



Sedbergh Primary School



'Excellence in the heart of the community'

School Newsletter – 26th May 2017

Time has flown and our school has enjoyed another very busy half term. Before the Summer break we need to appoint a number of new parents and a co-opted member to our Governing Body. If you are interested in helping with the leadership of our school please do not hesitate to contact me in school. After the half-term break I will send out a letter to all parents with the details. Elections for the new positions will run in early June

I would like to thank you all for the very valuable feedback that we received in our **Parent/Carer Questionnaire**. Your responses have provided us with some very useful information about where the school performs well and areas in which we need to improve. The main points include;

Good stuff:

- ✓ 100% of respondents would recommend Sedbergh Primary School to another parent.
- ✓ All respondents agree that Sedbergh Primary School is a good school.
- ✓ 95% of you believe that the school is well led and managed.
- ✓ 98% of returns agreed that the school is friendly and welcoming and all respondents agreed that teachers are approachable.

'The staff all work hard and have the children's best interests as the central focus.'

'Much improved leadership and management...the school dealt with a recent issue very promptly and effectively. Feeling very positive about the school.'

'Children wake up every day and look forward to going to school... couldn't be happier.'

'There is now a wider range of activities available...cultural experiences.'

'There is more communication and purposeful updates.'

To improve:

- ⊖ 75% of parents indicated that homework is appropriate for their child. This term we are reviewing our homework policy ready for the Autumn with some updated guidance and information for parents about what is expected.
- ⊖ Some of you requested that we consider providing 'Wrap Around Care' for children (a breakfast club and after school club). Please see the attached questionnaire and tell us your views.
- ⊖ Only 52% of respondents know and understand the role of our Governors.
- ⊖ Some parents wanted to know more about our approach to dealing with bullying in school.
- ⊖ Many of you have yet to access our website. I hope that we can encourage you to do so. Soon the school will be joining Facebook and using social media as a means to keep in touch with parents and celebrate the work we are doing.
- ⊖ Only 67% of parents felt that they can make suggestions about the way in which the school is run. I hope that those of you who have been in touch with me about concerns would agree that I am always keen to hear your feedback and make improvements where possible.
- ⊖ Only 57% of respondents felt that their child had a good understanding of Global (and British) Values. In school, we are delivery a series of assemblies to improve your child's knowledge. Please do talk to your child about what they know and understand about being a citizen of planet earth (I'm sure you'll agree that these discussions are becoming increasingly important).

Our 'Science and Wildlife Garden' continues to develop and grow. We now have a small team of parents, teachers and pupils continuing the project. We are holding another **'Grounds Day' on Sunday 4th June beginning at 9am** to prepare the ground for planting and complete some other key tasks. If you can offer any help on that Sunday morning we would be delighted to see you there.



Wrap Around Care Questionnaire

The school is exploring if there is a need to provide breakfast and after school club care at the school for working parents. Please can I ask any parents or families who might be interested in taking advantage of this provision to complete and return the enclosed questionnaire by Friday 16th June. When we have a better understanding of parents' needs we will make a decision on whether to proceed with this development.

Nursery & Reception EYFS Class – September 2017

Many of you will know that from September 2017 we are integrating our Nursery and Reception class to better meet the different needs of our youngest children and to give them the best possible start at Sedbergh Primary School. We are also exploring how the parents of 3 and 4 year olds might best use their allocation of funded hours (15 or 30 hours per week based on eligibility). On Thursday 8th June, we are holding an information session for parents at 3.30pm where myself and the EYFS team will explain how the class will run and answer any questions that you have about the provision. I hope to see many of you there. We will run a crèche in the Nursery for the duration of the meeting.



A quick reminder from Mr Cayley – please can any PE kit borrowed for team events (running, netball etc.) be returned to school as soon as possible.

Mr Warriner (the brass teacher at Settlebeck) has some instruments available to lend to children and is offering trial lessons through the summer term at £8.00 for a 20 minute lesson. This opportunity would be suitable for children in Year 4 upward. Please contact the school office if your child would be interested in having a go.



Diary Dates

26th May until 4th June - Half-Term Break

4/6/17	School Grounds Day – all welcome from 9am
6/6/17	Skateboard Training Day
7/6/17	Gripping Yarns – British Values theatre workshop in school for Key Stage 2
8/6/17	EYFS Information Meeting at 3.30pm
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	Years 1 and 2 visit to Heaves Farm
15/6/17	Key Stage 2 Athletics Event at Casterton
16/6/17	Year 4 Windermere Visit – Water & Walks
20/6/17	PTFA Meeting 3.30pm in school
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
11/7/17	KS2 and KS1 Sports Day
13/7/17	Year 5 Trip to Manchester Museum of Science and Industry
13/7/17	EYFS Sports Day (am)
14/7/17	Sedbergh Sports
19/7/17	Whole School Sponsored Walk
20/7/17	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
20/7/17	School breaks up at 2pm for the Summer Break



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