

Seghill First School Newsletter May 2024 edition 2

Safe, Supported, Successful

Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 05 September 2023	94.4%
Whole school attendance this week	96.8%
92.2%	92.6%
95.5%	96.4%
100%	98.6%

Class of the week for this week is Purple class with 100% 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 **Zack** in Red class.

Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Esme	Mrs Lyons	Jaylen
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Alannah	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Theo and Francesca
Miss Winter	Leo	Miss Winter	Brandon
Mrs Bell	Caleb	Mrs Bell	Edison
Mrs Kembrey	Isabella	Mrs Kembrey	Isaac
Mrs Askew	Rosie C	Mrs Askew	Rio
Miss Chappell	Theo	Mrs Ellison	Frankeey F
Staff star	Mrs Miller	Mrs Miller	Ethan
		Mrs Jose	Caleb

Birthdays

We have two birthdays in school this week.
Marnie in Purple class was 8 this week.
Jayden in Blue class will be 9 at the weekend.

Happy birthday to Marnie and Jayden. We hope you enjoyed your birthdays.



Year 4 residential visit to Ford Castle

Next week children in Year 4 will be going to **Ford Castle** for our **annual residential visit**. The children will leave on Wednesday and return on Friday. **Mrs Lyons and Miss Winter** will be going on the visit with the children.

This is an amazing opportunity for our Year 4 children. They will be taking part in a range of adventurous activities that we simply cannot offer on our school site, such as zip wire and the vertical challenge. The cost of the visit has been subsidised by £82 per child to make this activity affordable to all.

While Miss Winter is at Ford Castle, **Miss Chappell** will be teaching **Green class**.

Attendance update

Our attendance since we returned from the Easter holidays has been **really good**. In the last four weeks, our whole school attendance figure is **96.8%**. This is great. Please keep this up.

As a result of making such a good start to the term, our overall attendance figure is creeping up. Whole school attendance since September is now **94.4%**. We are still **below our target of 96.3%**, but if we keep having **really good attendance every week**, we will be on target soon.

Events coming up this term

Class assemblies	Fundraising and community
Year 2 class assembly Friday 07 June at 2:30pm	Games night Wednesday 22 May from 3:30pm for Years 1 to 4
Year 1 class assembly Friday 21 June at 2:30pm	Non uniform for Seghill Gala Friday 24 May
Nursery and Reception class assembly Friday 05 July at 9:00am	Non uniform for summer fayre 1 Friday 07 June (general tombola)
	Father's Day lunch Thursday 13 and Friday 14 June
Other school events	Non uniform for summer fayre 2 Friday 21 June (chocolate and sweets tombola)
Nursery and Reception visit to Whitehouse Farm Wednesday 22 May	Non uniform for summer fayre 3 Friday 05 July (bottle tombola)
Children's Countryside Day for Years 1 to 3 Thursday 06 June	Summer fayre Tuesday 16 July from 3:15pm
Nursery and Reception sports morning Thursday 27 June at 9:00am	
Years 1 to 4 sports afternoon Friday 28 June 1:30pm	Celebration assemblies
Year 4 transition week Monday 08 July to Friday 12 July	Friday 24 May at 2:30pm
Year 4 leavers' assembly Thursday 18 July at 9:00am	Friday 19 July at 9:00am
Year 4 leavers' party Thursday 18 July at 6:00pm	
School is closed on these dates- Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2024 for the half term holidays. Monday 22 July to Friday 30 August 2024 for the Summer holidays.	

Games night Wednesday 22 May from 3:30pm for Years 1 to 4

On **Wednesday 22 May** we are offering a games night to children in Years 1 to 4. Children are invited to bring games into school, and play with friends until 5pm.

If you would like your child to stay for games night, please book a ticket for them via **School Gateway**. Tickets cost **£3.00**, which includes a biscuit and a drink. The payment tab is now open in School Gateway-School Gateway, payments, Games night Wednesday 22 May 2024 Years 1 to 4 then give consent and pay £3.00.

The deadline for payments is **Monday 20 May**. Children are encouraged to bring in board games and games that can be played with one or more other players. Please don't send in electronic games or devices.

As we are offering games night, we will not be offering after school club on Wednesday 22 May.

Father's day lunch

In next week's newsletter we will share information about the arrangements for Father's Day lunches on Thursday 13 and 14 June.

Wraparound update

Please continue to drop children off from 7:30am at the **Club Room door for breakfast club**. Children who attend **after school club sessions** should be collected from the **Red classroom door**. The gate to the Club Room will be locked at the end of Breakfast Club, so there will be no access to the Club Room after 9:00am.

