

Seghill First School Newsletter October 2023 edition 1

Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 05 September 2023	94.1%
Whole school attendance this week	89.8%
89.4%	86.4%
95.0%	85.0%
90.5%	88.9%

Class of the week for this week is **Red** class with 95.0% attendance. **Well done Red class.** You have the attendance octopus and you all had a dip in the sweet box today.

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 **William** in Blue class.

Star of the week

Our stars of the week are-

Mrs Lyons
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas
Miss Winter
Mrs Bell
Mrs Kembrey
Mrs Askew
Miss Chappell
Staff star

Jayden;
 Dominic;
 Brodie;
 Manessa;
 Ethan;
 Harry;
 Rosie W;
 Mrs Askew;



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-

Mrs Lyons
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas
Miss Winter
Mrs Bell
Mrs Kembrey
Mrs Askew
Mrs Ellison
Mrs Miller and Mrs Jose

Beau;
 Angel;
 James;
 Ethan;
 Jaxson;
 Megan;
 Elena;
 Brodie.



Birthdays

We've had three birthdays in school in the last two weeks.

Ella in Purple class is 8 at the weekend;
James in Green class is now 7;
Harry in Red class is now 6.

Happy birthday to Ella, James and Harry. We hope your birthday was special and fun.



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 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. Meetings will take place in the hall. Please use the main entrance on Cheviot View.

Reading books reminder

Children in key stages 1 and 2 should bring their reading books and reading records to school **every day.** Staff change the books every week but we cannot keep up if books are not brought into school. Please take extra care with the books we send home so we do not have to replace reading books and reading records.

Events coming up this half term

Key stage 1 and 2 visit to Lilidorei and Alnwick Garden	Friday 13 October returning at 4pm
Autumn term interviews for parents and children with class teachers	Monday 23 October and Wednesday 25 October from 3:30pm for all year groups
Celebration assembly	Friday 27 October at 2:15pm, including harvest festival
October half term holidays	Monday 30 October to Friday 03 November

Key stage 1 and 2 visit to Lilidorei and Alnwick Garden

We are delighted to announce that we have been able to take advantage of the **Free Friday** offer at **Lilidorei** for children in key stages 1 and 2. Lilidorei has recently opened at Alnwick Gardens and is the world's largest play structure. It is a magical, mysterious village full of play and home to 9 clans who worship Christmas. This is a [link](#) to the Lilidorei website.

We planned a visit to Lilidorei for the summer, but the cost of the coach was going to be £2000, which we could not afford. We have now managed to get booked in for a Free Friday slot on **Friday 13 October**, which is next Friday. In order to make the most of the day, we have also arranged to go to **Alnwick Garden**, which is separate to Lilidorei. I realise that this is fairly short notice, but we wanted to take up the chance of the booking when it arose.

Cost

The entry fee to Lilidorei and Alnwick Garden for each child is £16.50. The cost of the coach is £540, which divided by 70 children is £7.71 per child. This makes a total cost of £24.21 per child.

We are not required to pay for the children or staff to get into Lilidorei because of the Free Friday offer. However, we do have to pay for some of the children and all of the accompanying staff to get into Alnwick Garden (only some children get free entry to Alnwick Garden) plus the cost of the coach.

We will be putting a **significant subsidy** into the total cost from our fundraising money to **minimise the cost per child**. We are asking for **£3.00 per child** to contribute to the overall costs.

Arrangements

We will leave school on Friday 13 October as soon as registration has been completed.

Children will visit Lilidorei throughout the morning. We will have our lunch and visit Alnwick Garden in the afternoon before heading back to school. Children will need a packed lunch on this day.

In order to make the most of the day, we will leave Alnwick at 3:00pm, so it will be approximately **4:00pm before we return to school**. The time will be dependent on traffic. We will keep in touch with you on the day to let you know if there are going to be any major changes to this timescale.

Clothing

Children should wear what they would wear for school PE lessons- their **school jumper or cardigan and school shirt with joggers or tracksuit bottoms**. **Trainers** would be best for footwear. We will be outside for a large proportion of the day, so all children must have a **waterproof coat**. They will need a **water bottle** and a **rucksack** so they can carry their things themselves and still have their hands free.

Please see the separate letter for children in Years 1 to 4, which includes more information about packed lunches, a reply slip and information about how to **pay £3.00 on School Gateway by Wednesday 11 October**.