



Sedbergh Primary School

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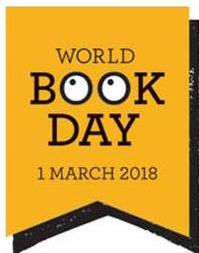
School Newsletter – Tuesday 27th February 2018

Welcome to our February newsletter. Another busy few months lie ahead so please keep checking for updates; in bags, in pockets, on our website and on text messages. As ever, if you have any concerns or further suggestions about how we can work together in your child's best interests don't hesitate to be in touch.

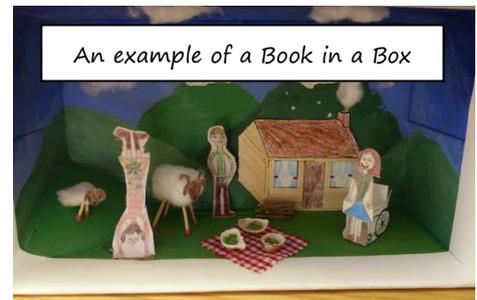
I am sad to say that Mrs Wood, who has been absent from school for some time, has taken the difficult decision to resign from her teaching position here at Sedbergh Primary School. She is a great teacher and I know that many children will have fond memories of being in her class. She is returning to school for a goodbye assembly in March. I am sure you will join all of us in school in wishing Anne-Marie all the best for the future.

Before Easter, we will be releasing the download information for our **school app**. Parents and families will be able to download the app for free to their digital devices. Immediately after the holiday, we will run some after school workshops (see diary dates) to demonstrate how the app works and how school will use it. From then on, we will use the app to communicate with you and you will be able to use the app to complete consent forms, find letters and report your child's absence. The app will make a huge difference to the amount of paper we use in school, reducing waste and costs.

World Book Day – Thursday 1st March is World Book Day. To mark this global celebration of World Book Day we are running a



'Book in a Box' competition. To participate, children need to recreate a scene from their favourite book inside a cardboard box – they can be as creative as they wish. We have shown some good examples in assembly. Please bring entries into school on or before World Book Day. We will announce the winners in assembly on Friday 2nd March.



An example of a Book in a Box

Fair Trade Fortnight has begun! Over the next 2 weeks, children in school will be learning and thinking about how our choices can make a positive impact on the lives of other people, particularly in the developing world. We invite all parents to join us at 2.30pm on Thursday 8th March at our Fairtrade Café in school.

Children can also pay £1 to participate in our 'Big Biscuit' competition if they wish. Your child will receive a paper plate and all they have to do is bake a Fairtrade biscuit and return it to school for Wednesday 7th March. On the back of the plate, children should list the ingredients they have used (hopefully, some of which have the Fairtrade logo). On Thursday, the biscuits will be judged by a special guest and winners announced in Friday's assembly that week. All proceeds from the competition will be donated to the Fairtrade Foundation. For more information about Fairtrade Fortnight, please visit this website; <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>



Mastery in Maths – Some parents have been asking about our focus on introducing 'mastery' approaches in the teaching of maths. Further information about this is now available on our website, including a link to NCETM.



Our **PTFA** has organised **discos** for Friday this week at the usual times of 5.30 – 6.30pm for KS1 and EYFS and 6.45 until 8.00pm for KS2. We are all looking forward to the **Auction of Promises** on Friday 18th May. Thank you to all those people and organisations who have donated items to be auctioned – I am excited to find out which child in school is going to pay for the pleasure of doing my job for a day. 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

Diary Dates

Wednesday 28th pm - Swimming Gala at Casterton School

March

Thursday 1st World Book Day
Entries for our 'Book in a Box' competition.

Thursday 1st pm - U11 Girls Hockey at Casterton

Friday 2nd PTFA School Discos – EYFS&KS1 5.30 – 6.30pm, KS2 6.45 – 8.00pm

Saturday 3rd Kendal Amateur Swimming Club – School's Squadron Gala 3.30pm

Thursday 8th Fairtrade Fortnight Coffee Morning (in the afternoon!) – 2.30pm
Entries for the 'Big Biscuit' competition.

Tuesday 13th Y6 SATs Information Meeting for Parents – 3.45pm

Thursday 15th Pupil Parliament Meeting at the Netherwood Hotel (4 children)

Tuesday 20th Parents' Evenings (all children except Y6) – 3.30pm onward

Wednesday 21st Parents' Evenings (all children except Y6) – 3.30pm onward

Thursday 22nd Y3 children performing at the Brewery Dance Platform

Monday 26th Autism Awareness Week begins

Tuesday 27th Spring Concert Evening – 6pm

Thursday 29th Autism Awareness – Pink, Purple and Blue Day
School closes at 2pm for the Easter break

April

Monday 16th School reopens for the Summer Term

Tuesday 17th App workshops for parents – 3.30pm & 5.00pm

Thursday 26th School photographs

Friday 27th Year 6 Outdoor Day (Group A)

May

Friday 4th Year 4 Outdoor Day at Windermere

Monday 7th May Day Bank Holiday – school closed to pupils

Monday 14th SATs Week for Year 6 children begins

Thursday 17th Outdoor Classroom Day

Friday 18th Year 6 Outdoor Day (Groups A & B)
PTFA Auction of Promises

Wednesday 23rd Year 6 Outdoor Day (Group B)

Friday 25th Year 5 Outdoor Day at Windermere
School closes for the summer half-term break



The National
Autistic Society

Just to remind you that 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.

Remember 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. 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

Head Lice – Earlier in the month, we sent letters and advice out to parents of children in Years 2 and 3 about head lice. This is a reoccurring problem in all primary schools so we would ask that all parents are vigilant about checking hair for guests and ensuring longer hair is tied back to stop head to head transfer. More information is available on the school website. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.



And finally, please label all clothing brought to school. You'll understand that this makes our lives and yours much more straightforward when attempting to return clothing to its owner.

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