Year 4 cycling

Children in Year 4 worked with **Richard Rothwell** and **Mrs Lyons** this week on our aim for **all children to be able to safely ride a bike by the time they leave Year 4.**

The children were split in to two groups. Group 1 worked on the yard and in the local area all day on Tuesday and on Wednesday morning. They then completed a 4.5 mile ride on Tuesday then a 6 mile ride on Wednesday morning. Some of the children could not ride a bike or had not completed a bike ride before, so this is an amazing achievement.

Group 2 worked with Richard and Mrs Lyons on Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday. They also worked on the yard and in the local area then they completed a mammoth 16 mile bike ride to Collywell Bay and back. What a fantastic achievement.

Richard had to use more tricky and more challenging routes due to Jolley's Track being completely flooded.

Very well done to all the boys and girls. Thank you to Richard for all of his help and support. A special thanks to Mrs Lyons, who spent 3 days outside and clocked up nearly 30 miles in bike rides this week.

Please see the end of this newsletter for some of the photographs. We'll get more photos up onto Facebook and the school website as soon as possible.

National testing in Years 1, 2 and 4

All children in all schools across the country in Years 1 and 4 will be completing some tests this term. These tests are set by the Department for Education and are used in all schools across the country.

Children in **Year 4** complete the **Multiplication Tables Check**. The purpose of the Multiplication Tables Check is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is important now and in later life. Click [here](#) for the link to the information booklet for parents.

Children in **Year 1** complete the **Phonics Screening Check**. The purpose of the Phonics Screening Check is to see if your child can use and apply their phonological knowledge to both real words and nonsense words. Click [here](#) for the link to the information booklet for parents.

In previous years, it was statutory for children in **Year 2** to complete the **end of key stage 1 assessments**. These tests are no longer statutory, but as a school, we have decided to continue to use the tests in order to assess the children's knowledge, skills and understanding in reading, maths and spelling, grammar and punctuation (sometimes known as SPAG).

As a school, we receive very strict guidance on how and when we can administer these tests in school. However, we try to make the experience as stress free as possible for the children. We make sure that when they complete the tests they are working with staff that they know well and we keep everything as low key as possible. When we mention tests, sitting in silence in the sports hall in individual seats does spring to mind. Please be assured that this is nothing like how we tackle the tests in our school.

Keeping children safe online

In last week's newsletter we shared [this link](#) to an update from CEOPs and the National Crime Agency, which provides more information about **financially motivated exploitation**. Globally there has been an increase in reports of **children and young people** being **victims of financially motivated sexual extortion**, often referred to in the media as 'sextortion'.

Some people may think this issue would not apply to a first school, but any child who has **access to a mobile phone or the internet** could become involved. Please read up on this subject so you are aware of the dangers.

In addition to this, we have added information to our **school website** to support parents and carers to keep children safe online. Please visit the *support for parents and carers* tab in the *key information* tab of our school website for further guidance and support.

School site reminder

Children should not be on the **trim trail** before or after school. Children in Years 3 and 4 can play on the top yard before school but they should not be running around on the **field**, particularly when the field is wet. This week we've had children coming into school with soaking wet shoes and feet, and dirty uniform from playing on the field before school. Mud and grass were trailed into school, making a mess in the classrooms and corridors.

As per previous reminders, children should not be playing in the **car park, on the grass around the car park** or in the **garden next to the drive** before or after school.

We don't want to spoil anyone's fun but we would appreciate your support with this matter.

PEEP program

PEEP is a fun and friendly group for **parents and carers** with children from **birth to 5 years** of age. In PEEP groups we share ideas, songs, stories and activities that build on every day opportunities to support your child's learning, talking and social development through play. We have been running PEEP sessions on Monday mornings for one hour, with only one family attending. The sessions have been postponed and will be offered again next half term. These sessions are really useful. If you can spare one hour a week to support your child, please let Mrs Askew or Mrs Kembrey know. We will add your name to the list for next half term.

School visits

We have two school visits planned in the next few weeks.

Children in Nursery and Reception are going to **Whitehouse Farm** on Wednesday 22 May. Children in Years 1 to 3 are going to the **Children's Countryside Day** on Thursday 06 June.

We have asked for a **voluntary contribution of £5 per child per visit**. Both visits have been **heavily subsidised** using **£810** from fundraising to make the visits affordable to all. Without these subsidies, the visits would cost £21.45 and £10.85 per child respectively.



Amazing cycling from our Year 4 children.

