

# Seghill First School Newsletter September 2024 edition 4

## Attendance

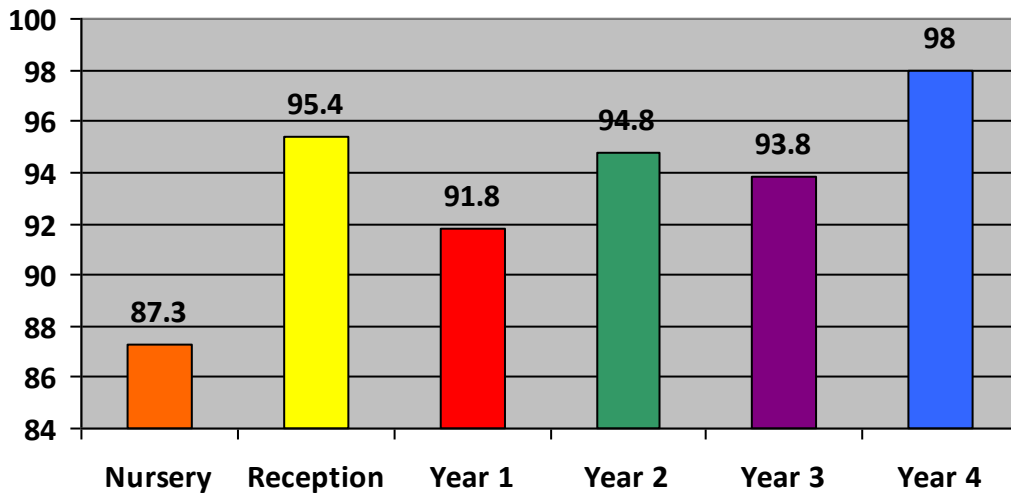
Whole school attendance year to date 94.6%

National average attendance 2023 – 2024 94.5%

Whole school attendance this week 94.9%

National average attendance this week 96.2%

Whole school attendance this week was 94.9%. Class of the week for this week is **Blue class** with 98% 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 **Will** in Green class. Well done Will.



## Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



## WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-

Mrs Lyons	Francesca	Mrs Lyons	Mason
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	James	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Emily
Miss Winter	Rosie	Miss Winter	Will
Mrs Bell	Hadia and Ahmed	Mrs Bell	Sierra
Mrs Kembrey	Grace	Mrs Kembrey	Faye
Mrs Askew	Rosie	Mrs Askew	Cole
Miss Chappell	Faye	Mrs Jose	Archie
Staff star	Mrs Askew	Mrs Miller	Manessa
		Mrs Ellison	Harley
		Miss Welton	Megan

## Macmillan coffee morning

Thank you to everyone who came to our **Macmillan coffee morning** this morning. As always there was a great atmosphere in the hall at this event. We raised a fabulous **£286**. Well done everyone. This money will go to the charity to support their amazing work.



## Birthdays

We've had three birthdays in school this week. **Emma** in Yellow class is now 5. **Cole** in Orange class is now 4. **Ollie** in Purple class is now 8. Happy birthday Emma, Cole and Ollie. We hope your birthdays were special and fun.



## Seghill First School annual calendar autumn 2024

Christmas	Fundraising and community events
Christmas post boxes open - Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Non uniform for Christmas fayre – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 1 to Year 4 Christmas concert – Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 9.00am and 2.30pm	Children in Need – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Nursery and Reception Christmas performance – Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 9.00am	Non uniform for Christmas fayre – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November
Nursery and Reception Christmas party – Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 1.00pm	Non uniform for Christmas Fayre – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas lunch all year groups – Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December from 3.15pm
Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas party – Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 1.00pm	Film night Year 1 to Year 4 – Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm
Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas party – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 1.00pm	
Autumn term meetings for parents and children with class teachers	Other school events
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October from 3.30pm	Santa’s reading challenge – Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
Wednesday 23 <sup>th</sup> October from 2.30pm	Celebration assemblies
	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 9.00am
<b>School is closed on these dates-</b>	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November for the half term holidays, Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January for the Christmas holidays and Monday 06 January 2025 due to a staff training day.	

### Covid-19 advice

Respiratory infections, including the common cold and COVID-19, are common in children and young people, particularly during the winter months. For most children these illnesses will not be serious, and they will soon recover following rest and plenty of fluids.

Routine testing for COVID-19 ended in April 2022 and UK Health and Security Agency (UKHSA) guidance says it is **not recommended** that children are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

As COVID-19 presents a low risk to children and young people, combined with high vaccination rates in the population, there are **no longer specific rules** relating to it in schools.

Children with **mild symptoms** of COVID-19 such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, **can continue to go to school**. However, those who are **unwell** and have a **high temperature** should **stay at home** and avoid contact with other people where they can. They can go back to school, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. Please click this [link](#) if you wish to read further information.

### Tax Free Childcare

**Tax-Free Childcare (TFC)** is a new Government scheme which will give eligible families up to £2,000 per child towards childcare costs, including the fees for breakfast, after-school and holiday clubs. If you get Tax Free Childcare, you'll set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider. For more information and to set up an account visit

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

**(Nursery parents:** You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 15 or 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both).

### Special lunch on Thursday 03 October

We will be serving a **special school meal** on **Thursday 03 October**. As always, the meal will be prepared and cooked on site by Mrs Rogage. Children will be served homemade cheese and tomato pizza with chips and beans followed by a muffin. **Golden tickets** will be hidden underneath the plates. One child in every class will win a **special prize** if they find a golden ticket under their plate. For **next week only**, we will be swapping Thursday's meal from the week 1 menu with Tuesday's meal. Next week's menu will look like this-



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork meatballs in homemade tomato sauce served with pasta and garlic bread	Sweet chilli chicken wrap served with mini hash browns and sweetcorn	Pasta Bolognese served with garlic bread and sweetcorn	Homemade cheese and tomato pizza served with chips and beans	Oven baked fish served with chips and beans
Homemade shortbread biscuit Or fresh fruit	Iced sponge finger or fresh fruit	Ice cream pot or fresh fruit	Raspberry muffin or fresh fruit	Chocolate sponge served with custard or fresh fruit

Special meals do not need to be pre-ordered. Children who would like a meal should say "school dinner please" during registration next Thursday.

### Communication with parents and carers about behaviour in school

#### Communication between school and parents and carers

During the course of a school day, staff will undoubtedly speak to children about a number of things, ranging from very small things to sometimes, more serious things. We do not report every conversation we have with children to parents and carers- it would take all night and we wouldn't want to have a culture of negativity.

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.

#### Communication between parents and carers and school

If your child has been hurt or upset by another child, or if you think something is going on or something has happened that you think we may not be aware of, please speak to us immediately so we can work with you to investigate and resolve your concerns.

Please speak to us after school, email us at [schooladmin@seghillsschool.co.uk](mailto:schooladmin@seghillsschool.co.uk) or ring school and leave a message at the office. Class teachers will speak to parents and carers in the morning when they open the doors, but at this time, their priority is to get the children into the classroom and to supervise them, so this isn't a good time to discuss a lengthy or important issue.

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 and carers what others have done or report only a snapshot of the school day. We know that there can also be times when reports to parents and carers by children can fixate on what one particular child has done, even 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.

#### Summary

We know that the very vast majority of parents and carers engage with us in a positive way, approaching us directly if there is an issue. This is the best way to resolve any situation. We do not take your support for granted, but do appreciate it very much. If we do need to speak to you about your child's behaviour, we will speak to you directly.

