

# Seghill First School Newsletter February 2024 edition 3

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## Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 05 September 2023	93.0%
Whole school attendance this week	94.7%
93.1%	95.3%
96.2%	93.3%
88.4%	100%

Class of the week for this week is **Blue** class with 100% attendance. **Well done Blue 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 **Jax** in Yellow class.

All of the names from each of the weekly 100% attendance and no late marks draws have been saved up this half term. One name was drawn out of the hat in Celebration Assembly. The winner for spring term A is **Jaxson** in Reception, who received a **£10 voucher**.

**Red class** are the class of the half term, with 96.3% attendance. Their reward is an **extra afternoon of Golden Time** next half term with Mrs Bell.

## Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



## WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Frankie	Mrs Lyons	Ella
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Bailey	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Owen
Miss Winter	Brodie	Miss Winter	Owen
Mrs Bell	Zack	Mrs Bell	Eabha
Mrs Kembrey	Finnlagh	Mrs Kembrey	Brogan
Mrs Askew	Carter	Mrs Askew	Winnie
Miss Chappell	Jack	Mrs Ellison	William
Staff star	Mrs Askew	Mrs Miller and Mrs Jose	Manessa

## Friday 16 November

Thank you to everyone who came to our **Celebration assembly** this morning. It was lovely to see you all and hear the children telling us about their learning this half term.

Thank you to everyone who wore non-uniform today in aid of school funds. We raised a brilliant **£100**. Money raised from the **non-uniform day** is used to provide extra treats for the children and to subsidize costs of school visits.

## Birthdays

We have five birthdays in school this week and next week.

**Jax** in Yellow class was 5 this week.

**Rowan** in Red class will be 6 next week.

**Brodie** in Green class was 7 this week.

**Jake** in blue class will be 9 at the weekend.

**Jack** in Blue class will be 9 next week.

Happy birthday to Jax, Rowan, Brodie, Jake and Jack. We hope you enjoyed your birthdays.



### Events coming up next half term

Celebration assemblies	Fundraising and community
Wednesday 27 March at 9:00am	World Book Day book sale and coffee morning at 9:00am Thursday 07 March
Class assemblies	Mother's Day lunch Thursday 07 and Friday 08 March
Year 4 class assembly Friday 15 March at 2:30pm	Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) non uniform Friday 15 March
Other school events	Non uniform for Easter raffle Friday 22 March
Easter tables challenge starts on Monday 11 March	Film night Wednesday 27 March at 3:15pm for Years 1 to 4
Easter egg decorating competition deadline Wednesday 27 March	Spring term meetings for parents and children with class teachers
School is closed on these dates	All year groups Monday 18 March from 3:30pm
Monday 19 February to Friday 23 February 2024 for the half term holidays.	All year groups Wednesday 20 March from 3:30pm
Thursday 28 March 2024 due to a staff training day.	
Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April 2024 for the Easter holidays.	

### Spring term B PE days

Class	Autumn term B PE days
Nursery Orange class	Wednesday and Friday
Reception Yellow class	Wednesday and Friday
Year 1 Red class	Tuesday and Friday
Year 2 Green class	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 3 Purple class	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 4 Blue class	Monday and Thursday

Children should wear a **plain white t-shirt, plain black or navy joggers, 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.

### Chess club for Year 4

Mrs Miller will be starting her annual **chess club and chess competition** for children in Year 4 when we come back after the half term break. There will be a practice session at lunchtime on Monday 26 February, followed by chess club every week on Mondays at lunchtime. If your child is in Year 4 and would like to go to chess club, please make sure you have signed them up using the letter about spring B clubs that was sent out earlier this week. There is no charge for chess club.

Mrs Miller runs chess club every year and it is always very popular. If you can already play chess, why not have a few practice games during half term to refresh your skills?

### Year 4 residential

Thank you to everyone who has paid the initial £30 deposit for the **Year 4 residential visit to Ford Castle** in May.

Please pay the **outstanding balance of £90** by **Wednesday 27 March**. Payments can be made on School Gateway. In the payments section, click on Year 4 Ford Castle visit May 2024. The balance can be paid in one amount, or in smaller amounts, such as £10 per week. If you have paid the balance in full already, you do not need to take any further action.

### Reminder about the Seghill First School Pedestrian and Cycle Zone

I am writing to parents and carers again about the **Seghill First School Pedestrian and Cycle Zone**. Thank you to those of you who follow the rules of the scheme and support us to keep our children safe before and after school. We all know that this is the very vast majority of parents and carers. Sadly, we still have about half a dozen parents and carers who chose not to follow the rules of the zone and who drive on Cheviot View during restricted times and stop on the zig zags outside school.

