



## Welcome Message

### Start of Summer Term

Dear Families,

What a wonderful start of term it has been at Seaburn Dene! We are so proud of the incredible effort and enthusiasm shown by our pupils across every year group. Please take a moment to read through this week's newsletter — packed with celebrations, reminders, and exciting updates from across our school community. Thank you for your continued support. Thank you to all the parents who gave me feedback on what they would like to see - it was really useful.

Warm regards, **Mr Howe**.

### UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

**BANK** Holiday Monday!

**Y6 - SATS clubs - before and after school**

- Fri - Parliament Assembly and debating session (Y3); Inclusion Ambassadors at City Hall (PM)
- Mon, 4<sup>th</sup> May - School Closed - Bank Holiday.
- Wed, 6<sup>th</sup> May - Travel Tracker Assembly and Strider (mascot) visit.
- Thurs, 7<sup>th</sup> May - Phonics Drop in (after school with Yr 1.)
- Monday, 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> - KS2 SATS. SATS breakfasts for our Y6 children.
- **Dates for Diary: Sports Day — save the date: Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June.**

## Values Certificates: Aspiration.

Celebrations & Achievements

- ★ Year 1: Alex
- ★ Year 2: Emma.
- ★ Year 3: Freddy
- ★ Year 4: Oliver
- ★ Year 5: Sebastian
- ★ Year 6: Ericka

## Class Learning focus

Nursery - Observing Minibeasts and how they move.

Reception - History, Our Family.

Year 1 - History, Toys from the Past.

Year 3 & 4: DT - Making Castles (Y3) and Making Pizzas (Y4)

Year 5 - History: Vikings

Y6: SATS preparation.

\*Tennis coaching is in school on Thursday.

## Makaton Sign of the Week

This week's sign: "SUMMER"



# Scroll of Honour *Calista, James, Mia and Finn.*



## Nursery Parents – Reception Place Deadline

A reminder to all Nursery parents to accept your child's Reception place at Seaburn Dene Primary School by Wednesday 6th May at the latest. This ensures your child's place is secured for September.

## Years 2–4 Home Reading Update

From next week, children in Years 2–4 will continue to bring home their Oxford Reading Tree book as their main home-reading book. We will no longer be using Oxford Reading Buddy as part of our home-reading offer.

Each week, your child will bring home:

- An Oxford Reading Tree book matched to their reading stage
- A reading-for-pleasure book from our school library

Reading logs will now be kept in class and updated by staff.

You can support your child by:

- Reading together regularly
- Talking about the story, characters and new vocabulary
- Encouraging enjoyment of both books

Please see the attached book bands for reference. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

## Staff Shout Outs

A huge well done to our student teachers, **Miss Worsley (YR)** and **Miss Giles (Y4)** who have shown care, adaptability, enthusiasm and a great deal of promise during their teaching placements with us, at Seaburn Dene. Both receive a goodie hamper, organised by Mrs Boydell.

Thank you to **Mr Ashton and Mrs Boydell**, who - alongside Mrs Golding, supported our Y5/6 girls in their recent league fixtures at Ford Hub. Finally, as we countdown to our KS2 SATs - thank you to all the staff - led by **Mr Smith and Mrs Gibbins** - who have provided before, during and after school classes for our children to prepare.

Welcome too to **Miss Cooper**, who is covering for Mrs Galley in Reception, during her maternity leave.

## Year 1 Phonics Screening – Parent Drop-In Sessions

Year 1 parents are invited to our Phonics Screening Check information sessions on Thursday 7th May.

Two drop-in times are available:

- 3.30pm – 4.00pm
- 5.00pm – 5.30pm

Come along to learn how the check works and how you can support your child at home.

## UK Parliament Visit (see right).

This morning, we welcomed Gillian Bell, Senior Education and Engagement Officer from the UK Parliament Outreach Team.

Insert photo here She spoke to the children about what Parliament is and how laws are made, before leading a lively mock debate on a very important question: Should homework be banned in primary schools?

## OPAL Appeal: Help needed!

We need good quality: decking, plastic pipes, guttering, barrels or large containers, cable reels for our yard.

