



# Sedbergh Primary School



*'Excellence in the heart of the community'*

**School Newsletter – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

The Easter break is nearly upon us (**we break up at 2pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**) and I am sure you will agree that all the children deserve a rest after another busy term – so much has happened since Christmas that it would be impossible to note everything down here in this newsletter!

You will have noticed that our contractor, Rob, has made a fantastic start on the 'Science and Wildlife Garden' project. I am sorry that our new gates look a little daunting but these are to ensure that your children can access all of our outside spaces safely and securely. When we return from the Easter holiday we should have a brilliant new 'bike park, and a wonderful outside space that we can use daily to enhance children's learning and appreciation of the outside world. You might notice a few changes inside the school as well!

I look forward to seeing many of you at our 50<sup>th</sup> Centenary celebrations on the 27<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm. I hope everyone has a relaxing and rewarding Easter break. **Children are back in school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.**



## **Decorate an Egg Competition**

All children are invited to participate in a design an egg for Easter competition. All entries need to be in school by Friday next week, to be judged before assembly at 10.15am. There will be a winner selected from each class in school. See posters in school for further details.

## **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](http://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.

## ***E-Safety - Online Safety for Parents***

Thankyou to the parents who volunteered to complete the Online Safety Training Module for Parents. The feedback is that this course is very useful and certainly worth completing in order to be prepared for the opportunities and challenges that digital technology will present to us as parents. Please do contact school via email ([admin@sedbergh-pri.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sedbergh-pri.cumbria.sch.uk)) if you would like to be registered for the course.



## **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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



In partnership with the Outdoor Education Department of Windermere School we are running a series of **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE DAYS** for all of our Key Stage 2 children in the Summer term. Children will improve their canoeing and kayaking skills and also have fun improving their team work skills too! The trip is heavily subsidised by school; we are asking only for a £5 contribution from each child towards travel costs – look out for class letters as they are distributed. The dates for each class visit are listed below – Year 5 and Year 6 have two days as there are so many of them!



## Diary Dates

3 – 7/4/17	Easter Experience begins at St. Andrew's Church, Sedbergh
4/4/17	PTFA Meeting 3.30pm
<b>7/4/17</b>	<b>2pm End of Spring Term</b>
<b>24/4/17</b>	<b>First day of Summer Term</b>
25/4/17	Y3 Stone Age Day
27/4/17	50 Years of Sedbergh Primary School Celebrations!
28/4/17	Year 5 Windermere Visit – Water & Walks
1/5/17	May Day Bank Holiday – School closed
4/5/17	Music Ensemble Performance for Key Stage 2 children
5/5/17	Year 5 Windermere Visit – Water & Climbing
8/5 – 11/5	Key Stage 2 SAT Week – Reading, SPAG & Maths
19/5/17	Year 6 Windermere Visit – Water & Walks
23/5/17	Key Stage 1 'Big Sing' at the Brewery Arts Centre in Kendal
26/5/17	Year 6 Windermere Visit – Water & Climbing
<b>26<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Half-Term Break</b>
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
9/6/17	Year 3 Windermere Visit – Water & Walks
14/6 – 16/6	Year 6 Residential Visit to London
15/6/17	Key Stage 2 Athletics Event at Casterton
16/6/17	Year 4 Windermere Visit – Water & Walks
23/6/17	The 'Big Sing!' at Casterton School
29&30/6/17	Year 4 Residential Visit to York
5/7/17	Reception and Nursery New Starters' Evening
6/7/17	Key Stage 2 Production
14/7/17	Sedbergh Sports
19/7/17	Whole School Sponsored Walk
20/7/17	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
<b>20/7/17</b>	<b>School breaks up at 2pm for the Summer Break</b>



## National Assessments for Year 2 and Year 6 – May 2017

Many of you will know that during May our Year 2 and Year 6 children complete national statutory assessments designed to assess each child's current attainment and progress in school. Year 6 children complete a series of timed tests over four days in the week beginning the 8th May. The children in Year 2 complete assessment activities at different times throughout the month of May that assist the class teacher in making judgements about how well each child is performing. You may have seen in the press that in the future Year 2 children may not have to complete these assessments. Both Mrs Whetton and Mr Banner are happy to discuss the details and arrangements for these tests if any parents have any questions about how they will work.

Our main aim in school is to keep the tests and activities as low key as possible, and to support the children in performing as well as they can in each activity. Many of the Year 2 children will have no idea that they are completing an assessment activity as Mr Banner will use the materials as part of the daily teaching and learning that takes place in Year 2. Year 6 children will inevitably understand that they are completing test activities but the team in school are working incredibly hard to reduce any concerns that children may have and equipping them with the knowledge and necessary approach they need to perform at their best. At the end of the day, the tests are just a 'snap shot' indication of how children are getting on and nothing for children to worry about.

The Department for Education has published guidance to help parents understand the purpose of the tests and how the information will be used to judge how our school is performing. There is a link to both of these documents on the school website or parents can request a printed copy from school.

**Please regularly visit our school website [www.sedberghprimary.org](http://www.sedberghprimary.org) for further updates and celebrations of success!**