

Seaburn Dene

Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another very successful and hard - working year at Seaburn Dene Primary, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support for the school to enable us to do the best for your children.

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 2 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 progress our children have made through school to the end of Key Stage 2. We already know that Year 6 have got a higher percentage than children nationally and locally in reading, maths and writing. Hard work and perseverance 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.

However, what the children of Seaburn Dene are about is so much more than reaching and exceeding age expectations in reading, writing and maths. I take great pride every week in recognising those children who show our school values: kindness, respect, determination and aspiration. Our shared set of values is what makes our school successful.

Fond Farewell Year 6

We say a fond farewell to all our year 6 pupils, many of whom leave us to start the next stage of their school journey in senior school with their transition to Monkwearmouth Academy today. 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.



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Mrs Cruddas

Mrs Julie Cruddas has worked as a class teacher and SENDCO in our school for 27 years. Originally coming to Seaburn Dene on supply after five years teaching in Essex - Mrs Cruddas has taught across multiple year groups: Years, 1, 2, 3 and even a mixed 3 and 4. Mrs Cruddas is highly regarded by both staff, pupils and families and we will miss her warm and friendly presence in school and - of course - the wonderful cakes she bakes to lift staff spirits at the start of each week.

Madame Blackett

Teaching French to KS2, Madame Clair Blackett spends a day a week at Seaburn Dene, since joining us in September 2019. It is fitting that her last day is our wonderfully colourful Jour de la Francophonie. She has been a fantastic addition to our staff.

Mrs Marshall

Cleaner-in-charge, Mrs Margaret Marshall is retiring from Seaburn Dene, after just over 24 years dedicated service to the school. We will truly miss her and everything she does for our school - Margaret really cares about Seaburn Dene.

Teaching assistant *Miss Liddle* is leaving our nursery after joining Seaburn Dene for the year. She has worked hard to give our youngest children a positive start to their school journey. Similarly, *Mr Charlton* (KICK) is moving to pastures new (Northern Saints CofE Academy) after a year's contract with us.

Joining Us

Mrs Rachel Golding is coming to Seaburn Dene as Year 2 Teacher and SENDCO from Hudson Road Primary, where she is currently KSI Teacher and EYFS/KSI SENDCO. She has previously taught in Leeds and York. Welcome 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.

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 **Tuesday 5th September** as we begin our new school year. Keep safe and well.

Mr John Howe
Headteacher



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