



Sedbergh Primary School



'Excellence in the heart of the community'

School Newsletter - 26th January 2017

Nursery & Reception Places – Is your child starting school this September?

We have places in our Nursery (for 3 year olds) and in our Reception class (for 4 year olds) starting school in September 2017. Follow the links on our website to apply online (www.sedberghprimary.org.uk) or pop into school to collect a paper copy of the application forms. Don't forget, we're always happy to show you around the school and answer any questions that you have.

Welcome to our January Newsletter, the first of the New Year. The children have settled back in to school life quickly and I have really enjoyed being around school and talking with the children about their learning. We already have a busy term ahead so please check the diary dates included in this newsletter and the school website for any updates about all that is going on.

The children enjoy a vibrant and varied experience in our school and a lot of this is down to the hard work of the staff and parents who volunteer to join in and organise all the extras - so many thanks to all of them.



FAIRTRADE
FOUNDATION

Fairtrade Fortnight at Sedbergh Primary School

'It's time to put Fairtrade in your break'

From the 27th February until 10th March, we will be celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight here at Sedbergh Primary School. Over the two-week period, children are planning some additional events and activities to encourage us all to think about the 'deal' the farmers who produce our food (often in developing countries) get. There will be extra 'goodies' on sale at break time and even a special Fairtrade coffee morning (details to follow).

Nuts will be on sale during the fortnight so can parents and carers please make sure that the allergy information we hold for your child in school is up to date. We will make sure that any children affected do not come into contact with ingredients or items that may cause a reaction.



PTFA

Sedbergh Primary School – Parent, Teacher and Friends Association



The PTFA at Sedbergh Primary School do an amazing job raising funds for the school so that we can source those extra activities and resources that make school life even more exciting for your children. The climbing wall is a great example of this! But...

We need your help! Please contact Gemma (PTFA Chair - PTFA@sedbergh-pri.cumbria.sch.uk) or Mrs Livesey in school so that we can add your

name to a list of people that we can contact via text when volunteers are needed to help with events in school. Even an hour of your time will make all the difference and as they say, 'many hands make light work!' Thank you in anticipation of your help and support.

"Winning a gold medal in the wheelchair rugby at the Invictus Games in 2014 only inspired me to push on and try and make something from sport."

Stuart Robinson, PIP Athlete



On Friday 10th February we are welcoming Stuart Robinson, a wheelchair Rugby Paralympian into school to treat every class to a physical workout in the school hall. As part of this brilliant and inspiring opportunity, we will be raising money to support Stuart and Paralympians like him to train and participate in future competitions and events. Details to follow on Friday after an assembly in school.

Diary Dates

30/1 & 3/2	'Money' curriculum week
7/2/17	Safer Internet Day - Activities in school
10/2/17	Super Athlete day - Paralympian Stuart Robinson in school all day
8/2/17	Hockey at Casterton
13/2/17	Anna Healey, Nursery teacher returns from her maternity leave
13/2/17	Indian Dance Workshop Day
16/2/17	Chinese Day Workshop Day
16/2/17	7pm Joss Livesey Fundraising Evening
17/2/17	Half term begins at 3.30pm
27/2/17	Back to school - Fair Trade Fortnight begins
2/3/17	World Book Day
28/2 & 1/3	Parents' Evenings (including Progress Summary Report)
9/3/17	Sedbergh Swimming Gala
9/3/17	Pupil Parliament Meeting
16/3/17	'Travelling Books' book fair in school for one week
23/3/17	Year 3 children performing at the Brewery Dance platform in Kendal
28/3/17	Individual School Photos
30/3/17	Spring Music Concert – to be confirmed
4/4/17	PTFA Meeting 3.30pm
7/4/17	2pm End of Spring Term
24/4/17	First day of Summer Term
25/4/17	Y3 Stone Age Day
27/4/17	50 Years of Sedbergh Primary School Celebrations!
8/5 – 11/5	Key Stage 2 SATs
6/6/17	Skateboard Training Day
14/6 – 16/6	Year 6 Residential Visit to London
23/6/17	The 'Big Sing!' at Casterton School
6/7/17	Key Stage 2 Production
14/7/17	Sedbergh Sports
19/7/17	Whole School Sponsored Walk

PRIVATE FOSTERING

We have recently had updated guidance from the Local Authority about Private Fostering arrangements. This is where a child is looked after by someone who is not his or her parent, or a close relative, for a period that is longer than 28 days.

The Local Authority has a duty to promote the welfare of these children and support the carer in doing so. If any parent or carer knows of a child in this situation, it is important that the Local Authority are contacted so that arrangements can be made to provide this support. If you have any concerns or questions about this, please speak to Mr Towe or Mrs Scarr in school. Alternatively, information leaflets for parents are available in the school foyer.

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