

# Seghill First School Newsletter March 2024 edition 1

*Safe, Supported, Successful*

## Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 05 September 2023	93.4%
Whole school attendance this week	97.6%
100%	90.3%
95.2%	92.0%
94.1%	93.4%

Class of the week for this week is **Nursery** class with 100% attendance. **Well done Nursery 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 **Emily** in Green class.

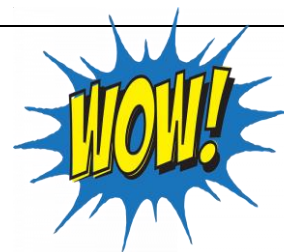
### Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



### WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Jayden	Mrs Lyons	Orla
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Bailey	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Isaac and Grace
Miss Winter	Emily	Miss Winter	James
Mrs Bell	Kora	Mrs Bell	Will
Mrs Kembrey	Jaxson	Mrs Kembrey	Edie
Mrs Askew	Rosie	Mrs Askew	Freddie
Miss Chappell	Charlie C	Mrs Ellison	Adam
Staff star	Miss Winter	Mrs Miller and Mrs Jose	Elena

### Birthdays

We had no birthdays in school this week. Please check back next week to see the names of our birthday boys and girls.



### Welcome to our new children

We are delighted to welcome some **new children** to our school.

Welcome to **Logan**, who has joined our Year 2 class, **Kora**, who has joined our Year 1 class, **Harley**, who has joined our Reception class and **Kelbie**, who has joined our Nursery class. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your families.

### Reminder about Spring term B PE days

Class	Spring 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.

### Events coming up this 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.	

### World Book Day arrangements

Staff have planned 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**.

### Mother's Day lunch arrangements

Thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket for **Mother's Day lunch** next week. Tickets will be sent out next week after the seating plans for both days have been completed. All guests will be seated with their child. We have two sittings on two days, so getting the seating plan right is no mean feat. Please bear with us while we get it sorted out. There will be a **raffle** on both days and a prize for each day. If you would like to take part in the raffle, please bring **cash** for raffle tickets.

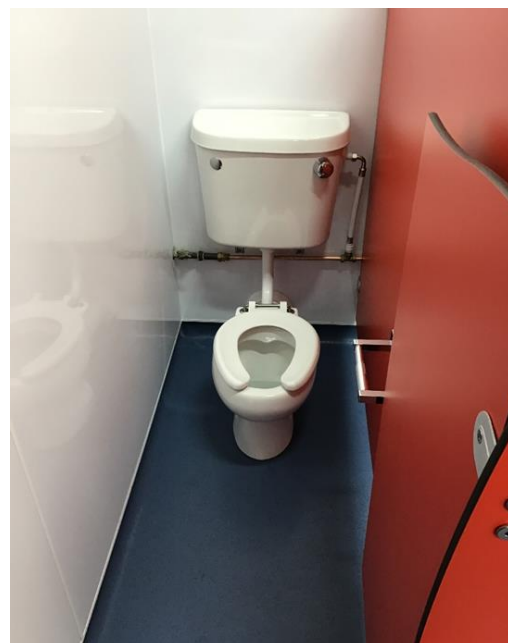
### Reminder about Year 4 residential

The **outstanding balance of £90** for Ford Castle is due 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.

### Early Years toilets refurbishment

We are delighted with the **Early Years toilets** refurbishment which took place over the half term holidays. We now have **spangly new toilets, shiny red cubicles and hand washing trough** all on lovely **new and safe flooring**.

This work is costing school **£13,000**. It was 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.



### Meetings with class teachers

We have arranged our meetings for **parents and carers to meet with their child's class teacher on Monday 18 March and Wednesday 20 March.**

Class teachers will put a **sign-up sheet outside the classroom the week before the appointments.** Please book your slot by signing up on the sheet.

It is really helpful if you can bring your child along to the meeting, so they are involved in the conversations.

### Class assemblies

Year 4 will be starting our programme of class assemblies again this year. Year 4 class assembly is on **Friday 15 March** at 2:30pm. We hope parents and carers in Year 4 will be able to join

### Parking on the school site

We are unable to offer parking on our school site. This includes parking for both drop off and collection from Nursery and drop off and collection for breakfast club and after school club. We are aware that parking around school is problematic, however please don't use the staff car park for drop off or collection. Thank you.

### Book donations

We are still collecting **donations of children's books** for our World Book Day coffee morning. Please bring them in by next Wednesday.



### Early Years focus

The children had a wonderful visit from police officers Paul and Andy this week. Paul and Andy told the children lots of information about the vehicles they use and the animals they use. They also talked about staying safe when out and about with parents and what to do if you got lost. The police officers talked to the children about helmet safety when on bikes, scooters and balance bikes and how important it is to be safe.

We then tried on some of the police uniform and talked about how it keeps the police officers safe and allows them to be seen. As a special treat, Paul and Andy took us out to see the police car where we watched the lights and listened to the police sirens! All the children sat in the police car which was very exciting! Thank you to Paul and Andy for a special visit! Here is a small selection of the photographs.

