and carers. Our **'Think Tank'** group meet once each term with Mrs Bennett to discuss general aspects of school life and provide invaluable feedback on what is going well, what could be better as well as giving new suggestions that inform future developments. It would be fantastic if we had representation from every class across the school and welcome existing members of the group as well as new members to join the meetings.

If you would like to be part of this year's Think Tank group, please email the school office. Your details will be passed onto Mrs Bennett and an invite sent out with details of the meetings.



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Staffing update:

We are delighted to announce that we have now successfully appointed a new Assistant Headteacher. Danielle Williamson, who will join us in January 2025, teaching Year 3 and working alongside Mrs Bennett and Mrs Walsh as a senior leader. She will also have responsibility as Lead SENCO for mainstream classes, working together with Miss Procter who is SENCO in The Lighthouse.

Until Mrs Williamson's post commences, Mrs Walsh will continue to be Lead SENCO with key responsibility for the mainstream classes.

Miss Watson will remain in Year 3 until the end of Autumn term.

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS (new events added on newsletters will be highlighted)	
Mon 23 rd September	Reception and Y1 Phonics and Reading Meeting 1 at 5pm
Tues 24 th September	Reception and Y1 Phonics and Reading Meeting 2 at 2:30pm (Repeat from Meeting 1)
Thurs 26 th September	Y4 Robinwood Parent and Carer Meeting at 5pm
Mon 30 th September	Black History Week
Thurs 10 th October	'Hello Yellow' Mental Health Day (invited to wear yellow)
Tues 22 nd October	Parental Consultations (3:30pm-6:00pm)
Wed 23 rd October	Parental Consultations (3:30pm-6:00pm)
Fri 25th October	Break up for half term 3:15pm
Mon 4 th November	Return to school
Tues 5 th November	Flu immunisations for Reception-Y4 <i>(The deadline to complete online consent or non-consent is 2nd November).</i>
Thurs 7 th November	Reception and Year 1 Achievers' Assembly 9:00am (invites sent to parents/carers of children being awarded certificate)
Mon 11 th November	Anti-bullying Week- theme of RESPECT
Wed 13 th November	Parent and Carer Think Tank 6:00pm
Thurs 14 th November	Individual photos for all pupils
Fri 15 th November	Children in Need Day
Thurs 21 st November	Years 2, 3 and 4 Achievers' Assembly 9:00am (invites sent to parents/carers of children being awarded certificate)
Wed 27 th November	No Pens Day- focus on speaking and listening
Tues 10 th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance 9:30am
Fri 13 th December	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 9:30am
Fri 13 th December	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 1:30am
Mon 16 th December	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 9:30am
Mon 16 th December	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 1:30pm
Tues 17 th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party 10am
Wed 18 th December	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party 1:30pm
Thurs 19 th December	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party 1:30pm
Fri 20 th December	Whole school Christmas Movie 9:15am
Fri 20th December	Break up for Christmas holidays 3:15pm
Monday 6th January	Seaton Valley Teacher Training Day
Tues 7th January	Return to school

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