

Seaburn Dene

Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This year has been a very busy, but another successful one and I want to thank you for all your continued support for our staff team. We enjoy every minute we spend enabling the children to **try to be that little bit better.**

It has once again been an eventful year, and we have celebrated a range of achievements – in sporting, social and academic areas. It has been a pleasure to present certificates and prizes for excellent work and attitude and behaviour. Foundation Stage, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6 have performed well to produce another set of good results this year in their different national tests and assessments. We are in the process of preparing the full picture of these achievements for the website, to share with you in the Autumn term. The headlines are very good – particularly the attainment of our children at the end of EYFS, KS2 and in phonics - which are all well above national averages. Hard work, commitment and determination on the part of the children and the staff, as well as you, their parents and carers, have made this happen. Congratulations to everyone concerned.

Fond Farewell Year 6

We say a fond farewell to all our year 6 pupils, who leave us to start the next stage of their school journey in senior school at the end of this week. They will take with them lots of happy memories. We wish them great success and happiness. It has been a delight having each and every one of the children as members of our school family. What superstars they all are!

Fond Farewell to staff

At the end of this school year we will be saying some fond farewells to several members of staff.

Mrs Houston

Mrs Houston has worked at Seaburn Dene since qualifying as a teacher, nine years ago. During this time, she has been instrumental in the development of both English and music at Seaburn Dene, while helping raise standards across our school. Mrs Houston has been a fantastic teacher, supporting and nurturing children in KS2 and rightly becoming a much valued member of staff. We will miss her.



Mrs Bell and Miss Dixon

Mrs Bell and Miss Dixon have been supporting the Nursery this year, covering Miss O'Brien's maternity leave. They leave for pastures new at the end of the week and we wish them well in the future.

Joining Us

Miss Katie Vacher is coming to Seaburn Dene as Year 3 Teacher, having taught at Mortimer and Willow Wood primaries across different key stages. She was previously a teaching student at Seaburn Dene in 2022. Welcome (back) to Seaburn Dene!

A big thank you and 'Well done' to staff

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our brilliant staff for their dedication and hard work this school year. We are truly blessed with a wonderful staff team who are committed to ensuring every child has the best school experiences.

Volunteer Day

Our regular summer volunteering day is happening on **Monday, 19th August from 9am to 4pm**. We will be joined by a team from Nissaan and will be completing gardening work in the school grounds, OPAL work and even a spot of painting in school. If you would like to join us - even for an hour - (children are welcome too) then please complete this short form. <https://forms.gle/BjnJa9KohJMwipVV8>

On behalf of all the staff and governors, I wish you all a lovely and hopefully sunny summer holiday. We look forward to seeing all the children, in full uniform, on **Thursday 5th September** as we begin our new school year. Keep safe and well.

Mr John Howe
Headteacher

