



Sedbergh Primary School



'Excellence in the heart of the community'

School Newsletter – Tuesday 31st October 2017

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. I hope you all had the opportunity to recharge your batteries, and your children's, ready for the busy run up to Christmas. Over the next seven weeks there is so much going on in school so please (as usual) keep a close eye out for newsletters, letters, texts and web updates from us.

Classroom moves – over the October break the staff in school have worked incredibly hard to successfully move our Year 1 and Year 2 classes. This has enabled us to fully integrate our Nursery and Reception children into a fantastic Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) unit. The room previously used for Nursery children will now become the 'Music Room', providing additional teaching space for small groups, drama, phonics, music and more.

IMPORTANT REMINDER – From this Friday, our Reception children will stay in school for the whole day instead of leaving at lunchtime. Now that our children have settled into the EYFS class, if any parents of Nursery age children would like to extend the sessions they have in school, please do not hesitate to ask. Remember, we can also provide lunch and afternoon sessions for these children.

Many thanks to all of you who donated items to our **food collection for Harvest**. A number of boxes were delivered by families to the local community and I know how much they were appreciated – we have already received a thank you note from a local resident who benefitted from your kindness. The remaining items were collected by King's Food Bank in Kendal, and again, I know how much they will be appreciated by families facing hardship in our local community.



On Wednesday 18th October we held the opening event for our **'Science and Wildlife Garden'**. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend – it was great to finally see the project finished and the area ready for use (when weather permits!) Ciara in Year 2 made the papers after doing the honours and snipping the ribbon that afternoon.

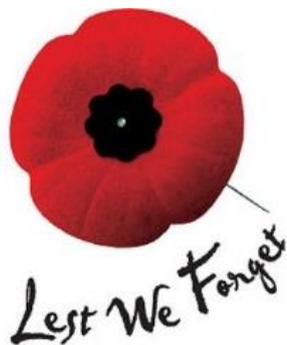
This photo captures some of the faces that we need to thank for making the project happen; (from left to right) Ian McPherson, from the Yorkshire Dales National Park, Mr Cayley, our contractor Rob Cunliffe, Pepy Keegan, Matt Towe, Michelle Hartley from our PTFA, Martyn Hall and Tony Reed-Screen representing Sedbergh Community Trust. And thank you to everyone who was involved in the project.

Kendal Windows on Art – 'Joining the Dots' Art Exhibition - On Wednesday 15th November from 2.30pm we would like to welcome all parents and families in to school to view work completed by our children as part of an exciting intergenerational art project led by Nicki Smith. Some of you will remember that Nicki came into the school in the summer and worked with the children creating pieces of artwork linked to Sedbergh's position in the landscape. Many of the pieces the children created will be on display in the 'Music Room' for parents to come and view – it would be lovely to see you there. Hopefully, refreshments will be available too.

I hope it isn't too soon to mention Christmas (again) but I wanted to remind you all that in early December we will hold 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. If any of you own or are connected to any local businesses we would love to provide you with some trading space at this year's event. Please contact the school office to book a table or more... All proceeds from the fair will be used to support our school development project.



LOST PROPERTY – Many children are leaving property in school. It is very difficult to return any items to their owners if they haven't been named. As a parent myself, I know how frustrated I get when items go missing (particularly newly bought stuff). Please help us, help you by naming all items of clothing.



traditional poppies and other poppy themed items in school each day.

This year we are again supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. The Year 6 children for an appropriate donation to the appeal will sell

Any time soon 'boxes of hope' will be collecting our shoeboxes and transporting them to needy children in war torn parts of Europe. Please return your boxes to school in the next week or so to ensure they can be collected and delivered in good time for Christmas.



Diary Dates

November 2017

Thursday 2 nd	Year 5 3D printing project with Settlebeck begins – Sedbergh walk
Thursday 2 nd	PTFA Meeting at 3.30pm in school – all parents very welcome
Tuesday 7 th & Wednesday 8 th	Parents' Evenings (by appointment)
Wednesday 8 th	U8 & U9 Tag Rugby at Casterton
Thursday 9 th	U9 Netball at Casterton
Friday 10 th	Remembrance Assembly
Friday 10 th	PTFA Quiz Night at 6.30pm
Wednesday 15 th	2.30pm – 'Joining the Dots' KWoa Art Exhibition in the Music Room
Wednesday 15 th	Tag Rugby Festival (Selected Juniors)
Thursday 16 th	U11 Netball at Casterton
Friday 17 th	Children in Need
Friday 24 th	PTFA Discos – KS1 5.30 – 6.30pm, KS2 6.45 – 8.00pm
Monday 27 th	Christmas Enterprise Week begins, the Book Fair is in school all week

December 2017

Friday 1 st	Christmas Enterprise Fair – 3.30 until 5.00pm
Thursday 7 th	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances
Friday 8 th	Dukes Theatre Visit (Y2 to Y6)
Wednesday 13 th	EYFS Christmas Plays
Friday 15 th	Carol Service with Settlebeck in St. Andrew's Church
Friday 15 th	School closes at 2pm for the Christmas Holidays

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Wednesday 3 rd	School reopens for the Spring Term
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Quiz Night with Pie & Pea Supper – Friday 10th November

Tickets are now available for our PTFA Quiz Night to be held on Friday 10th November. Doors will open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Tickets cost £5.50 for adults and £2.50 for children. Please come along and support this fundraising event (and maybe even try and beat the Teacher's Team!)



Maryfell Play Park Consultation – in the next few weeks Sedbergh Parish Council will be issuing a questionnaire asking local residents (especially our children) for their views on the development and refurbishment of the play area on the Maryfell estate. We will distribute these in school and would encourage as many of you as possible to share your views on the future of this play area.

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