



Sedbergh Primary School

'Excellence in the heart of the community'

School Newsletter – Monday 30th April 2018

School Re-organisation – September 2018

On Thursday 10th May, at 3.30pm I will hold a formal meeting to explain why the school has to make these changes. I hope many of you are able to come along as it will affect our school for the years to come.

I know that our plan has caused many of you some concern. I completely understand this. I have talked to a number of parents about why this change is essential. The change needs to be managed in a very positive way so that children are able to accept what is happening and recognise that despite the change being unwanted we can ensure that it is successful. As parents and carers, you can help your child and school with this.

In the last week, I have spoken with many children, answering their questions and listening to their concerns about next year. I am trying to reassure them that when they get used to the new arrangements they will realise that school does not feel that different. They will still see their friends throughout the day; they will still learn about exciting and interesting topics and routinely take part in exciting activities and trips. There will still be times when children work together as a year group and all children will certainly be together when in Year 6, their final year in school.

Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you again for your questionnaire feedback. Here are some highlights:

100% of respondents believe that the school is well led and managed and agreed that we are friendly and welcoming. Families also agreed that children are encouraged to work hard and do their best. There has been an increase in the percentage of parents who think that school provides appropriate homework (from 75% up to 88%).

Naturally, we still have some areas to work on. These include further work on getting to know who the Governors are and the work they do for school. Some of you would also appreciate additional updates on how your child is progressing with their learning.

In particular, some of you have again raised concerns about the portion sizes served to children who eat hot meals at Settlebeck. I have met with Mrs Campbell about this issue and understand that the kitchen staff will be asked to increase portion sizes, in particular for the older children in the coming weeks.

There were also some very positive written comments that I have shared with the staff team. It really does make all the hard work and dedication feel worthwhile when we receive such positive messages. Most of all it is great to know the difference the school is making for the young people and families we serve.

APP

If you haven't already done so, please download our school app following the instructions on the school website. We now use the app to send some letters and reminders to parents about life in school.

EYFS Fundraising Campaign

On Thursday 3rd May at 3.45pm we are holding a fundraising campaign meeting in school to start working towards raising money to improve and refurbish our EYFS and Key Stage 1 classrooms. Please come along to hear about the plans and help us consider how we might raise these funds.



Tickets are now on sale for the PTFA **Auction of Promises** on Friday 18th May at 7pm with the auction beginning at 8pm. Tickets costs £3 per person and include a drink, and cheese and biscuits. Kev Kendall will be doing the honours on the gavel. There will also be a bar.

Remember, any assistance you can offer at these events is always appreciated; contact Gemma Suttle, our current PTFA Chair, to offer your help. PTFA@sedbergh-pri.cumbria.sch.uk

Can I also remind parents that the PTFA also raises money for school by recycling biscuit wrappers. In addition to this, we have just become involved in a new scheme to recycle old pens, biro's and felt tips. Look for the posters around school for more information.

The school raised £200 during **Autism Awareness Week**. I'm also delighted to report (for those who don't know already) that Alex, Teagan and Sienna's dad, was successful in his challenge to summit Island Peak in the Himalayas. Alex has managed to raise £1,590 for the National Autistic Society. His Just Giving page is still live if any families still wish to make a donation. www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alex-barratt1



Diary Dates

May

Wednesday 2 nd	Book Bus in school all day Under 9 Rounders Event at Sedbergh School (Casterton)
Thursday 3 rd	3.45pm – EYFS Fundraising Campaign Meeting (All welcome)
Friday 4 th	Year 4 Outdoor Day at Windermere
Tuesday 8 th	3.30pm – PTFA Meeting (All welcome)
Thursday 10 th	School Re-organisation Meetings - 3.30pm
Monday 14 th	SATs Week for Year 6 children begins
Thursday 17 th	Outdoor Classroom Day
Friday 18 th	Year 6 Outdoor Day (Groups A & B) PTFA Auction of Promises
Wednesday 23 rd	Year 6 Outdoor Day (Group B) 'Fit Fencing' Day for all pupils
Thursday 24 th	3.45pm – Year 6 London Trip Information Evening
Friday 25 th	Year 5 Outdoor Day at Windermere School closes for the summer half-term break

June

Monday 4 th	School re-opens after the summer half-term break Victorian Curriculum Week begins
Wednesday 13 th – 15 th	Year 6 Residential visit to London
Monday 18 th	Swift Awareness Week begins
Friday 22 nd	Year 3 Outdoor Day at Windermere
Monday 25 th	Year 6 At the Junior Citizens Scheme – Kendal
Wednesday 27 th	EYFS Intake Meeting (Nursery and Reception for September 2018)
Thursday 28 th	Under 11 Rounders at Sedbergh Prep. School (Casterton)

July

Wednesday 4 th	Key Stage 2 Production
Thursday 5 th – 6 th	Year 4 Visit to York
Friday 6 th	Year 6 Open Water Swimming training - Windermere
Monday 16 th	End of year reports home
Friday 20 th	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly Term ends at 2pm for the summer holiday

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