

# Seghill First School Newsletter September 2024 edition 1

## Welcome back

We hope you have enjoyed a happy and peaceful summer break. We would like to extend a warm welcome back to everyone. It is lovely to see all of the children looking so smart in their school uniform.

We would like to say a **special welcome** to our new children **Henry, Elijah, Faye and Teddy** in Reception, **Vinnie** in Year 2 and **Mattilda** in Year 4.

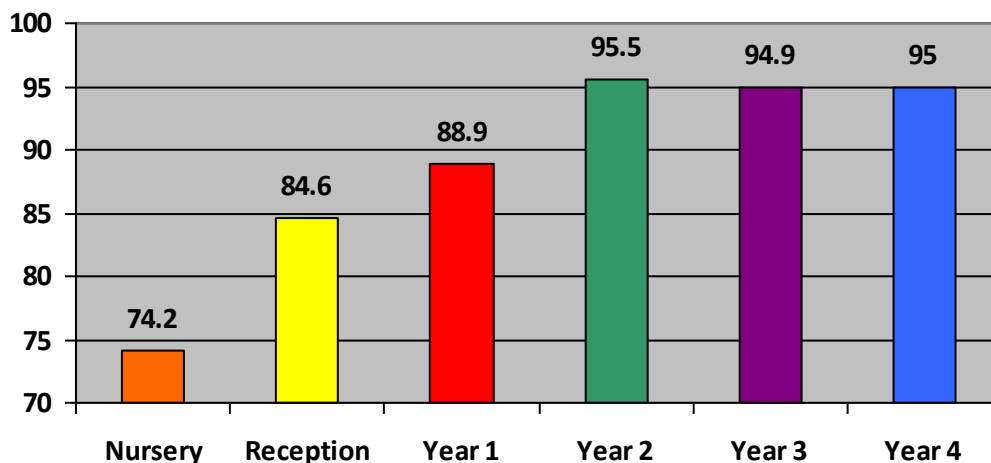
We would also like to welcome **Miss Welton**, who will be working as a teaching assistant in Early Years and leading the breakfast club. Some of you may remember Miss Welton as she did her teacher training based in Year 3 last year. Miss Welton is a qualified teacher so she may work in both teaching and teaching assistant roles.

Our classes and staff are arranged like this-

Year group	Class name	Staff names
Nursery class	orange class	Mrs Askew and Miss Welton
Reception class	yellow class	Mrs Kembrey and Miss Welton
Year 1 class	red class	Mrs Bell and Mrs Ellison
Year 2 class	green class	Miss Winter, Mrs Miller and Mrs Jose
Year 3 class	purple class	Mrs Thomas and Mrs Watson
Year 4 class	blue class	Mrs Lyons

## Attendance

Whole school attendance this week was 92.4%. Class of the week for this week is **Green class** with 95.5% attendance. Well done **Green class**. You have the attendance octopus and you have had a dip in the sweet box. Our winner for a **dip in the attendance prize box** as a reward for having 100% attendance and no late marks for the week is **Leo** in Purple class. Well done **Leo**.



## Important safety information

Parents and carers **should not drive up or down or park on Cheviot View or Parker Place** on school days between **8:15am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 3:45pm**. Cheviot View and Parker Place are covered by the **Seghill First School Pedestrian and Cycle Zone**. This includes parents and carers who are dropping off and collecting children from Red and Green class or parking in either street to drop off or collect from any part of our school.

Children in Purple and Blue class must be **collected from the classroom door**. We do not allow children to leave our classrooms to be sent to an adult waiting in a car on Barrass Avenue.

## PE days for the autumn term A

Class	Autumn term A PE days
Nursery Orange class	Wednesdays
Reception Yellow class	Wednesdays and Fridays
Year 1 Red class	Wednesdays and Fridays
Year 2 Green class	Mondays and Thursdays
Year 3 Purple class	Tuesdays and Fridays
Year 4 Blue class	Tuesdays and Thursdays

Children should wear a **plain white t-shirt, plain black or navy shorts or joggers, sandshoes or trainers and their school sweatshirt or cardigan** to school on their PE days. Please ensure long hair is tied back for PE. Children cannot wear earrings for PE. If your child cannot remove their own earrings, they should not wear them on PE days. Staff are unable to remove earrings for children.

## School meals and packed lunch

We offer an excellent schools meals service at our school, cooked on site by our fantastic cook Mrs Rogage. We have a two week rolling menu. A copy of the menu is on the front page of the school website. Please speak to Miss Best in the office if your child has any **food allergies** or **food intolerances** and we will set up a food plan for your child.

### Children in Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4

Parents and carers of children in Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4 have to pay for their child's school meal unless they are eligible for Free School Meals. Meals cost £2.40 per day and need to be paid for using the Schoolcomms app. We are a cashless school and do not accept cash for school meals.

### Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Parents and carers of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 do not have to pay for their child's school meal, as meals are provided free of charge due to the government's Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative.

### How to apply for Free School Meals

Please do apply for Free School Meals via this [link](#), even if your child currently gets their meals for free in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If you are eligible for Free School Meals you will also get **free milk** for your child and other benefits, such as **vouchers during school holidays**. We also get extra funding, which is spent on providing extra opportunities and resources for the children.

### Packed lunch

Please pack a range of foods that your child likes. A few small things are much better than one big thing.

We do ask children to put anything they haven't eaten back in their packed lunch box so parents and carers can see what they have eaten.

Please don't pack sweets or pop in your child's packed lunch box.

## School uniform orders

There are a number of school uniform orders ready for collection in the school office which have not been paid for. If you have ordered school uniform, please pay for it on **Schoolcomms** so the order can be sent out to you.

## Jeans for Genes- advance notice

Staff and children are invited to wear **denim** and pay a donation on **Friday 20 September** to support the Jeans for Genes charity. This charity does amazing work to support families where a child has a genetic disorder. We will be learning about genetic disorders and the work of the charity in assemblies in the next few weeks.

## Autumn term coffee mornings

Class teachers will be providing class coffee mornings next week all starting at 8:50am. The dates are-  
**Years 3 and 4** Wednesday 11 September  
**Years 1 and 2** Thursday 12 September  
**Nursery and Reception** Friday 13 September

We hope you will be able to join us to **meet your child's teacher** and find out **what they will be learning** this term. We will also be talking about **what you can do to support your child's learning**.

### Information for parents and carers

With this newsletter we are sending home some forms that **we need you to complete and return** to school.

They are-

- **Admissions form**, including photograph permissions;
- **Home school agreement**;
- **Local visits permissions**;
- **Medical conditions form**- **only** return this if your child has a medical condition;

Please complete and return these forms by **Friday 13 September**. It is very important that we have the correct contact details for you and your permission for activities. We are also sending out the **diary dates** for the whole academic year to give you advance notice about all of our events between now and the end of July 2025. Please keep this at hand to make sure you know what is happening. Extra events may be added as the year progresses, but we hope you find this useful.

### Birthdays

We've only had one birthday so far this year. **Luciana** in Green class is now 7. Happy birthday Luciana.

We hope your birthday was special and fun. And thank you for the cake- it was delicious 😊😊



### Contacting school

You can contact us by telephone on **0191 2370419** or text us and email us via **Schoolcomms**. You can also send us an email. Over the summer we have changed our email systems and our email addresses have changed. The school email address is now- [schooladmin@seghillschool.co.uk](mailto:schooladmin@seghillschool.co.uk)

Class teachers can be contacted via their **school360 email addresses** below-

**Mrs Lyons** [amanda.lyons@school360.co.uk](mailto:amanda.lyons@school360.co.uk)

**Mrs Watson** [sarah.watson1@school360.co.uk](mailto:sarah.watson1@school360.co.uk)

**Mrs Thomas** [melissa.thomas3@school360.co.uk](mailto:melissa.thomas3@school360.co.uk)

**Miss Winter** [lucy.winter@school360.co.uk](mailto:lucy.winter@school360.co.uk)

**Mrs Bell** [anna.bell1@school360.co.uk](mailto:anna.bell1@school360.co.uk)

**Mrs Kembrey** [sarah.kembrey@school360.co.uk](mailto:sarah.kembrey@school360.co.uk)

**Mrs Askew** [hannah.askew@school360.co.uk](mailto:hannah.askew@school360.co.uk)

Class teachers will check their emails a couple of times a week. Please use these email addresses for non-urgent messages. If you need to contact the class teacher about something urgent or very important, please contact them via the **school admin address**. Miss Best will forward the email to the appropriate person.

If you need to contact me, please email the **school admin address** and Miss Best will forward your message to me. If you need to speak to me about the **safeguarding of a child**, please text or ring me on **07785 180484**. This is my work mobile number.

Please do not use our previous email addresses. They will be in use for a couple more days but as we fully transition to our new system, they will be closed and emails sent to them will not be received.

### Wraparound

We are proud to offer both a **breakfast club** and **after school club**. Breakfast club starts at 7:30am and takes place in the Club Room. After school club takes place in the Red classroom and closes at 5:30pm. If you would like to book your child in to either of the clubs, please do so using the Schoolcomms app. Sessions need to be booked **24 hours in advance** and need to be **paid for at the time of booking**. Children will be provided with a snack and a drink. Foods that we typically offer are cereal, toast, yoghurt, porridge, crumpets and pain au chocolat. We have small numbers at the clubs so staff will provide what the children like- within reason! Miss Welton will be leading all of the breakfast club sessions. She will also do some of the after school sessions, alongside other staff. Please drop your child off at the Club Room for breakfast club and collect them from Red classroom for after school club.

