



Sedbergh Primary School

'Excellence in the heart of the community'

School Newsletter No. 3 – Friday 30th November 2018



You're maybe wondering about the Chinese symbol displayed above on the right. Ask your child all about it; hopefully they can explain what this special symbol means.

As many of you will know, we have some new faces working in school. Mrs Wilkinson is now working in Elder Class (EYFS) 3 days a week and Mrs Robson-Peal, one of our Governors, is also volunteering in Elder class every Wednesday, whilst she trains to be a teaching assistant.



In January, Mrs Betty Stephenson will begin teaching in Year 1 (Spruce) as Mrs Livesey switches to teaching the Year 2 group (Yew). Mrs Livesey will also take over the role of Special Needs Co-ordinator when Mr Banner leaves.

We are also saying goodbye this month to a long standing friend of the school. Although never an employee of Sedbergh Primary School, Pat has been cooking and serving meals to our children over at Settlebeck for many years. She will be sorely missed.

EYFS Big Build Update – Our effort to raise £60,000 continues and roughly speaking we have hit the half-way mark. Thank you to Becky, Anna and Phil for creating the fundraising thermometer that can now be seen in the hall window. Here's a quick update on fundraising events and money raised this month;

- Mrs Swallow's 'ant' quiz sheets - £128
- The Virtual Balloon Race - £360
- Sale of Bric-a-Brac - £23
- Watson Family Refreshments at Barbon Fair - £152
- We have also received an anonymous donation of £500
- No. 6 Charity Preview Night - £400



Thank you so much to everyone who is helping us along the way. To come, we have our Christmas Enterprise Fair, New Year's events at Sedbergh Sports and Social Club and a Bingo Night in February. Please see the app for details as they are posted.



The **PTFA** will have a **baked goods stall** at late night opening on Wednesday 5th December. We would really appreciate donations of cakes, biscuits and other items to sell on the stall. Many thanks again in anticipation of your help. The PTFA had a very successful social last Thursday. Some new activities were planned and some new fundraising ideas shared. Please see the PTFA Facebook page for more information. As ever, your help is always appreciated. Contact Michelle Hartley, our PTFA Chair, with any ideas or offers of help. PTFA@sedbergh-pri.cumbria.sch.uk

Easy Fundraising – our school PTFA is registered with Easy Fundraising. If you shop on the Internet this is a quick and easy way to support our school. To set this up you log on to the Easy Fundraising site to create an account and then choose 'Sedbergh Primary School PTFA' as your chosen cause. From then on when you shop on the internet you can choose your retailer through the Easy Fundraising site. For every purchase you make a donation is made to our school appeal. Click this link to learn more: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sedberghprimaryptfa/>





We were very lucky to have a visit from **Sedbergh Orchestra** in November. The musicians performed pieces from the Nutcracker suite and introduced the children to the different instruments from the orchestra. We also had guests joining us from Dent Primary School and Ryelands Primary School in Lancaster. The Pepperpot Orchestra also performed for us. It was a wonderful event; we are so lucky to have so much talent in our local community and our school.



Streams of Remembrance – St Andrew’s Churches; Sedbergh and Dent



We were so pleased to participate in this wonderful event at St Andrew’s Church. The children enjoyed the opportunity to visit St. Andrew’s Church, lay their stones and think about those who lost so much to defend our country and fight for our freedom 100 years ago. The whole display was a moving tribute to



those involved in war. Thank you so much to Barbara Hartley and her team for involving our school.

Gripping Yarns - Anti-Bullying Advice - 'Don't stand by'

In late November, the children enjoyed a performance and workshop delivered by Jayne from Gripping Yarns stories. The key message links to our behaviour and anti-bullying policy here in school; 'Don't stand by' when our friends are being bullied. Talk to an adult to get the problem sorted.

If parents would like more information about behaviour in school and our approach to anti-bullying please refer to our school behaviour and anti-bullying policy on our school website.



Diary Dates

December

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| Wednesday 5 th | ▪ Netball at Sedbergh Prep. (Casterton) |
| Thursday 6 th | ▪ Year 3 Class Assembly at 10.15am |
| | ▪ Peter Pan performance at the Dukes Theatre – Y2 to Y6 |
| Wednesday 12 th | ▪ Elder (EYFS) Christmas Production at 10am |
| Thursday 13 th | ▪ Spruce and Yew (Y1 and Y2) Christmas Production |
| Friday 14 th | ▪ Christmas Enterprise Fair – 3.30 until 5.30pm |
| Wednesday 19 th | ▪ am Elder (EYFS) Christmas Party |
| | ▪ pm Spruce and Yew (Y1 and Y2) Christmas Party |
| Thursday 20 th | ▪ pm Junior Christmas Parties |
| Friday 21 st | ▪ Carol Service with Settlebeck in St Andrew’s Church |
| | ▪ Term ends for the Christmas break at 2pm |

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| Tuesday 8 th | ▪ School reopens for the spring term 2019 |
| Thursday 24 th | ▪ Rawthey Run at 2pm |
| Tuesday 29 th | ▪ Emily Hennessey – storyteller in school |
| Wednesday 30 th | ▪ Hawk Dance Group performance and workshop in school |

Please regularly visit our school website www.sedberghprimary.org.uk and keep an eye out for further updates on our school app.