



# Sedbergh Primary School

'Excellence in the heart of the community'

School Newsletter – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018



**Auction of Promises** – We had a fantastic, fun evening organised by the PTFA last Friday. We are all astonished by your generosity of spirit. We had such a fantastic variety of high-quality promises to auction (every item went), and people certainly did not hold back in their bidding. The evening raised over £4,000, a fantastic start to our fundraising campaign. Thank you again, to everyone involved.

If you want to know more about our fundraising campaign, please do pop into school to have a look at our information boards and ask any questions that you may have. We are planning to involve the whole community; Mrs Jones and Mrs Whetton have been very busy approaching local businesses to garner their support. We hope to raise £60,000 overall so any help you can offer would be gratefully received. We have a second fundraising meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 3.45pm, please do join us!

And please remember, any assistance you can offer at PTFA events is always appreciated; contact Gemma Suttle, our current PTFA Chair, to offer your help. [PTFA@sedbergh-pri.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:PTFA@sedbergh-pri.cumbria.sch.uk)



**Outdoor Learning** - Our Key Stage 2 children have been enjoying visits to the Lake District to hone their outdoor and adventurous skills. It has been fantastic to see how their skills and confidence on the water and in the hills have improved. All classes in school have been spending days in the outdoors organised in partnership with Tim Deighton.



Sedbergh Primary School are committed to ensuring that alongside academic learning and progress children get to improve their teamwork skills, confidence and determination in this way. Thank you for your help in sorting out kit and providing packed lunches so that children get the most out of these days.

**Swift Awareness Week** – later in June (week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup>) we will be contributing to this event by producing work in school to be displayed in St. Andrew’s Church. Children will be learning about swift migration routes and the countries they visit on their journeys to and from home.

**School Organisation for September 2018** – A reminder, that from September this year, our classes will be given names rather than year group titles (don’t worry, it will take all of us a while to get used to this). As you know, only 1 year group (the current Year 4) will be directly affected by mixing year groups but in future years the change will affect increased numbers of children. Here is the breakdown for September 2018, so that you and your child know who will be teaching them in September.

Current year group	New teacher	Class name
Year 5 and Year 4	Mrs Tracy Whetton	Oak
Year 4 and Year 3	Mr Steve Cayley	Beech
Year 2	Mrs Sally Davies	Ash
Year 1	Mr Neal Banner	Yew
Reception	Mrs Lynda Livesey	Spruce
Nursery children	Mrs Jayne Jones/Miss Anna Healey	Elder

**Victorian Curriculum Week** – You might remember that we postponed our curriculum week earlier in the year; it is now upon us! In the week after half-term, all classes in school will learn about the Victorians. On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June, we will change our focus to learn about the suffragette movement. On that day we have a visitor in school delivering an assembly and workshops to some classes.

We plan to have a ‘Victorian’ dressing up day on that Thursday for any child/family that wishes to participate. Sometimes these days can cause parents (and teachers) quite a bit of stress when finding something to wear. Please don’t worry too much about looking the part; think plain and simple, dresses, skirts, trousers and shirts. Scarfs and caps are a nice addition.



## **Diary Dates**

### **June**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens after the summer half-term break Victorian Curriculum Week begins
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Reception visit to the Aquarium by the Lakes
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sedbergh School Leadership Challenge (10 children from Years 5 and 6)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 trip to Appleby on the train
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential visit to London
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Swift Awareness Week begins
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Pupil Parliament at the Netherwood Hotel (selected pupils)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 Outdoor Day at Windermere
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 at the Junior Citizens Scheme – Kendal
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Intake Meeting (Nursery and Reception for September 2018) at 7pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Under 11 Rounders at Sedbergh Prep. School (Casterton)

### **July**

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Production EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Sports Day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/Infant Fundraising Meeting at 3.45pm – please come and help
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Visit to York
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Open Water Swimming training - Windermere
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day (just in case!)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Maddie – Headteacher for the day Sedbergh Sports – gates at 5.00pm, first race at 5.30pm.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	End of year reports home
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	School Sponsored Walk
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wheelchair Basketball Workshops – all classes
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly Term ends at 2pm for the summer holiday

### **School transport - Do it on-line by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018!**

Parents of school pupils who are starting primary or secondary school in September 2018 are being encouraged to apply on-line for home to school transport. Cumbria County Council arranges free school transport to pupils who are attending their catchment or nearest qualifying school and live more than 2 miles away (up to the age of 8) or more than 3 miles away (aged 8 and over). Children from “low income groups” (those entitled to free school meals, or whose families are in receipt of their maximum level of Working Tax Credit or Universal Credit) may also be entitled to assistance with transport.

Further information on eligibility, an online application form and Frequently Asked Questions are available on the County Council’s website [www.cumbria.gov.uk/schooltransport](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/schooltransport)

Applications should be submitted by **31 May 2018** to enable the County Council to assess whether a child has an entitlement to transport, inform parents of the outcome and plan routes before the start of term in September 2018. If applications are received after this date, transport may not be in place until after term starts. If you have already applied, there is no need to submit another application.

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