



Sedbergh Primary School - Newsletter

'Excellence in the Heart of the Community'

15th December 2016



HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Reception Class - September 2017

Please remember that the application deadline for places in our Reception class for September 2017 is Sunday 15th January 2017. All the information parents need is on the CCC Admissions Website and also our school website. If any parents would like a visit and tour of the class please don't hesitate to contact school.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Our Carol Service with Settlebeck School at St. Andrew's Church begins at 9.30pm on Friday morning.

School closes to pupils at 2pm on Friday the 16th December. We re-open at 8.50am on Wednesday 4th January 2017

The last few weeks here in school have been busy but so very rewarding. The children and staff have done a stunning job of getting organised for our Christmas performances and our Christmas Enterprise Fair! (Photos on our website) Thank you to all of you who were able to come into school and add to the atmosphere of those events – the children all rose to the occasion and did a brilliant job. At our fair we raised £300 for the PTFA. In addition, the classes raised the following amounts through their enterprise activities with a clear overall winner: Y6 £90.90, Y5 £113.92, Y4 £53.95, Y3 £50.71, Y2 £33.55, Y1 £87, Reception £65.18 and Nursery £29. An overall total of over £500, a very impressive haul to invest in resources for learning in our school. The Scholastic Book Fair also made over £450, 40% of which is returned to school and used to purchase books.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY - I am delighted to announce that Stephen Hall, father of Adam in Year 5, has been appointed as our new Parent Governor after being nominated by Trish Woof. Stephen will bring a significant amount of educational experience with him and also a real passion for our school and the Sedbergh community. Thank you to any other parents who expressed an interest or even considered taking on this role. There will certainly be further opportunities to join the Governors as time goes by.

Thank you all for making me most welcome as the new Head teacher of your school. I have really enjoyed the first term and being involved in lots of success and a lot of changes. Please do continue to contact me in school if you have a suggestion or concern so we can continue to work together to improve learning and the Sedbergh Primary School experience for your children.

Matt Towe – Head teacher



Many thanks to all of you who made a donation to Cancer Care at our Christmas Nativity and Carol Concerts. Both the organisation and the people who have benefitted from their support wish to pass on their thanks to everyone at the school for supporting them in their fundraising. Over the two events we raised an incredible £364.

Diary Dates

Friday 16 th December	2.00pm - School closes for the Christmas break
Wednesday 4 th January 2017	School re-opens for the Spring Term
Wednesday 11 th January	pm Casterton – Cross-country trials
Tuesday 17 th January	6pm PTFA meeting – venue TBC
Tuesday 24 th January	Woodwind Workshop Day & Masterclasses at Casterton School
Thursday 26 th January	'Rawthey Run' at Sedbergh School
Monday 30 th January	'Money Week' in school



PTFA Sedbergh Primary School – Parent, Teacher and Friends Association

First of all, thank you to all those parents who gave some time to serve refreshments at the Christmas Enterprise Fair. Don't forget the next PTFA meeting is on Tuesday 17th January at 6pm (venue TBC) and all are very welcome to attend. As always the PTFA are always looking for any extra help you can offer; please contact Gemma Suttle, our PTFA chair if you can: PTFA@sedbergh-pri.cumbria.sch.uk

Elf and Safety

Can I encourage all parents (without dogs!) to stand in the yard at the end of the school day whilst waiting for children to exit school. At times, the pavement outside school becomes crowded forcing children to walk on the road rather than on the pavement. Naturally, at the end of the school day, Mary Fell is busier than usual and I want to reduce the risk of children being glanced by a car as they make their way home.

Also, I have noticed that there is a lot of dog muck on the pavements around Mary Fell. This is obviously unpleasant for all of us (residents, children, parents and staff) who have to use the pavements in and around the estate. Could any parents bringing their dogs on the school run please ensure that they clean up after their dog if it poos! Thank you all for your understanding and assistance in this.

A big thank you to the Year 6 children who organised the sale of poppies in school in the run up to Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. Thank you to all the children who bought a poppy to show their respect to those people who give their lives to protect our freedoms. Through their efforts the children raised £244 to support the work of the Royal British Legion.

Our Armistice Day Assembly was a special event that really brought home a sense of understanding and appreciation of the sacrifices others made and make on a daily basis to keep us safe.



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