

# Seghill First School Newsletter December 2024 edition 2

## Attendance

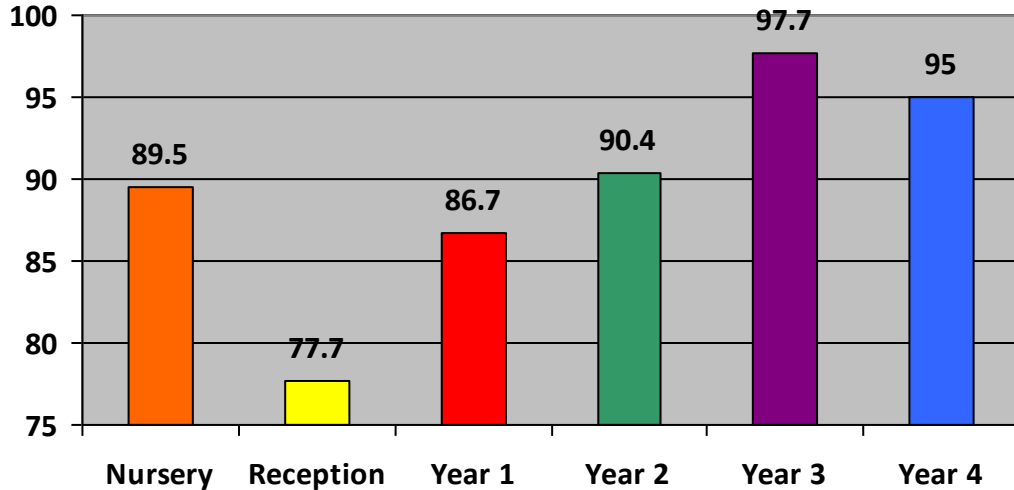
Whole school attendance year to date **94.8%**

National average attendance year to date **95.3%**

Whole school attendance this week **89.9%**

National average attendance this week **94.2%**

Whole school attendance this week was 97.7%. Class of the week this week is **Purple class** with 97.7% attendance. Well done **Purple 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 **Ella** in Blue class. Well done Ella.



## Punctuality reminder

This week we recorded **20 late marks**. Last week we recorded **22 late marks**. So far we have had **268 late marks since September**.

## Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



## WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Katie	Mrs Lyons	Parker
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Emily	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Logan
Miss Winter	Harry	Miss Winter	Manessa
Mrs Bell	Isabella	Mrs Bell	Isaac
Mrs Kembrey	Elby	Mrs Kembrey	Rio
Mrs Askew	Carter	Mrs Askew	Theo
Miss Chappell	Rio	Mrs Ellison	Ethan
Staff star	Mrs Watson	Mrs Jose	Elijah
		Mrs Miller	Carter
		Miss Welton	Cole

## Birthdays

We have no birthdays in school this week. Please check back next week to see our birthday boys and girls.

## School menu

Next week we will be on the **week 1 menu**. A copy of the menu is on the front page of the school website but there are two changes next week. We will be serving our **Christmas lunch** on Wednesday and on **Thursday** the chicken wraps will be replaced with pasta bolognesie/Pasta in a tomato sauce.

## Seghill First School annual calendar autumn 2024

Christmas	Fundraising and community events
Christmas post boxes open - Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Film night Year 1 to Year 4 – Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm
Year 1 to Year 4 Christmas concert – Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 9.00am and 2.30pm	
Nursery and Reception Christmas performance – Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 9.00am	Celebration assemblies
Nursery and Reception Christmas party – Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 1.00pm	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 9.00am
Christmas lunch all year groups – Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	
Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas party – Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 1.00pm	
Years 1 to 4 Christmas treat- details to follow – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	
Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas party – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 1.00pm	
<b>School is closed on these dates-</b>	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January for the Christmas holidays and Monday 06 January 2025 due to a staff training day.	

### Staffing update

The lovely **Mrs Miller** will be leaving us at the end of this term. She is retiring so she can spend more time with her family and grandchildren. Anne has worked here for more than 20 years in many different roles, and has always been an extremely valued member of staff, colleague and friend. We wish Anne all the very best in her retirement.

Mrs Miller's post will be taken over by **Mrs Jose**, who will extend her current part time contract to working full time after the Christmas holidays.

### Christmas jumper / top reminder

Children in **key stages 1 and 2** are asked to wear a **Christmas jumper or top** with usual school bottoms on **Monday 16 December** for their Christmas performance.

Children in all year groups are asked to wear a **Christmas jumper or top** with usual school bottoms on **Wednesday 18 December** for their Christmas lunch.

### Christmas fayre

It is our **Christmas fayre** straight after school today. We will let you know in our next newsletter about how much we made and who won our raffle prizes.

### Key stages 1 and 2 Christmas treat

Next Thursday children in **Red, Green, Purple and Blue class** will be going to the **Vue Cinema** to see **Moana 2**.

The children are being provided with this opportunity as part of planned **personal development** opportunities. We have used fundraising money to pay for the cinema tickets and the coach to make this opportunity free of charge to all children.

