

Seghill First School Newsletter December 2023 edition 4

Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 05 September 2023	92.6%
Whole school attendance this week	94.6%
97.0%	96.9%
93.3%	86.7%
96.8%	97.2%

Class of the week for this week is **Blue** class again with 97.2% 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 **Lincoln** in Green class.

Our winner for autumn term is **Manessa** in Year 1, who received a **£20 Vue voucher**. Our winner for autumn term B is **Alice** in Nursery, who received a **£10 Vue voucher**.

Red class are the class of the term, with 94.8% attendance. Their reward is to **wear non-uniform today**. **Blue class** are the class of the half term, with 95.0% attendance. Their reward is an **extra afternoon of Golden Time next half term with Mrs Lyons**.

Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-

Mrs Lyons	Esme;	Mrs Lyons	Bobby;
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Parker;	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Olivia;
Miss Winter	Brodie;	Miss Winter	Roman;
Mrs Bell	Rowan;	Mrs Bell	Alannah;
Mrs Kembrey	Isabella;	Mrs Kembrey	Ethan;
Mrs Askew	Emma Elizabeth;	Mrs Askew	Rio;
Miss Chappell	Thomas;	Mrs Ellison	Hunter;
Staff star	Mrs Baptie.	Mrs Miller and Mrs Jose	Hallie.

Birthdays

We have no birthdays in school this week and no birthdays during the two weeks we are on holiday. Please check back after the Christmas break to find out who our first birthdays of the new term are.



Spring term A PE days

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

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.

Christmas fundraising news

I am absolutely delighted to announce our fundraising totals from our Christmas activities. At the Christmas fayre, we raised **£819**. We received a donation of **£75**. Through performance tickets and the raffles, Christmas treats and movie night we raised **£563**, giving a **grand total of £1457**. This is absolutely amazing. Thank you so much to everyone who came to the fayre, paid for treats, bought performance tickets, raffle tickets and movie night tickets.

All of the money that we raise is ploughed straight back into providing treats for the children. The total cost to school for the two theatre trips for all of the children this month was **£1955**. In addition to this, we always **subsidize the cost of all school trips** to try to limit the cost to parents and carers.

Special mentions must be made to **Mrs Mullen and Mrs Jose**, who did so much work behind the scenes and at the fayre to make it such a success, supported by Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Farmer, Mrs Best, Miss Young and Mrs Whitfield. Thank you all so much.

Our next fundraising event is a **non-uniform day** for all children on **Friday 16 February**.

Santa's reading challenge

Well done and congratulations to everyone who has worked really hard on achieving Santa's reading challenge. We have been able to give out 65 certificates and gifts from Santa. It has been great to see so **many of the children reading at home and bringing their reading book and reading record to school every day**. This is also beginning to show in their reading assessments. These children have achieved their Santa's reading challenge awards-

Orange class- Megan.

Yellow class- Brogan, Rosie, Mila, Kayson, Isaac, Amy, Isabella, Ethan, Finnlagh, Edie, Jaxson.

Red class- Edie, Will, Edison, Hallie, Sam, Ethan, Harry, Abel, Rowan, Jimmy, Eabha, Hunter, Archie, Rosie, Zack, Caleb.

Green class- Brodie, Charlie, Ollie, Leo, Lincoln, Leila, Sophie, James, Emily, Caiden, Freya.

Purple class- Bailey, Owen, Theo, Parker, Charlie, Ella, Marnie, Freddie, Amelia, Isaac, Angel, Noah, Katie, Grace and Dominic.

Blue class- Beau, Jayden, Frankeey, Bobby, Frankie, Roman, Orla, Jack, Jake, Ava, Olivia.

Christmas lunch

Thank you so much to **Mrs Rogage** for making us all such a gorgeous Christmas lunch on Wednesday. As always, it was absolutely delicious. Thank goodness for elasticated waists!

Christmas performances

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our **Christmas performances**. The children were all absolutely brilliant. I saw that like me, some of you had a little bit of glitter in your eyes throughout the performances. We are very proud of the children, especially as some of them had to take on roles at very short notice due to a number of children being poorly. What a super effort from all of our boys and girls. Our staff certainly put in a lot of hard work to get everything up and running and the children certainly showed their talents to their best. Well done, everyone.

Reminder for all Nursery families about applications for Reception places

Parents and carers of children in Nursery must apply for a place for their child in Reception. This is done online via the School Admissions portal. Please follow this link-

[school admissions portal](#)

Applications must be made by **15 January 2024**.

Please don't miss this deadline. Sometimes parents and carers assume that their child will get a place in Reception due to them having a place in Nursery. This is untrue. 16 April 2024 is National Offers Day, when parents and carers are informed by Northumberland County Council which school their child is being offered a place in from September 2024.

Events coming up next term

Spring coffee mornings at 9:00am – 9:45am	Fundraising and community
Years 1 and 2 Tuesday 16 January	Non uniform for school funds Friday 16 February
Nursery and Reception Wednesday 17 January	World Book Day book sale and coffee morning at 9:00am Thursday 07 March
Years 3 and 4 Thursday 18 January	Mother's Day lunch Thursday 07 and Friday 08 March
Class assemblies	Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) non uniform
Year 4 class assembly Friday 15 March at 2:30pm	Film night Wednesday 27 March at 3:15pm for Years 1 to 4
Spring term meetings for parents and children with class teachers	Celebration assemblies
All year groups Monday 18 March from 3:30pm	Friday 16 February at 9:00am
All year groups Wednesday 20 March from 3:30pm	Wednesday 27 March at 9:00am
	Other school events
	Easter tables challenge starts on Monday 11 March
	Easter egg decorating competition deadline Wednesday 27 March
School is closed on these dates- Monday 19 February to Friday 23 February 2024 for the half term holidays. Thursday 28 March 2024 due to a staff training day. Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April 2024 for the Easter holidays.	

Spring term coffee mornings

Class teachers will be providing class coffee mornings during the second week back after the Christmas holidays. The dates are-

Years 1 and 2	Tuesday 16 January 8:45am
Nursery and Reception	Wednesday 17 January 8:45am
Years 3 and 4	Thursday 18 January 8:45am.

We hope you will be able to join us to find out **what the children will be learning** this term. We will also be talking about **what you can do to support your child's learning**.

The children, staff and governors of Seghill First School wish you a very merry Christmas and all the best for 2024.

We will see you from Tuesday 09 January.

Multi skills competition success

Children in Year 4 took part in the Cramlington and Seaton Valley schools' **multi skills challenge**. They came **second**, which means they will go forward to the live virtual final of the competition. This will take place in January. Well done, Year 4, this is amazing news. We are proud of you.