We have requested regular visits from the County's **parking enforcement team**. They visited school on Wednesday and gave out some fixed penalty notices. We are also liaising with the **police** to deal with the small number of parents who still break the rules of the zone on a daily basis.

We fought for a long time to get this zone in place in order to **keep our children safe. Our children and your children**. However, if something happens to one of the children, it is highly likely that the perpetrator will be one of our parents.

Our previous pleas to the small number of parents who think that the rules do not apply to them have been ignored. I really don't know how much more we can do to bring about a change in behaviour. Sadly, it will probably take a really serious incident in order for this to happen.

### Advance notice of World Book Day arrangements

Staff are planning activities to take place on World Book Day on **Thursday 07 March** Mrs Watson has a **£1 book voucher** for every child. In addition to this, she has also managed to secure a **free copy of one of the £1 World Book Day books** for every child in the school.

Please note that **we will be dressing up this year for World Book Day**. We agreed some time ago that we would dress up every other year, and as we didn't dress up last year, we will be dressing up this year.

The **coffee morning** will be taking place in the hall on **Thursday 07 March** from **8:45am**. Books will be available at the coffee morning so children can pick one from the selection. There will be no charge for this.

If you wish to **donate any children's books**, please send them into school by Wednesday 06 March.

**Hot drinks and juice** will also be available. In order to limit the financial burden on parents and carers, we will be charging **£1 per adult** to enter the coffee morning, but there will be no charge for hot drinks. Children will also be provided with a drink.

Any money raised from the entry fee will be used directly to **buy books for our children**.

### Early Years toilets refurbishment

We are delighted to announced that the **Early Years toilets** and individual **wash basins** are being removed and replaced over the half term holidays. This is something we have wanted to do for some time now, and look forward to seeing our spangly new toilets, cubicles and hand washing trough after the holidays. There is also going to be substantial work done to the **floor** around this area to replace rotten flooring and underflooring with lovely new and safe flooring.

This work is costing school **£13,000**. It is being paid for from our Devolved Formula Capital fund, which can only be used to pay for improvements to the building. As you can imagine, the demand on this fund is massive for a school of our age, so we need to plan what we are going to do and when were going to do it. We do get money put into this fund every year, so we have prioritised the Early Years toilets this time.

### School meals update

We have spoken to the children this week about their views on the **proposed new menu**. They have come up with some interesting ideas. We will share the new menu with you after the half term break.

### Spring term B clubs

Next term we are offering a wide range of clubs to **boys and girls in Years 1 to 4**. Please see the separate letter that has been sent home today.

### Advance notice of Mother's Day arrangements

We are delighted to be able to offer a **Mother's Day lunch on Thursday 07 and Friday 08 March**. This special event has always been part of our annual calendar.

We are offering Mother's Day lunch on two different days so that we can provide the best possible experiences to our guests. We are also offering two different days to reduce waiting times for food and to allow Mrs Rogage to be able to make a large number of extra meals spread across 2 days rather one day.

Our special **Mother's Day menus** are-

#### **Thursday 07 March**

Margarita pizza, salad and wedges followed by a cookie;

#### **Friday 08 March**

Chicken goujons, salad and chips followed by a cookie.

A meat free alternative will be available on request.

Meals cost **£4.50**. If you would like to book a Mother's Day lunch, please use the booking system on **School Gateway**. In the **payments section**, please pick either Thursday 07 March Mother's Day lunch OR Friday 08 March Mother's Day lunch. Add your choice to the **basket** and then **pay**. If you would like a meat free choice on Friday, please email Miss Best at [admin@seghill.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@seghill.northumberland.sch.uk) so it is pre-ordered for you.

The payment portal is **open now** and will close on **Friday 01 March**. We will not be reopening the payment portal after this date as the food has to be ordered by this date.

Places for each Mother's Day lunch are limited to 40 guests per day. If children do not have contact with their mam they are welcome to invite a **special female** from their family, such as an **aunt, grandma or important female family friend**. We can only accommodate one guest per family.

Children will be able to eat their lunch with their guest. Children should ask for a school meal or packed lunch as normal during registration. If your child is in Orange class and they do not usually stay for lunch please make sure that they ask for a school meal on that day or provide a packed lunch for them.

You will be issued with a ticket when we have received your payment. We will send out more information about the timings for the sittings (two per day) nearer the time.

### Year 4 art focus

Here is a small selection of the Year 4 clay fruits that they children in Year 4 have been creating this half term.

