

# Seghill First School Newsletter February 2024 edition 2

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## Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 05 September 2023	93.0%
Whole school attendance this week	94.9%
96.3%	95.1%
94.4%	88.3%
97.9%	96.7%

Class of the week for this week is **Purple** class with 97.9% 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 **Amelia** in Purple class.

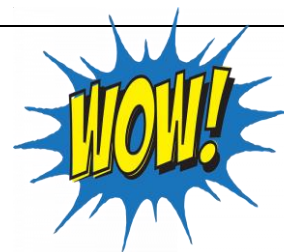
### Star of the week

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	Amelia	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Noah
Miss Winter	Lincoln	Miss Winter	Charlie W
Mrs Bell	Sam	Mrs Bell	Ethan
Mrs Kembrey	Rosie	Mrs Kembrey	Amy
Mrs Askew	Rebeun	Mrs Askew	Rio
Miss Chappell	Charlie W	Mrs Ellison	Jimmy
Staff star	Mrs Collier	Mrs Miller and Mrs Jose	Zack

### Friday 16 November

It is our **non-uniform day** in aid of school funds and our end of half term **celebration assembly** on **Friday 16 February**.

**Celebration assembly** starts at 9:00am. Doors open from 8:50am. Please take your child to their classroom before coming to the hall via the main entrance.

Money raised from the **non-uniform day** is used to provide extra treats for the children and to subsidize costs of school visits.

There is no fixed charge or minimum donation. Any donations will be very gratefully received to boost our school funds. Thank you.

### Birthdays

We have four birthdays in school this week.

**Sam** in Red class was 6 this week.

**Will** in Red class will be 6 at the weekend.

**Sophie** in Green class will be 7 at the weekend.

**Mason** in Purple class will be 8 at the weekend.

Happy birthday to Sam, Will, Sophie and Mason. We hope you enjoyed your birthdays.



### Reminder about Family Learning for Years 1 and 2

Recently we announced that we have been chosen for **Family Learning** sessions again this year. Last year, we had three Family Learning projects in school, all of which were very successful. The sessions next half term are for **parents and carers of children in Years 1 and 2**. So far, no-one has signed up for the sessions. Please see the attached flier about the Family Learning sessions.

### 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
School is closed on these dates	All year groups Monday 18 March from 3:30pm
Monday 19 February to Friday 23 February 2024 for the half term holidays.	All year groups Wednesday 20 March from 3:30pm
Thursday 28 March 2024 due to a staff training day.	
Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April 2024 for the Easter holidays.	

### School meals update

As explained in our recent newsletters, North Tyneside Council has made the decision to 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 looked at proposals from external companies to provide our meals, but the costs were astronomical and we did not believe that their proposals would lead to any improvements in our current excellent service. We worked collaboratively with our colleagues at New Hartley First School to plan and put together a proposal for our school's catering service from 01 April, which was agreed by governors at a meeting this week.

#### What will be the same?

- **Mrs Rogage** will continue to **make our school meals on site**. Meals will not be transported into school, as in the case in a number of other schools. Meals will not be provided by an external company.
- The **choice** of school meal or packed lunch can be made on a **daily basis** during registration.
- Children who are entitled to **Free School Meals** or **Universal Infant Free School Meals** will still receive a free school meal.
- **Medically prescribed diets** will be catered for in exactly the same way as they were before.

#### What will be different?

- We will be offering a **two week rolling menu** rather than the current four week menu. This will be shared with you soon, after consultation with Mrs Rogage and the children.
- The cost of a school meal will increase by 10p to **£2.40 per day**. This is the first increase in 5 years and is 45p per day cheaper than in some other local first schools.

Mrs Rogage does an amazing job every day making delicious meals that the children love. We are delighted that this will continue to be the case. We will share the new menu with you as soon as it has been agreed.

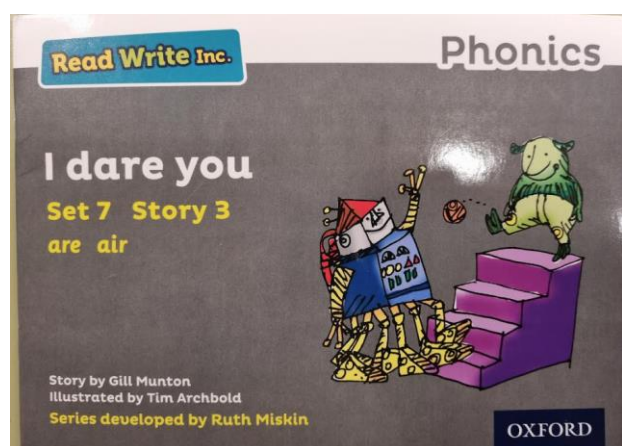
## Homework and reading at home

Last week I wrote about the issues we were having due to a large number of children not coming to school with reading books and reading records, not reading at home and homework not being completed or returned.

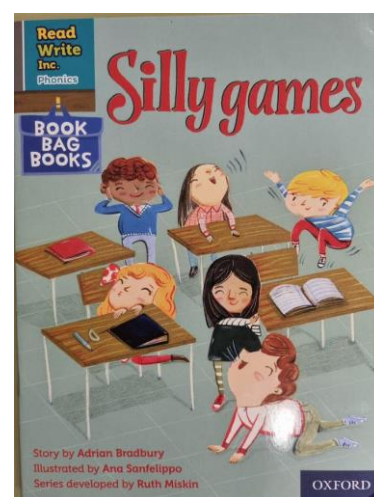
I am very pleased to report that there has been a **significant improvement** this week- thank you. Please keep this up. It makes a huge difference.

Please could everyone have a double check at home for reading books, including phonics books, book bag books, reading books and choosing books. We invested a huge amount of money in recent years so children could have access to **high quality reading books both in school and at home**. We are now in a position where we have very few complete sets of books due to the number of books that have been lost, damaged or simply not returned to school.

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**. It does not matter how long you have had the books, we would just like them to be returned.



Examples of phonics books and book bag books that are missing. Please have a look for these types of books at home and return them to school.



## Communication with parents and carers about behaviour in school

We've had a few situations recently where issues have arisen due to miscommunication between children and parents regarding incidents in school.

If your child has not followed the Golden Rules, or has behaved in a way that we need to speak to you about, please be assured that we will **speak to you about it directly**. We will ask to speak to you at the end of the school day, or we will telephone you and ask to speak to you then or at another agreed time.

We know that there can be times when children "over report" or "partially report" something that has happened in school. This is when they only tell parents what others have done, report only some parts of the school day, or fixate on what one particular child has done, when their actions had no direct impact on them. If this is the case with your child, please try to channel them into more positive conversations about all of the good things that have happened in school.

During the course of a school day, staff will undoubtedly speak to children about a range of things, ranging from very small things to sometimes, more serious things. We do not report every conversation we have with children to parents- it would take all night and we wouldn't want to have a culture of negativity. If you do think something is going on or something has happened that you think we may not be aware of, please do let us know immediately so we can deal with it. If we need to speak to you about your child's behaviour, we will speak to you directly.



## Year 3 computing focus

Children in Year 3 have been working on the topic of **micro:bits** this half term. They have been using a programme called MakeCode to code their own instructions. They then download this code onto their micro:bit. They have been able to turn their micro:bit into a name tag and show a beating heart. They also programmed the buttons on the micro:bit to show different emotions when they press different buttons.

