



Sedbergh Primary School - Newsletter



'Excellence in the Heart of the Community'

30th November 2016

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

I can't believe that we are nearly at the end of the Autumn term and only 3 full weeks remain until the Christmas break. There is still a lot to pack into the next few weeks so please keep a close eye out for letters in bags, website updates and text messages as we will work hard to keep you in the loop about everything that is happening (diary dates listed below are a good place to start!)

Thank you to those parents who were able to join staff and Governors at our development meeting a couple of weeks ago. There is a post on the website that outlines the discussions we had about the future of our school.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

The school currently has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you are interested in finding out how you could get even more involved in the life of the school, please do pop in to school for more information about this role. Sophie Lawson (our Chair of Governors) or I would be more than happy to discuss the role with you and provide an information pack should you be interested in putting yourself forward.

There is a deadline for applications on 9th December at 12.00 noon followed by a ballot in the following week if we have more than one applicant. We will announce the outcome on our website on Thursday 15th December.

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement with school life. I cannot emphasise enough how important the partnership between families and schools is, and the fantastic impact it can have on ensuring that children are successful as they grow older.

I look forward to seeing you all at the events we have planned over the following weeks.

Warm regards,

Matt Towe – Head teacher



Christmas Enterprise Fair

On Friday 9th December at 3.30pm school will be holding its first Christmas Enterprise Fair. The idea is that children in school plan and create a product for you to buy at the fair. Class teams have 'borrowed' the money to buy raw materials and will pay back their start up loans from the money they make on the night. A prize will be presented in school to the class that makes the most money.

In addition, on the night, we will have other stalls. Our writing club have written to local businesses offering them tables at the fair, and other local groups, such as Playgroup, will also be there selling items to raise funds. The PTFA will be selling refreshments and there'll also be a 'chocolate' tombola.

On Friday the 2nd December we are holding a 'chocolate' mufti-day. Children can attend school in non-uniform or even in dressing up outfits. All we ask in return is a chocolate goody to use on our tombola at the Christmas Enterprise Fair.



Reminder: ERIC – Everyone Reading in Class

Remember, all available parents are invited to visit school on Friday afternoons from about 3.10pm to read with children in their child's class. This invitation is obviously extended to the parents of children in reception and Years 1 and 2 now that they remain in school for all of Friday afternoon. Come along and enjoy a good read!



PTFA Sedbergh Primary School – Parent, Teacher and Friends Association

A massive thank you to all those parents who volunteered their time to help out at the Fair Trade Discos last week – a lot of fun (and many, many sweets) were had by all. We raised an amazing £265.34 for PTFA funds and supported our Fair Trade work here in school!

At the upcoming Christmas Enterprise Fair (Friday 9th December from 3.30pm) the PTFA will be serving refreshments to raise money for school. If any parents could donate a cake or any other home baking to sell on the day that would be really appreciated. Also, we would really appreciate the help of any parents who can volunteer some time to serve refreshments at the event. Please contact Gemma Suttle, our PTFA chair if you can help: PTFA@sedbergh-pri.cumbria.sch.uk

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

Thursday 1 st December 2016	Dukes Theatre Visit – 'Pinocchio'
Friday 2 nd December	'Chocolate' mufti-day
Monday 5 th December	Enterprise Week
Wednesday 7 th December	10am – Nursery and Reception Christmas Performances
Thursday 8 th December	1.30pm - Infant Christmas Performance and Junior Carol Concert (Ticketed)
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Friday 9 th December	3.30pm - Christmas Enterprise Fair
Wednesday 14 th December	am – EYFS Christmas Party, pm – Key Stage 1 Christmas Party
Thursday 15 th December	pm – Key Stage 2 Christmas Party
Friday 16 th December	Settlebeck Carol Service at St. Andrew's Church
Friday 16 th December	2.00pm - School closes for the Christmas break
Wednesday 4 th January 2017	School re-opens for the Spring Term
Tuesday 17 th January	6pm PTFA meeting – venue TBC
Monday 30 th January	'Money Week' in school



And finally, a great big well done to everyone who dressed up on the 18th November and bought cakes to support this year's Children in Need fundraising appeal. The school raised a fantastic £400. Many thanks to those of you who supported the event with cakes and goodies for the children to buy!

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