

Seghill First School Newsletter December 2023 edition 1

Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 05 September 2023	92.8%
Whole school attendance this week	93.4%
91.0%	94.6%
92.4%	93.3%
91.6%	95.6%

Class of the week for this week is **Blue** class again with 95.6% 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 **Orla** in Blue class.

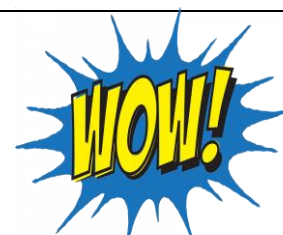
Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Roman;	Mrs Lyons	Esme;
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Theo;	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Owen;
Miss Winter	Lincoln;	Miss Winter	Charlie C;
Mrs Bell	Edison;	Mrs Bell	Eabha;
Mrs Kembrey	Ethan;	Mrs Kembrey	Finnlagh;
Mrs Askew	Rio;	Mrs Askew	Megan;
Miss Chappell	Caiden;	Mrs Ellison	Manessa;
Staff star	Mrs Jose.	Mrs Miller and Mrs Jose	Elena.

IMPORTANT Christmas raffle update

Raffle tickets will be sent home on **Friday 01 December**. Please return the **right-hand side strips to school with £2.00** in the envelope provided by **Thursday 14 December**. Please see Miss Best in the office if you want extra raffle tickets.

The first prize in our raffle is **two tickets to the Newcastle United home match against Fulham on Saturday 16 December at 3:00pm**. The tickets for the match have been kindly donated to us by Newcastle United Foundation. The tickets will be **e-tickets**. As the raffle is being drawn at the Christmas fayre on the afternoon of Friday 15 December and the match is the following day, you must include your **name and email address** on the back of the raffle tickets. If a ticket is drawn with no email address on, we will draw again until we find a ticket with an email address. Please only put your email address on the raffle tickets if you want to go to the match and you are definitely available.

At the Christmas fayre we will have our tombolas set out in the hall and tickets arranged into packs of 5 in advance, which worked very well the last time. In addition to the tombolas, there will be other stalls and attractions. Refreshments will be available in the dining room.

Parent helpers

Our fundraisers are working very hard to get everything prepared for Christmas. We would love to have some **new parent helpers** to work alongside them. Please let Miss Chappell know if you could spare a couple of hours of your time.

Countdown to
Christmas

24 days

Events coming up this term

Other school events	Fundraising and community events
Santa's reading challenge starts on Monday 04 December	Non uniform 3 for Christmas fayre Friday 08 December (bottle tombola)
	Christmas fayre Friday 15 December from 3:15pm
Christmas	Film night Wednesday 20 December 3:15pm for Years 1 to 4
Christmas treat for children in Nursery and Reception Wednesday 13 December afternoon	
Christmas treat for children in key stages 1 and 2 Thursday 14 December morning	Celebration assemblies
Years 1 to 4 Christmas concert Monday 18 Monday 18 December from 9:00am and 2:30pm	Friday 22 December at 2:15pm
Nursery and Reception Christmas concert Tuesday 19 December from 9:00am	
Year 1 and 2 Christmas party Tuesday 19 December from 1:30pm	School is closed on these dates-
Christmas lunch all year groups Wednesday 20 December	Monday 25 December 2022 to Friday 05 January 2023 for the Christmas holidays
Nursery and Reception Christmas party Wednesday 20 December from 1:30pm	Monday 08 January 2024 due to a staff training day.
Year 3 and 4 Christmas party Thursday 21 December from 1:30pm	

Santa's reading challenge

Santa's reading challenge will start on **Monday 04 December**. Our literacy lead, Mrs Watson, has sent out more information about the reading challenge today. It is important that children continue to read in the run up to Christmas as part of their normal routine, as this maintains fluency and interest in books. We know it can be difficult to fit everything in at this time of year, but hopefully, the "little and often" approach is more manageable than reading lots of pages once a week.

Christmas cards

Class teachers will provide a Christmas card box in each classroom which will be open from **Monday 18 December**. Please wait until this date before bringing your cards in.

Each teacher will arrange for the cards to be given out, including cards that are for children in other classes and for staff.

Lists of **children's first names and surname initial** for your child's class will be sent home by Friday 15 December to use to address Christmas cards.

Non-uniform days

Thank you to everyone who wore non-uniform and brought in a donation for the tombolas over the last two non-uniform days. We are asking children to come to school in **non-uniform** on one more Friday, which is **Friday 08 December**. Please bring in donations for the **bottle tombola or raffle**.

Christmas deadlines

The payment deadline for ordering and paying for Christmas treats, movie night tickets and tickets for the Christmas concerts is **Thursday 14 December**. **This is nearly 4 weeks from today**. The payment portals on School Gateway will close on **Thursday 14 December** and they will then disappear from your options on School Gateway. We will not re-open to payment portals to accommodate payments and orders which have missed the deadline.

Birthdays

We have no birthdays in school this week. Please check back next week for more birthdays.