



Sedbergh Primary School

'Excellence in the heart of the community'

School Newsletter – Friday 23rd March 2018

It is the end of March and the Easter break is upon us. Thank you to all of you who have been involving yourselves in the life of our school. We've had many events, assemblies and meetings and it has been brilliant to have parents and families in school working in partnership with us. It is important to remember that we all want the best for your children and their future. Everything we do in school is aimed at preparing your child for their next steps in life, be it academic, social or linked to health and wellbeing.

Thank you, again, for your patience and understanding during our recent school closures. I wrote to you all asking for feedback and outlining our procedures for future reference. Many thanks to those of you who contacted the school to offer your feedback. Your comments are very much appreciated and help us improve the work we do. I'd also like to say how much the staff appreciated the very positive things you had to say about our school.

With this newsletter is the download information for our new communication app. The easiest option being to visit our **school website** and use the links shared there. You will not find the app on the usual app store. I hope that parents and families will find the download process straightforward. Once you have downloaded the app to your smart device, please register using the icon in the bottom left hand corner of the screen; this means that in school we can see exactly who is using the app. You can download the app to as many different devices as you have/want – remember grandparents, aunts, uncles, step parents, partners can all use it.

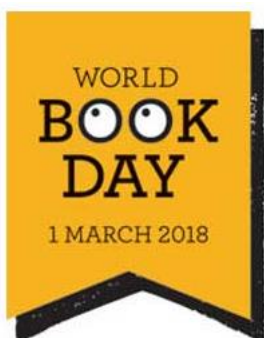


The last week of term is upon us and as you know, we will be marking **Autism Awareness Week** with learning and activities in school. On Thursday next week, we will wear purple, pink and blue clothing to show our support for the many children, including a number here at Sedbergh Primary School, who are affected by autism. We are asking for a £1 voluntary contribution from anyone who participates.

All monies raised will be donated to support Alex, Teagan and Sienna's dad. In April, he will attempt 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. If you would like to donate separately and support Alex, please use the following link; www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alex-barratt1

Tickets are now on sale for the PTFA **Auction of Promises** on Friday 18th May at 7pm with the auction beginning at 8pm. Tickets cost £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.

We have received over 60 promises to date and there is still time to donate if you haven't got around to it yet. 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



World Book Day – Well done to our winners in the 'Book in a Box' competition. It was great to see all the fantastic entries in school but very difficult to judge! The winners were...

Sol in Year 5, Thomas in Year 3, Freya in Year 1 and Tilly in Reception. Well done to everyone who participated in the competition.

The snow caused a lot of disruption and one thing that had to be cancelled was our annual Scholastic Book Fair. Nevertheless, do not worry; we have rescheduled the book fair for the 19th April. Children and parents can visit the book fair before or after school each day from that date.

Diary Dates

March

Monday 26 th	Autism Awareness Week begins Year 5 Trip to Manchester – returning at 7pm
Tuesday 27 th	10.10am - Year 4 Class Assembly – Parents very welcome Spring Concert Evening – 6pm
Wednesday 28 th	STOMP – Dance Workshops through the day (all classes)
Thursday 29 th	Autism Awareness – Pink, Purple and Blue Day - £1 donation 10.10am - Year 5 Class Assembly - Parents very welcome School closes at 2pm for the Easter break

April

Monday 16 th	School reopens for the Summer Term
Tuesday 17 th	App workshops for parents – 3.30pm & 5.00pm
Thursday 19 th	Scholastic Book Fair in school for a week 6pm - Year 1 'La'l Big Sing' Performance at the Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal
Tuesday 24 th	Year 3 Stone Age Day
Wednesday 25 th	Casterton Swimming Gala for invited children
Thursday 26 th	School photographs
Friday 27 th	Year 6 Outdoor Day (Group A)

May

Friday 4 th	Year 4 Outdoor Day at Windermere
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
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
Friday 22 nd	Year 3 Outdoor Day at Windermere

July

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

Well done to all those who participated in the **Big Biscuit competition** for Fair Trade Fortnight. We had many excellent entries and I know the judges faced a difficult yet delicious task in selecting the winners. The winner, selected from a group of 5 finalists, was Harry D in Year 2. Well done to all the children who participated – the judges had a very difficult time choosing a winner.

In school, we hope that the competition and Fair Trade fortnight went a little way to reminding children about making sure all food producers get a decent price for their hard work.



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