



Sedbergh Primary School



'Excellence in the heart of the community'

School Newsletter – 17th February 2017



Today we say farewell to Mrs Jo Bostock. Jo has been doing a terrific job of teaching our Nursery children since September and prior to that, she has taught many classes in our school as both a supply and PPA teacher. We wish Jo all the best in her future endeavours; we may well see her back at Sedbergh Primary School in the coming weeks. Thank you Jo and good luck in the future!

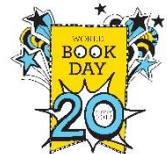


As Jo leaves, we say welcome back to Miss Anna Healey, who is returning to teaching in Nursery after the arrival of her little boy, Lewis. I am sure you will all help Anna quickly settle back to life in school.

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.

World Book Day - Please see the separate letter that has already come home with your child (and is on the website) that will tell you all about the many ways in which we will celebrate World Book Day this year, here at Sedbergh Primary School.



Fairtrade Fortnight; '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. The teachers will be passing on important information about the work and achievements of the Fairtrade movement in their lessons, whilst we, the Fairtrade Fanatics Group (made up of children from across school), are currently busy organising ways to promote Fairtrade ideas.

Fairtrade will be the subject of assemblies and, at morning playtimes, there will be opportunities to buy Fairtrade snacks that we have lovingly prepared!

Towards the end of the fortnight, we plan to host a Coffee Get –Together. This will be at school on Thursday 9th March at 2.30pm in the Dining Room, where you can enjoy bakes and cakes made using Fairtrade ingredients! We hope you can join us! All the best from the Fairtrade Fanatics

E-Safety - Safer Internet Day and an opportunity for interested parents...

At school we regularly teach the children about staying safe whilst using the internet. On the 7th February all our classes learned about digital footprints and how to stay safe whilst online. Often parents ask about this issue and what they might do at home to keep their children safe in the digital age. Our E-Safety Policy and a guidance booklet for parents are both available on our school website in the 'Key Information' section with more information about this. In addition, we have the opportunity to purchase an **online E-Safety training course for parents** and carers but would like to trial this with 5 willing volunteers before we offer the service out to all parents and families. If you would like to help us with the evaluation of the course, please contact Matt Towe in school or via email (link on the website) so that we can set you up as a user. Your assistance in this will be most appreciated.





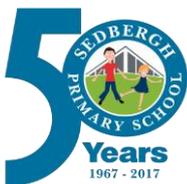
It was a fun Friday afternoon, on which we learned to 'never give up!' Each class had to complete a 4 minute workout involving: 'spotty dogs', star jumps, leg drives and press-ups. It was very tiring – especially for the unfit teachers – our muscles were aching by the end.

During the assembly, we got the chance to ask Stuart Robinson about his life, his injuries and his wheelchair rugby career. He even showed Year 5 some tricks he could do with his prosthetic legs. We all look forward to seeing Stuart compete for the GB team in future Games. By, Year 5.

Diary Dates

27/2/17	Back to school - Fair Trade Fortnight begins
2/3/17	World Book Day and associated events (see separate letter).
28/2 & 1/3	Parents' Evenings (including Progress Summary Report)
6 – 10/3/17	Sedbergh Primary School will be on air every morning on Lakeland Radio's 'Back to School' slot!
9/3/17	Fair Trade Coffee Morning
9/3/17	Sedbergh Swimming Gala
9/3/17	Pupil Parliament Meeting
10/3/17	Author Emily Hennessey in school all day
10/3/17	PTFA Discos – EYFS & KS1 5.30 – 6.30pm, KS2 6.45 – 8.00pm
13/3/17	Work begins on our 'Science and Wildlife Garden'; walling, landscaping and fencing first.
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
3 – 7/4/17	Easter Experience begins at Sedbergh Churches – class visits
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
7/6/17	Gripping Yarns – British Values theatre workshop in school for Key Stage 2 classes
8/6/17	Sedbergh Cake Festival – activities in school
14/6 – 16/6	Year 6 Residential Visit to London
23/6/17	The 'Big Sing!' at Casterton School
29&30/6/17	Year 4 Residential Visit to York
6/7/17	Key Stage 2 Production
14/7/17	Sedbergh Sports
19/7/17	Whole School Sponsored Walk

Sedbergh Primary School is celebrating its 50th year!



This is an **open invitation** to any of you who have attended the school or taught here (or maybe both) since its opening in 1967. On the afternoon of the 27th April there will be a special assembly to mark 50 years of education in the school followed by a Tea Party in the grounds. It would be wonderful if you could join us.

Our PTFA plans to publish a 50 year jubilee photo book full of pictures and memories of life in the school over the last 5 decades. If you have any photos that you think might be worth including, please can school have a copy to consider for the final publication. A word or two about who is pictured would also be wonderful. Space will be tight but we will endeavour to include as many pictures as possible. Pictures can be forwarded by email or brought to us as hard copy (we can copy them in school).



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