



Sedbergh Primary School - Newsletter



'Excellence in the Heart of the Community'

Thursday 20th October 2016

We are 'an inclusive, welcoming school where the achievement of pupils comes first and teaching and learning are enjoyable and purposeful.' – Ofsted 2016

I was very pleased to be able to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted Inspection with you all. The full inspection report is still available on our website and now on Ofsted's website also. I hope parents have been able to find the time to read the report and pick out some of the wonderful comments the team made about the children who attend this school. Thank you once again for your support during the inspection, I know that this will continue as the school moves forward.

I would like to invite all parents and carers to a Parent, Governor and Staff Event on Wednesday 9th November at 6.30pm. We will consider; *'What next for our school?'* There is still much to consider about the future of the school and I would like to involve you all in learning about and discussing some of the 'bigger' decisions that need to be made. The workshop should last just over an hour and, naturally, refreshments will be provided to fuel our thinking.

I'm hoping that by now some of you will have started receiving **text messages** from school to update you on upcoming events. This text service is a simple means by which we can send brief messages to families, including reminders about events and updates about success in school. The service in no way is intended to replace the need for us to talk to each other face-to-face about what is going on in school so please don't stop 'popping in' to chat with the teachers, Mrs Scarr and me! It is also worth noting that we cannot receive replies to a text so please keep using letters, notes and the telephone to explain an absence or if you need to tell us something else.

And finally, can I say a big thankyou to the parents and staff who assisted on the 'Grounds Day', you achieved an awful lot! The school is certainly starting to look a lot smarter. *P.S. The climbing wall is on its way.*

Many thanks again for all your support this half-term. I will see you all after the half-term holiday.

Matt Towe – Head teacher

A new member of staff..

I would like to welcome a new teacher to the Sedbergh Primary School teaching team. After the half-term holiday, Mrs Polly Cudby will be teaching Reception and Key Stage 1 classes on a Tuesday and Year 5 on a Wednesday afternoon. Polly is an experienced teacher who over her career has taught a range of different year groups. I know she will be a real asset to the school. Also, after the break, on a Friday Mrs Wood will no longer be teaching Year 4. Mrs Kenyon, who many of you already know, will be teaching the Year 4 group on this day.

'REMEMBER' – from after the October half-term break all children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 will stay in school until 3.30pm on a Friday afternoon, the first one being Friday 4th November. There is so much to fit in and learn at school and Friday afternoon is the perfect opportunity to round off the week!

Can any parents who have yet to discuss, complete and return their 'Sedbergh Primary School - Home School Partnership Agreement' and an 'E-Safety Acceptable Use Agreement' please do so as soon as possible. Additional copies can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from our website.

Diary Dates

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| Monday 31 st October | School re-opens to pupils for the second half of the Autumn Term |
| Tuesday 1 st & Wednesday 2 nd | 3.30pm onward - Parents' Evenings |
| Wednesday 2 nd November | Book Bus in school |
| Wednesday 9 th November | 6.30pm - Parent, Governor and Staff Development Workshop |
| Thursday 10 th November | Under 11's Netball match versus Sedbergh School |
| Friday 11 th November | 10.00am - Remembrance Day Assembly – Parents very welcome |
| Thursday 17 th November | 6.30pm - Parent Information Evening – Reading |
| Friday 18 th November | 5.30 – 6.30pm Infants PTFA 'Fair Trade' Disco |
| | 6.45 – 8.00pm Juniors PTFA 'Fair Trade' Disco |
| Thursday 1 st December | Dukes Theatre Visit – 'Pinocchio' |
| Monday 5 th December | Enterprise Week |
| Date T.B.C | 1.30pm - Infant Christmas Performance and Junior Carol Concert (Ticketed) |
| | 6.30pm - Infant Christmas Performance and Junior Carol Concert (Ticketed) |
| Wednesday 7 th December | 10am – Nursery and Reception Christmas Performances |
| Friday 9 th December | 3.30pm - Christmas Enterprise Fair |
| Friday 16 th December | Settlebeck Carol Service at St. Andrew's Church |
| Friday 16 th December | School closes for the Christmas break (re-opens on Wednesday 4 th January) |



Healthy School

A reminder to all parents that Sedbergh Primary School encourages children to make healthy choices about their diet and lifestyle. Please try to ensure that children are provided with healthy snacks at break time and a balanced meal if they bring a packed lunch too. Thank you.



PTFA

Sedbergh Primary School – Parent, Teacher and Friends Association

The PTFA met on Wednesday 5th October and discussed a wide range of fundraising ideas. These ideas aim to create enjoyable experiences for children and families at Sedbergh Primary School and also provide those extra resources that we can use in school to make learning even more exciting. At the meeting the committee agreed to fund the following much needed equipment for school;

- ✓ A digital camera to capture key moments at different school events
- ✓ 'Visualisers' that can be used in class to provide children with up to the minute feedback about their learning and success
- ✓ New playground furniture and equipment to make break times fun
- ✓ Resources for Nursery to ensure our younger children get the best start
- ✓ The PTFA also agreed to support our current school project to build a 'Science and Wildlife Garden' to the south side of our buildings

Please look out for future PTFA events where help might be needed (even an hour makes a difference) or please come along and join the PTFA committee. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 17th January and everybody is very welcome!

Gemma Suttle is our current PTFA chair and is keen to talk with anybody about being involved in the PTFA or any fundraising ideas. Gemma can be contacted in school or emailed at PTFA@sedbergh-pri.cumbria.sch.uk. Don't hesitate to get in touch!



And finally...

The Police have visited us in school this week to provide the children with advice and guidance about how to stay safe over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period. We will all endeavour to remind children about how to stay safe whilst enjoying this time of year as the nights draw in!

Please regularly visit our school website www.sedberghprimary.org for updates and celebrations of success!