

Message from Mrs Milburn

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another super busy week at Sele First! There has been lots happening across school, and it has been wonderful to see the children getting involved and making the most of every opportunity.

This week, our assembly theme has been the British value of democracy. During our Celebration Assemblies today, Miss Phillips and I spoke about how children can shape what happens in school. For example, in Reception, children vote daily for their storybook, and many whole-school projects often involve voting too.

Classes have been voting for ambassador roles, including Wellbeing Champions, Eco-Warriors and, new to Sele this year, Maestros! Children vote for their peers for these roles. Some roles, such as Reading Rangers and Junior Innovators, are nominated by staff. Groups meet with their lead teacher each half term to work on projects.

We also focus on whole-school themes through our interactive display. The current focus is 'Favourite School Meal'. Children will be asked to vote for the meal they would like to see as a themed day in October.

A big thank you and well done to all our classes for creating their class signs for the Carnival tables. They look fantastic! Check out the information about our Carnival on page 3.

Did someone say Christmas in September? Children across school have been designing their Christmas cards, which they will bring home on Friday. Orders can then be placed online using the access code. Artwork must be returned to school by **Friday 2 October** to be sent off. Last year, Christmas card sales raised over £500 for our school, so this is a wonderful fundraiser.

I hope to see many of you at our Carnival tomorrow.
Have a wonderful weekend!
Steph Milburn



Reporting an Absence

If your child is unwell please call the office before 9.30am on the first day of illness (tel: [01434 602808](tel:01434602808) option 1). This allows you to leave a message on our absence line, stating the nature of your child's illness. Please continue to call for each subsequent days' absence unless otherwise discussed with the school office. The office is open from 8.30am.

Reporting an absence.



You can also report an absence via our Greenhouse app, simply click on the left hand menu tab and select 'Report Absence' from the menu. If you have not yet downloaded the app, go to the App Store (Apple) / Play Store (Android) and search 'greenhouse schools' and enter our school pin - 2808.

Attendance Stars

Each week will share and celebrate the three classes in school with the highest attendance. This weeks' top classes are:

1st place — 4H/1W

2nd place - RM

3rd place - 1R



Be You 'Be Ready' Parent and Carer Newsletter

Returning to school after the summer holidays can bring lots of different feelings. While some children are excited to be back, others may feel nervous or need a little time to settle into new routines, friendships and expectations. Be Ready is about taking small steps and supporting children to approach new experiences with confidence, curiosity and encouragement.



Families can help by keeping routines predictable, making time to connect, celebrating small successes and listening to children's worries. The guide also shares simple Five Ways to Wellbeing ideas for families: Connect, Be Active, Keep Learning, Give and Take Notice. Please see the attached Be Ready Parent and Carer Guide for more helpful tips and ideas.

Access more information and resources at <https://www.beyounorthumberland.nhs.uk/>

NSPCC Pantasaurus Day - Friday 25 September

NSPCC Pantasaurus Day is part of the PSHE curriculum, teaching children about personal safety. Children learn about the 'underwear rule' via the pantosaurus song, participating in age-appropriate activities and using the 'PANTS' acrostic. To mark this day, children can choose to come to school wearing non-school uniform trousers/shorts/skirt with their school t-shirt and jumper on Friday 25 September.



Look at Books Evenings

Parent and carers are welcome to come into school from 3.30-4.30pm from Monday 5 October to Thursday 8 October to look at your child/ren's books prior to Parent Consultation Evenings on 12 and 14 October.



Take One Picture Open Day

Our Take One Picture Open Day between takes place on Wednesday 21 October. More Information to follow!



Consent Opt Out Forms / Home School Agreement

If you have not yet completed the Consent Opt Out and Home School Agreement Google forms please complete by Monday 21 September.



Admissions Portal Middle School 2027

The School Admissions Portal is now open for Y4 families to apply for middle school entry September 2027.



SSC Play Worker Vacancy

We have a vacancy in our After School Club for a Play Worker. Working hours are 2.45-5.30pm, Monday to Friday term time. Find out more here. [SSC Play Worker Vacancy](#).



The Portal closes at midnight on 31 October. You must register with the Citizen Portal first to generate an email link which you can apply through. Apply here: [Citizen Portal - Sign in \(northumberland.gov.uk\)](#)

Next Week

Tuesday - EYFS Curriculum Workshops
Wednesday - KS1 Curriculum Workshops
Thursday - KS2 Curriculum Workshops
Friday - NSPCC Pantasaurus Day
Key Dates can be found here
<https://www.selefirst.org/Parents-and-Carers/Term-Dates/>

Nursery 2027 Admissions

Nursery Admissions 2027
Apply from 1 September

Sele First Nursery offers a nurturing, stimulating environment where children learn through play, build friendships and develop confidence and independence.

Our Nursery children benefit from a teacher-led, dedicated EY Team and a varied curriculum using our indoor and outdoor spaces at Sele First.

FIND OUT MORE AND DOWNLOAD APPLICATION FORM HERE

Sele First Open Morning

SELEfirst SCHOOL

SELE FIRST SCHOOL OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES
For children from Nursery to Year 4

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER
10.00AM - 12.00PM

Situated in the heart of Hexham surrounded by the beautiful Sele Park and the historic buildings of Hexham Abbey, we aim to provide an exciting, motivating and high quality education for every child through effective organisation, committed knowledgeable staff, challenging expectations and high standards.

Scan the QR code to book

F.O.S.F. updates

You should have all received a fabulous **FOSF brochure** in book bags this week. This was requested by many parents and allows everyone to see all the FOSF activities for the whole year upfront, and to plan your year and money a little easier. Please keep it safe somewhere! It has been generously paid for by some of our local businesses, to whom we are hugely grateful. Remember our website also has a full calendar for the year too.

Sele First Carnival is **TOMORROW!** It is our biggest event in the calendar, designed to be a lovely, welcoming start to the year for Sele First for families. We'd love you all to be there! We strive to make FOSF events great value for money and cheaper than local alternatives to make them inclusive. We hope that lots of you can enjoy a fabulous day out, there are options for all personalities and pockets, allowing you to choose exactly what you want to pay for.

FREE entry

Tokens for Games Stalls

Wristband for Inflatable Zone

Food and drink options

<https://friendsofselefirst.school/carnival>



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100 CLUB

BE IN IT TO WIN IT

£606€30 PRIZES DRAWN MONTHLY

Choose your number by 27
October for 24 chances to win.
More on our website and in our
FOSF brochure.

[HTTP://friendsofselefirst.school](http://friendsofselefirst.school)



FOSF UPDATES

From October FOSF Bulletin updates
will be reduced to around monthly.

FOSF WhatsApp Community will be
used for more time sensitive
information and to help our
overloaded brains remember things!

"FOSF has just
funded a new
piano for
singing
assemblies"

"Christmas Trail
Tickets on sale
today"

"Halloween
Costume
Swap Rail
on the yard
this week."

WHATSAPP



Keep informed of
FOSF events

Join FOSF
Announcements here

(You can remain anonymous with a
nickname.)

SELE FIRST Summer '26 CHALLENGE

A final update will be coming in the
first week of October. Please get all
money into us by the end of
September.

Congratulations to all those Mini,
Junior and Grown Up Great North
runners.