



Sedbergh Primary School



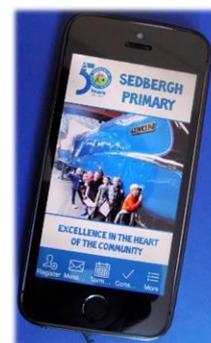
'Excellence in the heart of the community'

School Newsletter – Monday 27th November 2017

I cannot believe that Christmas is upon us already. When you work in a school you always end up doing Christmas twice, once in school and then again with your own family! It's lucky I'm a fan of the festive season. There is an awful lot going on over the next 3 weeks (the Book Fair has just arrived!) so please do keep an eye out for letters and updates. I will apologise in advance if any of our planned dates or times need to be adjusted at the last minute, we will do our best to keep you updated if anything changes.

Thank you to all parents who responded to our survey about starting a free Communication App for Sedbergh Primary School. The overwhelming response is that it would be a good idea. One parent raised a concern about confidentiality. We will not use the App for any specific pupil information and just like the school website there will only be general messages and diary updates available to view. Any information you send to us through the App (for example consent forms and updates to contact information) can only be seen by us in school and will be held on our secure network.

I will let you know when the App is available, we will provide more information and training in the spring term so that we all understand how it works.



Our School Development Plan for this year has been finalised and agreed by the school Governors. The entire plan can be accessed on our school website but I have listed here a summary of our main targets;

- a. *Leadership* – To maintain the effectiveness of leadership.
- b. *Teaching & Learning* – To maintain good teaching in all classes with increasing evidence of outstanding practice.
- c. *English* – To improve outcomes for children in writing and spelling.
- d. *Maths* – To improve outcomes for children in maths – 'Every child a mathematician!'
- e. *Early Years Foundation Stage* – To improve outcomes for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- f. *Pupil Behaviour, Safety and Wellbeing* – To ensure children develop with positive attitudes to learning, people and property.
- g. *Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural Target* – To prepare children at Sedbergh Primary School to be citizens of modern Britain.

We really value the support that parents and families give with every aspect of our school development plan, and we welcome your feedback. Please do get in touch about any aspect of school life; we want to know how we can improve and we also enjoy hearing about the things we are getting right!

On the last day of term (15th December), we are participating in Save the Children's 'Christmas Jumper Day' appeal. On the day, children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or some other festive item of clothing (this is entirely optional). If you

want to donate to Save the Children (again, this is entirely optional) the recommended donation is £1. However, any amount of money would be gratefully received. It is worth noting that we are visiting St Andrew's Church on that morning so any outfit needs to be weatherproof/not too special.



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Maryfell Play Park Consultation – The consultation on the proposed refurbishment and improvement of the Maryfell play area remains open until the 8th December. You can complete the survey online at www.southlakeland.gov.uk/maryfellplay or collect a paper copy of the document from the school office.

On Friday you will know that it is our **Christmas Enterprise Fair**. The event was a huge success last year, with both children and local businesses selling their wares in the school hall. We hope to repeat the success of last year's fair and again find out which class in school has the largest portion of business acumen – I know that Mr Cayley has already road-tested some ideas to see if they'll work. All proceeds from the fair will be used to support our school development project.



Christmas Parties – my apologies, an incorrect date for the Junior parties was sent out in a letter on Friday last week. Parties for all Junior classes will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 14th December 2017.

Diary Dates

November 2017

Monday 27th Christmas Enterprise Week begins
 Tuesday 28th Book Fair (8.30 – 8.50am and 3.30 – 4.00pm each day) in school all week

December 2017

Friday 1st Christmas Enterprise Fair – 3.30 until 5.00pm
 Wednesday 6th Nursery & Reception Party – 10am until 12pm
 Parents' Evening for Year 4 children
 Thursday 7th Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances – 1.30pm and 6.30pm (£2 on the door)
 Friday 8th Dukes Theatre Visit (Y2 to Y6) – children to be collected at 5pm (Top Yard)
 Wednesday 13th EYFS Christmas Play – 10am (£2 on the door)
 Years 1 & 2 Christmas Parties – 1pm onwards
 Thursday 14th Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Parties – 1pm onwards
 Friday 15th

- Carol Service with Settlebeck in St. Andrew's Church – 9.30am (limited seating but all welcome – we'll need some parent volunteers to accompany us on our walk to the Church – please speak to class teachers)
- Christmas Jumper Day (optional £1 donation for Save the Children)
- School closes at 2pm for the Christmas Holidays

January 2018

Wednesday 3rd School reopens for the Spring Term
 Wednesday 17th Mini-Archery Sessions – Whole School

February 2018

Friday 9th School closes for the half-term break
 Monday 19th School re-opens
 Curriculum Week in school – 'The Victorians'



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