### Reception and Year 1 church visit

**Yellow and Red class** visited **St Mary's Church in Holywell** on Wednesday to enhance their understanding and to give them opportunities to see a sacred place and artefacts linked to their topic of Christianity.

We have had a lovely message from Rev David from St Mary's saying "**the children we wonderful and a credit to your school, so well informed and interested and engaging and so well behaved**". Well done boys and

### Can you help us with our local history topic?

In the spring term children in Years 2 and 4 will be learning about different aspects of our local history. Children in Year 2 will be learning about what it was like to work in the mines in Seghill and children in Year 4 will be looking at the impact of mining on Seghill.

We are looking to link up with anyone who worked in **Seghill mine**, or any of the **local mines**, who can share their first hand experiences with us.

If you know anyone, or have anyone in your family, who would be able to share their experiences of working in the mines with us, please contact us at the school email address [schooladmin@seghillschool.co.uk](mailto:schooladmin@seghillschool.co.uk) or let Mrs Thomas, our history lead know. We would love to hear about their experiences.

### Party reminders

We have organised parties for children in all year groups to take place in key stage groups. We will provide a treat for the children. Please do not send in any food or drinks for your child's party. All parties will take place after lunch in the hall and all children will go home at 3:15pm as normal.

**Tuesday 17 December Orange and Yellow class party** Children should come to school in **party clothes**.

**Wednesday 18 December Red and Green class party** Children should come to school in **school uniform** and **bring party clothes** in a named bag to change into after lunch.

**Thursday 19 December Purple and Blue class party** Children should come to school in **school uniform** and **bring party clothes** in a named bag to change into after lunch.

### Advance notice of class coffee afternoons in January 2025

Our **class coffee afternoons** will be taking place during the second week of term in January. The format of the class coffee afternoons this term will be **workshops for parents and their children**. Teachers will be planning workshops with a **literacy focus**. Parents will be able to work with their children at the workshops. A raffle ticket will be given to every adult who attends and there will be a prize for each class. The dates and times are- **Monday 13 January** Purple and Blue class 2:30pm; **Tuesday 14 January** Red and Green class 2:30pm; **Wednesday 15 January** Orange and Yellow class 12:30pm.

Coffee afternoons will take place for each key stage at the date and time above, although each class will be working separately in their workshop.

### Christmas treats next week

Mrs Rogage will be cooking some extra **Christmas treats** during the last week of term. These treats will be **biscuits, muffins or cakes** and will be on sale after school every day during the last week of term. She will be cooking something different each day.

Biscuits and cakes will cost 50p each. If you would like to buy a little treat to eat on the way home or to take home to have later, please bring **cash** to school at home time. We will either be outside on the **top yard** or on **Cheviot View** between the Red and Green class doors.



## SEGHILL FIRST SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2024



Please wear a Christmas top or jumper for this event instead of a school jumper / cardigan.  
Normal school bottoms.

<b>Monday 16 December</b>	Santa's reading challenge ends
<b>Monday 16 December</b>	Key stage 1 and 2 concerts at 9:00am and 2:30pm
<b>Monday 16 December</b>	First day for bringing in Christmas cards
<b>Tuesday 17 December</b>	EYFS performance from 9:00am
<b>Tuesday 17 December</b>	Yellow and Orange class Christmas party**
<b>Wednesday 18 December</b>	Christmas lunch
<b>Wednesday 18 December</b>	Movie night for children in Red, Green, purple and Blue class
<b>Wednesday 18 December</b>	Red and Green class Christmas party
<b>Thursday 19 December</b>	Purple and Blue class Christmas party
<b>Thursday 19 December</b>	Red, Green, Purple and Blue class Christmas treat trip to Vue cinema
<b>Friday 20 December</b>	Celebration assembly at 9:00am

### Christmas performances

We are delighted to be able to invite parents and carers into school to watch our Christmas concerts on Monday and Tuesday next week. The children and staff have been working very hard to get everything ready for the performances.

Children in key stages 1 and 2 have been asked to wear their **Christmas jumper or Christmas top** for their performances on Monday.

Doors open at **8:45am** for the morning performances and **2:15pm** for the afternoon performance. Tickets have been sent home with your child. Your tickets will show your seat numbers. Please sit in the **numbered seat** that you have been given. There are no spare seats. Seating has been allocated in the order that payments were received on School Gateway.

**Live streaming and filming** of the performances is not permitted. We have a number of children whose parents and carers have specified that they do not want their child's image shared in any way. **Please do not take photographs.** At the end of the performance, children will have the chance to see their adults and this will be the time when you can take pictures of your own child.

Please remember that **Cheviot View and Parker Place are pedestrian zones.** There is no parking on either of these streets for guests coming to our performances. A small number of spaces may be available on the grassed area at the back of the Institute, but leaving the car at home and walking is the best option.

### Santa's reading challenge

Santa's reading challenge ends on **Monday**. Thank you to everyone who has supported their child in this challenge.

Mrs Watson will be collecting in reading records and Santa's reading challenge book marks to collate a list of prize winners from each class. Anyone achieving their reading challenge will receive a **treat** before the end of term.

