



Sedbergh Primary School

'Excellence in the heart of the community'

School Newsletter – Wednesday 17th January 2018

Happy New Year to all our parents and families. I am sure that you feel that the Christmas break has long gone; we are already halfway through January and halfway through the half term. We have a packed schedule ahead of us, so please keep an eye out for letters and text updates to ensure you are all in the picture about what is happening in school. Later in the term, we will start to release more information about our new school 'app', a more straightforward means of keeping up to date with events.

Thank you to the many parents who responded to our survey about Settlebeck's school meals service. We had many positive comments about lunchtimes. Your thoughts and feedback will help us improve things further and hopefully will increase the number of children, particularly in Key Stage 2, choosing to eat a school meal.

Healthy Snacks – As a school, we encourage children to eat a healthy balanced diet and this extends to snacks at break times. This is always tricky, as it is often hard to define exactly what we mean by a healthy snack; sometimes it is easier to consider the items that are definitely unhealthy (chocolate bars, biscuits and crisps for example). Staff will always try to encourage children to make good choices but we would appreciate your help in trying to provide a 'healthier' snack at break time for your child. Earlier this week, all families received a 'Change 4 Life' Snack Challenge leaflet, inside are some useful snack ideas and the opportunity to claim some money off vouchers for snack purchases.



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On the last day of term, we participated in Save the Children's 'Christmas Jumper Day' appeal. I hope you agree that all of the children's jumpers and decorations added to the festive feel in St Andrew's Church for our joint carol concert with Settlebeck. On the day we raised an amazing £137.90; many thanks to Luke for having the idea in the first place.

We also welcomed Tim Farron into school on the last day of term to present certificates to all the children in school who entered his Christmas card competition. Sophie Tuson, in Year 2, was presented with an additional prize for coming in as the runner up in the competition. She planned a beautiful design for the card.



'Victorians' Curriculum Week – In the week after the half-term break, the whole school will focus our learning on the Victorian period. Different classes will focus their thinking on different parts of this very important period in history, the children (and teachers) might even get a chance to dress up. Toward the end of this week, we will also learn about the Suffragette movement and mark the 100-year centenary since women were given the right to vote. One year after, in 1919, Nancy Astor became the first female Member of Parliament.

Please regularly visit our school website www.sedberghprimary.org.uk for further updates.

Diary Dates

January 2018

Wednesday 17 th	Mini-Archery Sessions – Whole School
Thursday 25 th	pm 'Rawthey Run' at Sedbergh School (selected children)

February 2018

Monday 5 th	Y6 Parents' Meetings – 3.30pm onward
Tuesday 6 th	Y6 Parent's Meetings – 3.30pm onward
Thursday 8 th	pm Cross-Country trials at Casterton
Friday 9 th	School closes for the half-term break
Monday 19 th	School re-opens Curriculum Week in school – 'The Victorians' and the 'Suffragettes'
Monday 26 th	Fairtrade Fortnight begins
Wednesday 28 th	Boys' Hockey at Casterton

March

Thursday 1 st	World Book Day (more information to follow)
Friday 2 nd	PTFA School Discos
Tuesday 13 th	Y6 SATs Information Meeting for Parents – 3.45pm
Thursday 15 th	Pupil Parliament Meeting at the Netherwood Hotel (4 children)
Tuesday 20 th	Parents' Evenings (all children except Y6) – 3.30pm onward
Wednesday 21 st	Parents' Evenings (all children except Y6) – 3.30pm onward
Thursday 22 nd	Y3 children performing at the Brewery Dance Platform
Monday 26 th	Autism Awareness Week begins
Tuesday 27 th	Spring Concert Evening
Thursday 29 th	Autism Awareness – Pink, Purple and Blue Day School closes at 2pm for the Easter break

April

Monday 16 th	School reopens for the Summer Term
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In the last week of this term, (see dates above) we will be marking **Autism Awareness Week** with learning and activities in school. On the last day of term, we will wear purple, pink and blue clothing to show our support for the many children, including a number here at Sedbergh Primary School, who are affected by autism.

Many of you will know, after reading the article in the Westmorland Gazette, that in April, Alex Barratt, Teagan and Sienna's dad, is attempting to climb a Himalayan mountain, called Island Peak, to raise awareness and funds to support the National Autistic Society. I am hoping that we will all get behind Alex's challenge and support him every step of the way, watching his progress each day. The trip is self-funded and all donations will go directly to the National Autistic Society, so if you would like to donate and support Alex, please use the following link; www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alex-barratt1



The PTFA have already started making plans to support the school's attempt to raise a huge amount of money to improve our facilities for the children in Early Years and Key Stage 1. Remember, if you can help with fundraising please do get in touch with school. Planned events include the school discos in March and a promise auction on Friday 18th May. If you can support these events, please do get in touch with our



PTFA chair, Gemma Suttle, to offer your help or ideas. PTFA@sedbergh-pri.cumbria.sch.uk