

Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 15



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**"Nurturing
Excellence"**

This week's whole school attendance is...

Our whole school attendance is currently 94.9%. Well done to WHITE Class for achieving 96% attendance this week. Year 3 have consistently led the way with their excellent attendance and super, positive attitude to school life. A HUGE well done!



Statutory Testing 2023



The last few weeks have involved some statutory testing for pupils in Years 1, 2 and 4. We have been so impressed by our fantastic pupils who have demonstrated a positive mindset and tried so hard to do their very best. The tests are always carried out in relaxed, encouraging environment so the children don't feel under pressure. They are a good measure of progress across the year but we also use so many other forms of assessment. At Seaton Sluice First School we celebrate the achievements of every child in so many different ways. Each child is truly unique and we want them to love coming to school. Please do not worry if your child is not quite ready to access the tests- we will always work in a way that supports individual needs and encourages small steps in progress to celebrate together. The results of the testing will be shared with parents and carers as part of your child's end of year written report. Thank you for your support as always.

Extra school opening hours from September 2023

As from September 2023, it is the government's expectation that all state-funded mainstream schools should deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours. The White Paper, 'Opportunity for All' sets out this expectations and legal requirements which include:

- ✓ To meet for at least 380 school sessions or 190 days during any school year to educate pupils
- ✓ Operate two sessions on every school day divided by a break in the middle of the day
- ✓ To publish their opening times on their school website
- ✓ To submit the length of the school's week via the spring collection of the school census
- ✓ By September 2023, all state funded, mainstream schools will be expected to provide a compulsory school week of at least 32.5 hours.

Following Governor and Staff discussions, it has been agreed that our school day will now start at **8:45am (as from September 2023)**. We will be asking families to make their way to the school yard for 8:40am, ready for the pupils to enter the school at 8:45am. The end of the day will remain the same (which is more helpful for families who have siblings at other schools within the locality).

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email the school office at admin@seatonsluicefirst.co.uk



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Sport's Day Plans



We are really looking forward to our different Sport's Days next week. Children should come into school wearing their PE kit, including their house colour t-shirt. This is important as the children participate, in some events, representing their school house. Please remember to send a sun hat into school if the weather is hot. Parents and carers are welcome to join us and cheer the children on (the usual gates will be open for entry). All children receive stickers for their effort and participation with some competitive races (especially for the key stage 2 pupils). The events will take place on the following days:

Nursery and Reception: Wednesday 21st June 10:30-11:30

Years 1 and 2: Thursday 22nd June 14:00-15:00, Years 3 and 4: Friday 23rd June 14:00-15:00

Staffing and transition to new classes

Last week, we had our Nursery and Reception new parent and carer meetings in school. It was lovely meeting families and share our arrangements for transition in September.

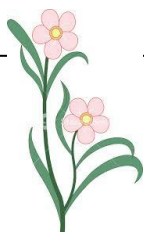
Transition for our current pupils in Reception to Year 4 will take place during the week commencing **Monday 10th July**. Year 4 will spend time across the whole week meeting the new teachers from their next school, which will include a trip to the beach. The other classes will meet their new teachers on **Wednesday 12th July**, spending the afternoon in their new classrooms. All teachers will remain in the same classes apart from Miss Procter, who will be leaving us temporarily to have a baby!

We have exciting news about 'The Lighthouse' class which will be increasing in size, offering some additional spaces and moving into the current Year 1 classroom. This means that Year 1 (Mrs Saleh's classroom) will be moving into our current ICT suite, which will be refurbished in the holiday. A new whole class laptop trolley travel around the school for the delivery of ICT- it will be very exciting for us all and means that the laptops will be more accessible for supporting other curriculum areas.

Whilst Miss Procter enjoys her maternity leave, we have two new teachers joining us (initially until May 2024). We would like to introduce you to Miss Emma Boyes and Miss Fiona Johnson who both have a wealth of experience teaching SEND pupils. We welcome them to the team!

Following a successful student placement, we would also like to welcome Miss Neave McKay as Teaching Assistant in early years and The Lighthouse. Neave was previously a pupil at Seaton Sluice First School so we are particularly proud to see her develop so much in confidence and be such a natural, enthusiastic Teaching Assistant!

Finally, we would also like to welcome onboard Mr Philip Bayles, who has been volunteering in school, maintaining our school grounds. Mr Bayles will officially become our part-time school grounds person, making our school the best presented school around! He has already made such a difference!



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Any new events that have been added are highlighted.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

19.06.23	National School Sports Week
21.06.23	Nursery and Reception Sports Day 10:30am-11:30am
21.06.23	World Music Day
22.06.23	Years 1 and 2 Sports Day 2:00pm-3:00pm
23.06.23	Years 3 and 4 Sports Day 2:00pm-3:00pm
03.07.23	International Plastic Bag Free Day
07.07.23	Pupil end of term reports sent home
10.07.23	Transition Week
12.07.23	Class Transition Day 1:00pm-3:00pm
20.07.23	Year 4 Leavers' Assembly 1:30pm-2:30pm
21.07.23	Break up for Summer 2pm (Whole school water combat- details to follow)

REMINDERS PLEASE!

- **Data Collection Sheet & Consent Forms:** Please may we have all Data Collection Sheets, together with Photograph, School Visits & E-Safety consents checked, signed and returned to us by Friday, 30th June. We are sure you can appreciate that we are required to annually check we have the most up to date contact and medical information for your child should we need to contact you as a matter of urgency.
- **Autumn Term 2023 School Meals (Rec – Y4):** Catering Services have advised us that they will not be changing the menu for September 2023. The cost will reduce slightly from £2.40 to £2.32 per meal (this is for Years 3 & 4 only, except those families who are entitled to Free School Meals). If your child wishes to change their choices or if your child decides they would like to either start or cease school meals in September, please contact the School Office or email admin@seatonsluicefirst.co.uk as soon as possible. We need to be made aware of any requirements or amendments by **Friday, 7th July** please. If you feel you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please click Northumberland.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals
- **Autumn Term 2023 Milk:** Please return all slips and payments by 9:00am on Monday, 10th July. Even if your child does not wish to have milk, we would appreciate it if you could still complete and return slip so that we are aware of this.

We appreciate that there are lots of things to complete at this time of year, but we do have a number of deadlines to meet before the Summer holidays. Thank you so much for your understanding!