

Seghill First School Newsletter November 2023 edition 3

Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 05 September 2023	92.8%
Whole school attendance this week	92.0%
94.2%	80.0%
96.2%	86.7%
92.6%	98.9%

Class of the week for this week is **Blue** class with 98.9% 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 **Bailey** in Purple class.

Star of the week

Our stars of the week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Jack;	Mrs Lyons	Frankeey;
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Angel;	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Marnie;
Miss Winter	Ollie;	Miss Winter	Lincoln;
Mrs Bell	Hunter;	Mrs Bell	Abel;
Mrs Kembrey	Finnlagh;	Mrs Kembrey	Isabella;
Mrs Askew	Vinnie;	Mrs Askew	Emma Elizabeth;
Miss Chappell	Beau;	Mrs Ellison	Edison;
Staff star	Mrs Rogage.	Mrs Miller and Mrs Jose	Archie.

Birthdays

We have three birthdays in school this week. **Ava** in Blue class is 9 on Saturday. **Parker** in Purple class is 8 on Friday and **Amelia** in Purple class is 8 on Saturday.

Happy birthday to Ava, Parker and Amelia. We hope your birthday is special.



Christmas raffle and non-uniform days

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**. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas fayre. Please see Miss Best in the office if you want extra raffle tickets.

Thank you to everyone who wore non-uniform and brought in a donation for the chocolate and sweetie tombola today. 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**.

The more donations we receive, the more prizes there will be to be won and the greater your chance of winning.

Donations for Children In Need

Thank you to everyone who wore non uniform and brought in a donation for **Children In Need** last **Friday**. We raised **£87** for the charity. Your kindness is very much appreciated.



Events coming up this term

Other school events	Fundraising and community events
Reception vision screening Wednesday 29 November	Non uniform 3 for Christmas fayre Friday 08 December (bottle tombola)
Santa's reading challenge starts on Monday 04 December	Christmas fayre Friday 15 December from 3:15pm
	Film night Wednesday 20 December 3:15pm for Years 1 to 4
Christmas	
Christmas treat for children in Nursery and Reception Wednesday 13 December afternoon	Celebration assemblies
Christmas treat for children in key stages 1 and 2 Thursday 14 December morning	Friday 22 December at 2:15pm
Years 1 to 4 Christmas concert Monday 18 December from 9:00am and 2:30pm	
Nursery and Reception Christmas concert Tuesday 19 December from 9:00am	School is closed on these dates-
Year 1 and 2 Christmas party Tuesday 19 December from 1:30pm	Monday 25 December 2022 to Friday 05 January 2023 for the Christmas holidays
Christmas lunch all year groups Wednesday 20 December	Monday 08 January 2024 due to a staff training day.
Nursery and Reception Christmas party Wednesday 20 December from 1:30pm	
Year 3 and 4 Christmas party Thursday 21 December from 1:30pm	

Christmas deadlines

The payment deadline for letting us know that your child **DOES NOT** want a school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 20 December is **TODAY**.

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.

Please return all raffle tickets and raffle money in the named envelope provided by **Thursday 14 December**.

Santa's reading challenge

Santa's reading challenge will start on **Monday 04 December**. Our literacy lead, Mrs Watson, will be sending out more information about the reading challenge next week. 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.

Christmas fayre

Our Christmas fayre will take place on **Friday 15 December straight after school**. 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. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the fayre.

Costumes for the Christmas concert

Children are invited to wear a **Christmas jumper or top for their Christmas concert** instead of their school jumper or cardigan (normal school bottoms). Children in key stages 1 and 2 are not dressing up; children in Early Years will be provided with a costume by school. We do not expect families to provide costumes for the concerts.

Parent governor vacancy

We currently have a **vacancy for one parent governor**. Governors are responsible for overseeing the management side of a school: strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. They enable their school to run as effectively as possible, working alongside senior leaders and supporting teachers to provide excellent education to children.

Being a school governor is a commitment to attending governing body meetings which consider issues such as setting the school vision, mitigating financial risk and scrutinising educational outcomes. They are also involved in the school community, acting as critical friends to the headteacher and senior leaders.

Governors bring a wide range of skills and expertise from their professional lives to the governing board and schools benefit greatly from working with skilled volunteers, for example anyone with experience of finance, law, premises management or human resources. A governor with business know-how can transform the running of a school.

If you would like more information about the role of the parent governor, please speak to Miss Chappell, Mrs Bell or Mrs Lyons.

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

31 days

Movie night on Wednesday 20 December

Children in Red, Green, Purple and Blue class are invited to stay after school until 5:15pm for movie night on **Wednesday 20 December**. We will ask the children to pick two movies, and then to watch one of them. Tickets cost **£3.00** and include a film, sweets and a drink.

If your child would like to attend, we have set up a payment portal on **School Gateway**. Click on **payments** and you will find the option for **Movie night December 2023**. Tick the box to give consent for your child to attend, click **add to basket** and pay £3.00 via School Gateway. There will be no after school club on Wednesday 20 December. This portal will be open on School Gateway until **Thursday 14 December**, which is the deadline for permission and payments.

Christmas treats for our children

Staff have arranged a special Christmas treat for all children.

Children in **key stages 1 and 2** are going to the Tyne Theatre to see Peter Pan on **Thursday 14 December**. Tickets cost £12.50 per child, plus the cost of the coach hire would be in addition to this.

Children in **Nursery and Reception** are going to the Northern Stage to see The Three Bears on Wednesday 13 December. Tickets cost £12.00 per child, plus the cost of the coach hire would be in addition to this.

We are using money from our fundraising activities to pay for both of these treats, so parents and carers **will not be asked to contribute** anything towards the cost.

I hope you agree that this is an excellent use of our fundraising money, and hopefully the children will really enjoy going out to seeing a live performance in a special setting.

