

Seghill First School Newsletter June 2024 edition 3

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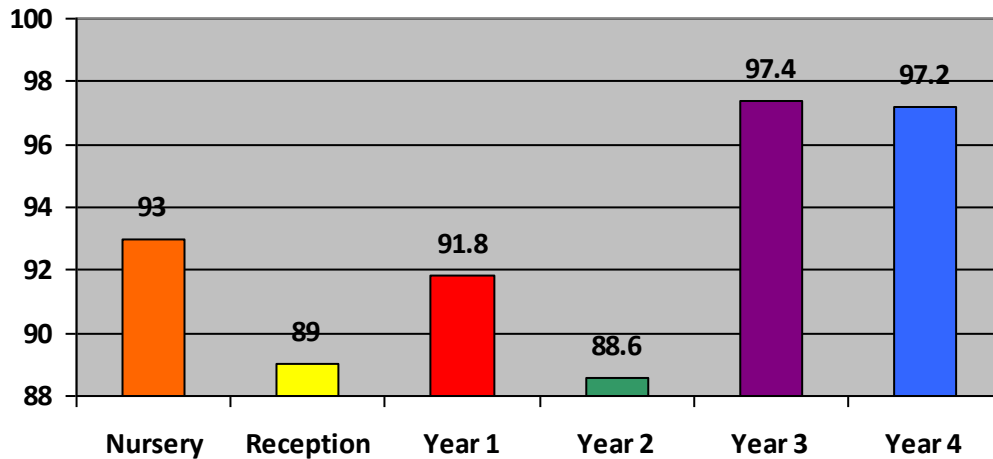
Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 94.3%

National average attendance year to date 94.6%

Whole school attendance this week 93.2%

National average attendance this week 93.4%



Our attendance (year to date) was above national average, but it is now **BELOW NATIONAL AVERAGE**. 30 school days have been missed this week, which has really pulled our numbers down.

Whole school attendance this week was 93.2%, which is really poor again. 30 days have been missed this week. 18 children have missed at least one day this week. 6 school days have been missed this week due to holidays.

Class of the week for this week is **Purple** class with 97.4% 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 **Owen** in Purple class.

Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Beau	Mrs Lyons	Ava
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Parker	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Alannah
Miss Winter	Sophie	Miss Winter	Rosie
Mrs Bell	Rosie	Mrs Bell	Ethan
Mrs Kembrey	Jax	Mrs Kembrey	Mila
Mrs Askew	Megan	Mrs Askew	Cole
Miss Chappell	Parker	Mrs Miller	Edie
Staff star	Mrs Rogage	Mrs Jose	Sam

Birthdays

After last week's bumper birthday week we have no birthdays in school this week. Please check back next week to see our birthday boys and girls.

Red class assembly

Thank you to **Mrs Bell, Miss Lillie and Year 1** for their class assembly this afternoon. You all did a great job. It was lovely to see and hear about the work you have been doing both at school and at home.

We are looking forward to seeing yellow and Orange classes in their class assembly on Friday 05 July at 9:00am.

Events coming up this half term

Class assemblies	Fundraising and community
Nursery and Reception class assembly Friday 05 July at 9:00am	Non uniform for summer fayre 3 Friday 05 July (bottle tombola)
	Summer fayre Tuesday 16 July from 3:15pm
Other school events	
Nursery and Reception sports morning Thursday 27 June at 9:00am	Celebration assemblies
Years 1 to 4 sports afternoon Friday 28 June 1:30pm	Friday 19 July at 9:00am
Year 4 transition week Monday 08 July to Friday 12 July	
Year 4 leavers' assembly Thursday 18 July at 9:00am	School is closed on these dates- Monday 22 July to Friday 30 August 2024 for the Summer holidays and on Monday 02 and Tuesday 03 September 2024 for staff training days.
Year 4 leavers' party Thursday 18 July at 6:00pm	

School site reminder

We have sent out a number of reminders regarding supervision of children on the school site before and after school.

Supervision of children on the school site before and after school is the responsibility of parents and carers. Most days I hear "you better get off there because here's Miss Chappell" or very similar conversations between parents and carers and their children. Parents and carers have been asked repeatedly to ensure their children are safe and supervised, yet some parents and carers seem only to enforce the rules when they see me or another member of staff come outside.

To be clear, we do not want children to be doing these things either before or after school-

- playing around the staff cars in the car park;
- running through the garden next to the drive;
- running up the path that leads to the Club Room so they are completely out of sight;
- playing on the trim trail.

A number of members of staff have reported that their car has been scratched by children running past and between cars, albeit accidentally. My car had a very small but very clear set of handprints on the bonnet earlier this week.

Nursery starts at 8:30am for some children and everyone else starts at 8:45am. Please time your arrival at school so that you are on time, but so that you are not waiting outside the classroom for 15 minutes. Small children will inevitably become bored if they are standing around and will naturally want to run around.

We have always had a very open approach to allowing parents and carers on site with their children, especially before school. However, this is something we will have to review for some families if they do not supervise their children more closely and enforce the expectations that we have clearly stated.

School meals update

Next week we will be on **week 2** of our two week rolling programme. Please check our school website for the dishes on offer each day.

Summer fayre non uniform

Thank you to everyone who wore non-uniform and brought in a donation for the summer fayre tombola today. Your donations are much appreciated.

