

# Seghill First School Newsletter September 2023 edition 1

## Welcome back

We hope you have enjoyed a happy and peaceful summer break. We would like to extend a warm welcome back to everyone. It is lovely to see all of the children looking so smart in their school uniform.

We would like to say a **special welcome** to Amy, Kayson, Isabella and Rosie who have joined our Reception class, Isaac who has joined our Year 4 class and to Harry, Vinnie, Alice, Megan, Emma, Grace and Ruben who are our new Nursery children.

We would also like to welcome our new staff. We have had some changes to year groups and **Mrs Thomas** is now working alongside Mrs Watson as the Year 3 class teachers. You may recognise Mrs Thomas- she covered for Mrs Askew's maternity leave in Nursery

Our classes and staff are arranged like this-

Year group	Class name	Staff names
Nursery class	orange class	Mrs Askew and Mrs Jose
Reception class	yellow class	Mrs Kembrey and Mrs Ellison
Year 1 class	red class	Mrs Bell, Mrs Miller and Mrs Jose
Year 2 class	green class	Miss Winter Mrs Miller and Mrs Jose
Year 3 class	purple class	Mrs Thomas and Mrs Watson
Year 4 class	blue class	Mrs Bell and Mrs Ellison.

## Birthdays

We've only had two birthdays so far this year, and that's brother and sister **Layton** in Blue class who is now 9 and **Luciana** in Red class who is now 6. Happy birthday Layton and Luciana. We hope your birthdays were special and fun. And thank you for the cake- it was delicious.



## PE days for the autumn term A

Class	Autumn term A PE days
Nursery Orange class	Wednesdays and Fridays
Reception Yellow class	Wednesdays and Fridays
Year 1 Red class	Wednesdays and Fridays
Year 2 Green class	Thursdays and Fridays
Year 3 Purple class	Tuesdays and Wednesday
Year 4 Blue class	Tuesdays and Thursdays

Children should wear a **plain white t-shirt, plain black or navy shorts or joggers, sandshoes or 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. Staff are unable to remove earrings for children.

## School uniform orders

There are a number of school uniform orders ready for collection in the school office which have not been paid for. If you have ordered school uniform, please pay for it on **School Gateway** so the order can be sent out to you.

## Seghill First School Pedestrian and Cycle Zone

Parents and carers **should not drive up or down or park on Cheviot View or Parker Place** on school days between **8:15am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 3:45pm**. This includes parents and carers who are dropping off and collecting children from Red and Green class or parking in either street to drop off or collect from any part of our school.

### Autumn term coffee mornings

Class teachers will be providing class coffee mornings next week. The dates are-

Years 3 and 4

Wednesday 13 September from 8:45am;

Years 1 and 2

Thursday 14 September from 8:45am;

Nursery and Reception

Friday 15 September from 8:45am.

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

### School office

The school office is currently closed and we have no staff in the office. If you need to speak to us, please ring us on 0191 2370419 and leave a message if the answer machine is on. You can send us a message on School Gateway or email [admin@seghill.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@seghill.northumberland.sch.uk) We will get back to you as soon as we can. Hopefully this situation will be remedied soon and the school office will be back in full working order.

### Jeans for Genes

Staff and children are invited to wear **denim** and pay a donation on **Friday 22 September** to support the Jeans for Genes charity. This charity does amazing work to support families where a child has a genetic disorder. We will be learning about genetic disorders and the work of the charity in assemblies in the next few weeks.

### School uniform

As we have said, it is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their school uniform. In order to ensure that your child returns home with their own uniform, **please ensure that all items are named**. We have already come across a number of issues, particularly with jumpers and cardigans, because they are not named.

### School Gateway

All newsletters and information letters are sent out via **School Gateway**. School Gateway is the method for paying for clubs, school meals and milk and for giving consent. It is also used to send out text messages and emails.

If you have not downloaded the School Gateway app, please do so. We will try to help you to resolve any issues that you have, but cannot do so unless you have the app.



### Information for parents and carers

With this newsletter we are sending home some forms that **we need you to complete and return** to school. They are-

- **Admissions form**, including local visits permissions and photograph permissions;
- **Home school agreement**;
- **Medical conditions form**- **only** return this if your child has a medical condition;

Please complete and return these forms by **Friday 15 September**. It is very important that we have the correct contact details for you and your permission for activities.

We are also sending out the **diary dates** for the whole academic year to give you advance notice about all of our events between now and the end of July 2024. Please keep this at hand to make sure you know what is happening. Extra events may be added as the year progresses, but we hope you find this useful.

Next week we will be sending out further information. Some of this will be for you to complete and return to school; some will be for you to keep. Apart from the forms that we need you to complete and return, all information will be sent to you electronically. Please let us know if you would like a paper copy and we will be happy to provide one.