

# Seghill First School Newsletter February 2024 edition 1

*Safe, Supported, Successful*

## Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 05 September 2023	92.9%
Whole school attendance this week	91.8%
94.3%	92.3%
94.5%	95.8%
93.7%	83.3%

Class of the week for this week is **Green** class with 95.8% attendance. **Well done Green 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 **Manessa** in Red class.

### Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



### WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Jaylen	Mrs Lyons	Declan
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Francesca	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Mason
Miss Winter	Emily	Miss Winter	Elizabeth
Mrs Bell	Matilda	Mrs Bell	Emily
Mrs Kembrey	Sierra	Mrs Kembrey	Jax
Mrs Askew	Megan	Mrs Askew	Alice
Miss Chappell	Ethan	Mrs Ellison	Isabella
Staff star	Mrs Kembrey	Mrs Miller and Mrs Jose	Caleb

### Year 4 team building event

Year 4 take part in a **team building event** at Astley High School on the morning of **Wednesday 31 January**. This was organised by the Cramlington and Seaton Valley School Sports Partnership.

The children enjoyed the wide range of activities they took part in and coped well with getting the X7 bus there and back. Thank you to Mrs Lyons, Mrs Ellison and Miss Welton for taking the children. Please see the photographs on the back pages of today's newsletter.

### Year 4 residential visit reminder

Today is the deadline for £30 deposits for the Year 4 residential visit to Ford Castle to be paid.

### Birthdays

We had one birthday in school this week. **Hunter** in Red class was 6 this week. Happy birthday to Hunter. We hope you enjoyed your birthday.



### Safety at Breakfast Club and After School Club

At this time of year, many parents and carers who are dropping off children at Breakfast Club and collecting them from After School Club are doing so in the dark. Please can parents and carers **keep a very close eye on children their children while on the journey to and from the Club Room**. Staff enter and leave the school site at the same time as parents and carers dropping off and collecting children. We've had one near miss this week with one of our little ones, which was thankfully averted due to the eagle eyes of one of our teachers and the fact that she was driving slowly onto the school site.

### Events coming up next term

Celebration assemblies	Fundraising and community
Friday 16 February at 9:00am	Non uniform for school funds Friday 16 February
Wednesday 27 March at 9:00am	World Book Day book sale and coffee morning at 9:00am Thursday 07 March
Class assemblies	Mother's Day lunch Thursday 07 and Friday 08 March
Year 4 class assembly Friday 15 March at 2:30pm	Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) non uniform Friday 15 March
Other school events	Non uniform for Easter raffle Friday 22 March
Easter tables challenge starts on Monday 11 March	Film night Wednesday 27 March at 3:15pm for Years 1 to 4
Easter egg decorating competition deadline Wednesday 27 March	Spring term meetings for parents and children with class teachers
	All year groups Monday 18 March from 3:30pm
	All year groups Wednesday 20 March from 3:30pm

### 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.

### Homework and reading at home

Thank you to parents and carers who **support their child's progress** by ensuring **reading and homework is done and returned to school every week**.

Unfortunately, we are facing an uphill battle because a large number of children do not come to school with reading books and reading records, they are not reading at home and homework is not completed or returned. It is also these children who are making the least progress. We have provided a number of children with multiple copies of reading books, reading records, spelling books and homework books, which have been lost at home or never returned to school.

We really need your help to improve this situation; it is the children who are missing out and who are not making the same progress as others. Please can we have a big push to **find lost reading books and other books at home and ensure that reading and homework is done at home and books are returned to school**.

### School meals update

North Tyneside Council has made the decision to no longer provide a school meal service to any school from 31 March 2024. Miss Best and I have had a number of meetings to organise catering provision from April onwards. We have put together a proposal, which will be shared with governors next week. We will provide you with further details after that.

### Children's Countryside Day

We are delighted to be invited to the **Children's Countryside Day** in Wooler on 06 June. The event is run by the Glendale Agricultural Society to give children of all abilities aged between 5 and 11 years, **first-hand experience of rural life**. We can take 60 children, so we are taking Years 1 to 3. This will be a brilliant opportunity for our children. We'll share more details about this event after the Easter break.

### Safer Internet Day Tuesday 06 February

Our computing lead, Mrs Kembrey, will be talking to the children in a whole school assembly on Tuesday about **using the internet safely**. We start each school year by teaching an internet safety unit to all year groups. Mrs Kembrey will be reminding them about how to keep safe when online, which is very important in the increasingly digital world we live in.

### Events this half term

This half term there are still quite a few events coming up-

**\*non-uniform day** for school funds on **Friday 16 February**;

**\*celebration assembly** at 9:00am on **Friday 16 February**.

We hope you can join us.

### Please keep off the grass

I don't want to be a fun sponge, but please can parents and carers **keep their children off the grass and out of the gardens before and after school**. This includes the grass next to the car park beside Early Years, the grass on the field outside Years 3 and 4, the garden that runs alongside the drive and the garden outside the Year 2 classroom. It isn't nice for the children to have wet feet for most of the day and it's hard to keep our school clean when children are coming into school with wet and muddy shoes. We are aware that the gardens next to the drive and the Year 2 classroom need attention. Please don't make them worse by allowing your child to run around in them. Thank you.

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