

# Seghill First School Newsletter October 2023 edition 3

## Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 05 September 2023	93.6%
Whole school attendance this week	90.9%
100%	95.4%
94.8%	78.3%
93.8%	88.3%

Class of the week for this week is **Orange** class with 100% attendance. **Well done Orange class.** You have the attendance octopus and you will get a dip in the sweet box on Monday.

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 **Katie** in Purple class.

### Star of the week

Our stars of the week are-

<b>Mrs Lyons</b>	Roman;
<b>Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas</b>	Mason;
<b>Miss Winter</b>	Caiden;
<b>Mrs Bell</b>	Hallie;
<b>Mrs Kembrey</b>	Jax;
<b>Mrs Askew</b>	Rio;
<b>Miss Chappell</b>	Katie;
<b>Staff star</b>	Mrs Kembrey.



### Birthdays

We've had three birthdays in school this week.

**Isaac** in Blue class is now 9;  
**Alannah** in Purple class is now 8;  
**Freya** in Green class is now 7.

Happy birthday to Isaac, Alannah and Freya. We hope your birthday was special and fun.



### WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-

<b>Mrs Lyons</b>	Layton;
<b>Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas</b>	Francesca;
<b>Miss Winter</b>	Charlie C;
<b>Mrs Bell</b>	Rosie W;
<b>Mrs Kembrey</b>	Brogan;
<b>Mrs Askew</b>	Harry;
<b>Mrs Ellison</b>	Edison;
<b>Mrs Miller and Mrs Jose</b>	Sam.



### Meetings with class teachers

We have arranged our meetings for **parents and carers to meet with their child's class teacher on Monday 23 October and Wednesday 25 October.**

Class teachers will be sending home your child's **review sheets** today. They will tell you how your child is doing so far, and explain their targets. At the meetings with you and the class teacher, we will discuss the content of the review sheets and talk to you more about your child.

It is really helpful if you can bring your child along to the meeting, so they are involved in the conversations. Please enter and leave school via the main entrance at the school office.

### Lilidorei

The children in key stages 1 and 2 had a brilliant time at **Lilidorei and Alnwick Garden** last week. We are so glad that we were there last Friday, rather than today.

We will be sharing pictures on our school **Facebook page** and the **school's website**. Please keep a look out for the pictures. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who accompanied the children on the trip.

### Events coming up this half term

Autumn term interviews for parents and children with class teachers	Monday 23 October and Wednesday 25 October from 3:30pm
Year 4 team building festival	Thursday 26 October morning session
Celebration assembly	Friday 27 October at 2:15pm, including harvest festival
October half term holidays	Monday 30 October to Friday 03 November

### Chickenpox update

Obviously, I have spoken too soon when I wrote to parents and carers last week regarding chickenpox when I said we seemed to be past the worst of it. We currently have six cases of chickenpox.

Reminders about chickenpox-

Children can have chickenpox **more than once**. If they have fluid filled blisters or spots, this could be chickenpox, even if they have already had it.

Children can return to school when the **spots have scabbed over** and are no longer wobbly or filled with fluid. Please do not keep your child at home until every scab has disappeared. As long as the spots have scabbed over, they can return to school.

Children with chickenpox are **contagious in the period before the spots** appear. This makes it almost impossible to stop chickenpox spreading between children.

### Harvest festival

We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone for your **celebration and harvest festival assembly** on **Friday 27 October**.

We are asking the children to bring in a donation for the harvest festival. We will make a display in the hall for you and the children to see during the celebration and harvest festival assembly. If you could start sending in any items from **Monday 23 October**, that would be great. Examples of what you can donate are attached to this newsletter.

All items will be donated to the **Seaton Valley Food Bank**. Since April 2018 they have been working in partnership with Blyth Food Bank to provide a food parcel distribution service to residents in Seaton Valley who require support from the food bank. In these difficult times for everyone, it is great to see what we can do to help each other.

### Autumn term B extra curricular clubs

Letters have been sent home earlier this week about the **four extra-curricular clubs** for boys and girls in **Years 1 to 4** for next half term. The details of the clubs are below-

- Christmas crafty club with Mrs Lyons and Miss Winter for Years 3 and 4;
- Singing club with Mrs Askew for Years 3 and 4;
- Games club with NUFC for Years 1 and 2;
- Christmas crafty club with Mrs Lyons and Miss Winter for Years 1 and 2.

We have received lots of replies so far. Please make sure that payment is made on School Gateway to book a place for your child into any of these clubs. Returning the reply slip without paying does not book a place for your child into the club.

### Celebration assembly

As explained above, you are all very welcome to join us for our **Celebration Assembly** on **Friday 27 October** from **2:30pm**. Doors will open from 2:15pm. We will be giving out certificates. The children will be telling us about their learning, including looking at our harvest donations. I'm sure there will be some amazing songs, poems and work to see. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Family Hub information

Previously known as Sure Start or Children's Centres, the **Family Hub** rebranded in September 2022 with the focus shifting from 0-5 years to 0-19 years (25 years with SEND) adopting a universal approach to supporting families within the community. They have asked us to share this message-

"We know that many families are struggling with the current cost of living as well as finding age-appropriate activities for our children and young people. We are aware there are many excellent resources and services currently on offer across Northumberland, but we are aiming to find out the reasons behind why some of our families are not accessing these. As part of our role within the community, we have pulled together a children and young people's consultation to identify how children, young people and parents and carers, find and access activities that are currently on offer within our area. "

This is the link to the 5 – 19 consultation-

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=3qkTu5CC8EKpgNw73-cPQFQtZuDZiXBNIvY--gKopdUOFFSQURLUU1aRUNBU0tWSE4xSIBWUjhLMS4u>

Please complete the form to share your views.

### Topic homework

Your child will be coming home today with their **October half term topic homework**. This is an extended piece of homework to be completed in their topic homework book and handed in no later than **Wednesday 15 November**. During this time there will be no Maths or English homework set. Please note that even though we will not be sending home maths and English homework at this time, spellings will still be given out each week and children should continue to read at home and return their reading book and reading record to school every day.

Topic Homework is given instead of three weeks' worth of maths and English homework. With this in mind, we expect to see a minimum of three tasks that are completed to a high standard, and reflect the equivalent of three weeks' worth of homework. Models, paintings and sculptures that children have completed should be brought in alongside their topic homework books.

In previous years we have received some super examples of just how creative you are, including excellent models, pictures, writing and drawings. Staff will include ideas of activities that children can complete in their topic homework, but we want to see what you can do.

Pictures of completed topic homework will be shared and celebrated via our **school Facebook page** and the **homepage of the school website**, so please keep an eye out for them.

We would really appreciate your support with Topic Homework so all children have at least three pieces of high-quality work which they can be very proud of.

### Year 4 team building morning at Astley High School

Mrs Lyons will be taking the Year 4 children to a **team building morning** at **Astley High School** on **Thursday 26 October**. This is being organised by the Schools Sports Partnership. The children will be travelling to and from Astley on the X7 bus. A separate letter has been sent out to everyone in the Year 4 class. Please make sure that reply slips are completed and returned to school by **Wednesday 25 October** to ensure that everyone in Year 4 is able to take part in the activities.