Eat, sleep, play, learn fund

Last year, Northumberland County Council allocated the **Eat, Sleep, Play, Learn fund** to support our children and young people, which was part of the council's response to cost-of-living pressures.

The fund was very well received across the County and received over 500 applications for support. The county council have now refreshed the fund to ensure it is continuously responding to the needs of our residents and helping to alleviate any obstacles which are causing financial difficulty and having a direct impact on a child's life.

Last year our school helped quite a few of our families who benefitted directly from the Eat, Sleep, Play, Learn fund, with items such as pillows, duvets and bedding.

To access the fund, we need to **make a referral for the fund on your behalf**. If you think there is something that you would like help with, please let us know and we will make a referral to the fund for you.

Arrangements for sports week

On **Wednesday 26 June**, it is **our sponsored sports event**. Mrs Lyons will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils on the afternoon of Wednesday 26 June. **Daisy Burt**, who plays for Newcastle United Women, will help us to launch the event with a short talk about her career followed by a question-and-answer session with the children. She will stay during the sponsored activities to encourage and motivate the children. Mrs Lyons has sent out a separate letter with all the information about the sponsored sports event. Please make sure your child is **wearing their PE kit for school on Wednesday**.

Nursery and Reception children will have their **sports morning** on **Thursday 27 June from 9:00am to 9:45am**.

Children in Years 1 to 4 will have their **sports afternoon** on **Friday 28 June from 1:30pm**.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend both of these events. On Thursday the children will take part in races and activities in the Early Years garden with the Early Years team. Parents and carers can drop their child off at the classroom door and wait for the event to start in the Early Years garden. On Friday the key stage 1 and 2 children will take part in races and activities on the field with the key stage 1 and 2 team. The only way to access the field will be via the gate from the main office onto the bottom yard. This gate will be unlocked at 1:15pm. No other gates will be open in order to keep our site secure.

The sports events will go ahead if it is **safe to do so and the grass is dry**. If the grass is wet, we will not be able to go ahead. It may be the case that it is a dry day but the grass may be wet from earlier rain. If we need to cancel, we will let you know as early as possible, but we are in the hands of the weather in the north east of England, so there are no guarantees, even in June.

Please bring your **garden chairs** and **picnic rugs** if you would like to sit down. **Water, cold drinks, ice pops and crisps** will be on sale for visitors. We can only accept **cash** for these items. **Vaping** is not permitted anywhere on the school site.

It is great to have a memory of your child taking part in their events, but please note that there is absolutely **no filming** of any of the events, even if you are only filming your own child. This is also the case for **photographs**. If you would like to take a picture of your child, please photograph them on their own when they are not taking part in an event and with no other children in the background. We have children who live at a protected address and children whose parents and carers do not give consent for their photographs to be used in school publications or online. Please help us to keep all of our children safe by following this guidance on filming and photographs.

Green class visit to the beach

Miss Winter, Mrs Miller and Miss Young went to the beach with Green class on Monday. The purpose of the visit was to observe a **range of coastal features** as part of our geography topic.

The children travelled to and from the beach on the X7, which was a great adventure for them. At the beach, they went rock pooling, discovered human and physical features, went on a scavenger hunt and explored different shells. They ended their trip in the park.

The children talked about their trip all week and clearly enjoyed it. Please check out our school website and Facebook page for pictures.

Class teachers for next year

As we start to head towards the end of term, we are already planning for the school year ahead. Next year, the school budget allows us to continue to have **6 single aged classes** in our school from Nursery to Year 4. It may not be the case that we are able to offer six single aged class from 2025, but that is something we will look at nearer the time. Our largest class is currently 22 children. This means that your child is taught in a smaller than average class and they get lots more attention from the adults who work with them.

The class teachers will remain in the same year groups for next year. They are-

Orange class	Nursery	Mrs Askew
Yellow class	Reception	Mrs Kembrey
Red class	Year 1	Mrs Bell
Green class	Year 2	Miss Winter
Purple class	Year 3	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas
Blue class	Year 4	Mrs Lyons

Class teachers have **transition meetings** next week to share information about the children in their class. Children will be given opportunities to **visit their new classrooms** and **get to know their teachers** on multiple occasions between now and the end of term to ensure they are prepared for the move into a new class in September.

Year 4 transition week beginning Monday 08 July

Mrs Lyons attended a planning meeting on Monday with teachers from all of the Seaton Valley Learning Partnership first schools and middle schools to plan the programme of activities for transition week. We have included a reminder about what will happen during transition week.

On **Monday 08 July** and **Tuesday 09 July**, children will be here at our school working with Mrs Lyons. They will start their transition week project on Monday and Tuesday. If your child is going to Whytrig, they will go to another SVLP first school on Monday and Tuesday.

On **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**, Year 4 children will spend each day at their middle school. **Morning sessions** at middle school will start at **9:15am** on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and **end at 3:00pm**. This is to allow parents to drop off siblings at feeder first schools and to alleviate potential traffic congestion caused by additional vehicles carrying first school children to middle school sites. Please note that **transport** to and from middle school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday is **not provided**. It is the responsibility of Year 4 parents and carers to drop off and collect their child at middle school on these three days.

Open evening at Seaton Sluice Middle School is on **Wednesday 10 July at 6:00pm**. Open evening at Whytrig Middle School is on **Thursday 11 July at 6:00pm**.