

Message from Mrs Milburn

Dear Parents and Carers

What an amazing turnout for this year's European Languages Day Bake Off! Miss Phillips and I had the delightful job of tasting and judging the bakes. We were super impressed by the creativity and standard of baking across the school. Winners have been announced in today's celebration assemblies, including a 'Best in Show' and a 'Special Mention'. Well done to all of our bakers!



You can see some of the entries [here](#).

We are now over halfway through this year's Take One Picture project, A Muse (Calliope?) by Cosimo Tura, and classes are very busy developing their art knowledge and skills. Next week, Mr Watson will be taking up residence in the Movement Lab as it transforms into an Art Studio. All year groups will spend time in the Art Studio, working alongside Mr Watson to create a whole-school masterpiece.

Next week we will be sharing our extra-curricular clubs for the year ahead. These will either run during lunch times or after school. These are an excellent way for children to further their interests or try something new. These clubs are run voluntarily by school staff.



Final call for Christmas card orders! Thank you for your support with this fundraiser. At present, the cards will look to raise £400 for our school as well as creating memorable Christmas items.

Have a fantastic weekend,
Steph Milburn

Attendance Reminder - NHS Illness Advice for Families

To help you know when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't, the NHS have provided useful information for families on common illnesses. click below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school on the first day with an illness reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, please let school know.

Do I need to keep my child off school?					
Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Strep throat No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Toenailitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

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/4P 2nd place - 1W 3rd place - 2W



Pocket Toys and Trading Cards

Following a review, we ask that pocket toys, football cards and Pokémon cards are no longer brought into school.

We understand that children enjoy bringing in and sharing these items with their friends. However, they can sometimes cause distractions in lessons and disagreements during playtimes, particularly when items are lost, swapped or damaged.

To help keep our classrooms focused and our playtimes happy, fair and inclusive for everyone, we ask that all families support us by ensuring these items are left at home.

SEND Coffee Mornings

SELE FIRST SEND COFFEE MORNINGS



Parents and carers are welcome to come along to the first of our informal SEND Coffee Mornings on Monday 5 October, from 9.00-10.00am in the school canteen.

Come along to meet our SEND Team professionals from the High Incident Need Team (HINT).

Sleep Difficulties in Autism Zoom

The Toby Henderson Trust

When Sleep is Hard Understanding Sleep Difficulties in Autism ★★

Thursday 15th October 10am-11.30am

This is a fully funded webinar via Zoom for parents/carers of children or young adults with autism and/or learning disability (or young person on diagnostic pathway).

The session will be presented by Judith Hedley our Autism Nurse Practitioner / Sleep Counsellor. This is an opportunity to understand sleep and what impacts on lack of sleep for autistic people.

It will cover...

- ★ What is sleep
- ★ How much sleep different aged children get
- ★ What effects sleep
- ★ How do we improve sleep.



Book your place

To register for this event please complete an online booking form via our website www.tttht.co.uk. Alternatively you can book a place by emailing admin@tttht.co.uk or by calling us on 0300 365 3055.

Next Week

Monday to Thursday -
Look at Books 3.30-4.30pm
Monday - SEND Coffee Morning
Friday - Hello Yellow Day
Key Dates can be found here
<https://www.selefirst.org/>

Hello Yellow Day - Friday 9 October

Next Friday we will be taking part in Hello Yellow Day to raise awareness of children and young people's mental health, in support of YoungMinds.



Looking after our minds is just as important as looking after our bodies. It's okay to have big feelings, to have worries and to ask for help when we need it.

Talking to someone we trust, spending time with friends, being kind to ourselves and doing things we enjoy can all help us feel better.

Children can choose to come to school wearing yellow to show that every mind matters and nobody has to face their worries alone.

Look at Books and Parent/Carer Consultations Reminder

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. Please note Reception do not have books to look through at the moment, however families are welcome to come and look round classrooms



If you have not yet booked your consultation, please do so here <https://selefirst.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Nursery Admissions 2027

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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

www.selefirst.org admin@sele.northumberland.sch.uk 01434 602808

Sele First Open Day

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

We asked you to raise £26, but what you all achieved has blown our minds. WELL DONE EVERYONE!! Children as young as 3 right through to adults took on active challenges of their choosing. The whole Hexham

community and beyond became involved, and it grew into something much bigger than we imagined.

SELE FIRST Summer '26 CHALLENGE

£9424

The ambition was to raise money for a new play and learning space in the internal courtyard, something school couldn't ordinarily afford. Thanks to your help we have raised enough to proceed! This money is ringfenced for phase one of this renovation. We are looking for grants to help fund the remaining gap.

Leaderboard

1 st	2A - £2,910
2 nd	3R - £1,346
3 rd	4H - £940
4 th	2S - £697
5 th	RH - £633
6 th	1T - £496
7 th	Nursery - £400
8 th	3C - £287
9 th	1S - £217
10 th	RR - £203
11 th	RM - £195
12 th	4W - £78
13 th	4W - £38
14 th	3P - £20
15 th	1C - £15
Others	£962

FOSF have loved hearing from staff and parents about how children have grown through their Summer Challenge. We've become more active, overcome challenges, forged new friendships, reinforced healthy lifestyle habits and had lots of fun!



Classes 2A, 3R and 2S will all get an in school prize. 4H received a prize in July before they moved to middle school.

<https://FriendsOfSeleFirst.School/summerchallenge>