



Sedbergh Primary School

'Excellence in the heart of the community'

School Newsletter – Friday 28th September 2018

Hello to all! The autumn term is now in full swing and it is great to see how the children have settled into their new classes and back into the familiar routines of school life. It is hard to believe how the time is flying and we are already on our way to the October half term break.

This year in school we are continuing to focus on our learning in **maths**, looking at how we can develop children's maths skills and how they can apply this knowledge in lots of different situations.

For example, if we know that $4 + 6 = 10$, we also know that $40 + 60 = 100$, and we also know that $100 - 40 = 60$. From that we understand that if we spend £4 in a shop we'll get £6 change from a £10 note. I wonder how many different ways we can organise the £6 change using different notes and coins?



As well as maths we are looking to improve children's listening skills; '**Learning to Listen, Listening to Learn**'. We want children to get the best from their time in school, so good listening skills are essential. Children need to listen to understand an idea and they also need to listen to understand what they need to do – both of these are key and we will be working on them as the year progresses.

In our next Newsletter there will be more key information about our **school development plan** and everything we aim to achieve this year.

This week children have brought home both a **Home School Partnership Agreement** and an **Acceptable Use Agreement** for using computers in school. Both of these are important documents that outline the commitment we all make to ensure the best learning for your child. Please can parents and families discuss these documents with children, sign them and return them to school as soon as possible.

Big Build Update So much has happened to support our fundraising for the Big Build. We have made a brilliant start on reaching our fundraising target of £60,000. Thank you so much for all the support you have given us so far. The Garden Party and Fun Dog Show proved a great success raising another £850. School would also like to thank Sedbergh and Killington WI. They contributed their profits from their stall at the Artisan market to our appeal, another £200. As you know we are bag packing at Morrisons on Saturday 6th October – we'd really appreciate your help on the day!



The PTFA met this week for their AGM. Gemma Suttle has stepped down as chair and we'd all like to thank Gemma for 3 years of dedication and hard work. The school has benefitted so much from monies raised and events organised under Gemma's lead. Michelle Hartley will now take up the reins!

The PTFA will also have a 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 really needs to recruit some new members. We have organised a social on Thursday 1st November where interested parents can come along and find out what the PTFA is all about; we'd love to see you there. See dates below for our next school disco, our PTFA committee meeting is on the same evening. Please remember, any assistance you can offer at PTFA events is always appreciated; contact Michelle Hartley, our new PTFA Chair, to offer your help. PTFA@sedbergh-pri.cumbria.sch.uk

From the 1st October until the 5th October, school will be exhibiting 'Hidden Stories'; this installation is based around a collection of oral histories linked to the lives of people who have made Cumbria their home. Members of the local community are very welcome to come to our Music Room and visit the exhibition at any time on Tuesday 2nd October. On Friday 5th October Debbie Watson from CDEC will be delivering a workshop about the materials to any interested members of the community at 9.30am. Click here for more information or visit the Hidden Stories [website](#). We would love to see you there.

Diary Dates

October

- Monday 1st
 - Hidden Stories exhibition in the 'music room'. Family members are welcome to visit on the Tuesday at any time or attend the community workshop on Friday 5th at 9.30pm until 10.30am.
- Thursday 4th
 - National Poetry Day
- Friday 5th
 - Hidden Stories Community Workshop at 9.30am
- Friday 5th
 - Poetry Workshop for Year 6 children at Settlebeck with Roger Stevens
- Saturday 6th
 - 'Big Build' Bag Packing at Morrison's Supermarket in Kendal, 10am until 4pm (please sign up to help)
- Friday 12th
 - Harvest Assembly at 2.30pm (families/parents welcome)
- Wednesday 17th
 - Nasal Flu Immunisations for registered children
- Thursday 18th
 - School closes at 3.30pm for the half-term holiday
- Friday 19th
 - INSET day for teaching staff
- Monday 29th
 - School reopens for the second half of the autumn term

November

- Thursday 1st
 - PTFA Social Event at 8pm (venue tbc)
- Friday 2nd
 - Sedbergh Gala Fireworks
- Tuesday 6th
 - Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 7th
 - Parents' Evening
 - Sedbergh Orchestra event at 2pm
- Friday 9th
 - Remembrance Assembly at 2.30pm
- Thursday 15th
 - NSPCC Assemblies and Workshops
- Friday 16th
 - PTFA Discos – KS1/EYFS 5.30 – 6.30pm, KS2 6.45 until 8pm
 - PTFA Meeting at 5.45pm

December

- Thursday 6th
 - Peter Pan performance at the Dukes Theatre – Y2 to Y6
- Wednesday 12th
 - Elder (EYFS) Christmas Production at 10am
- Thursday 13th
 - Spruce and Yew (Y1 and Y2) Christmas Production
- Friday 14th
 - Christmas Enterprise Fair – 3.30 until 5.30pm
- Wednesday 19th
 - am Elder (EYFS) Christmas Party
 - pm Spruce and Yew (Y1 and Y2) Christmas Party
- Thursday 20th
 - Junior Christmas Parties
- Friday 21st
 - Carol Service with Settlebeck in St Andrew's Church
 - Term ends for the Christmas break at 2pm

January 2019

- Tuesday 8th
 - School reopens for the spring term 2019

Thank you for being so patient with us as we have tried to sort the problems with our app. I hope that in general it is working well for parents and families. If not, please pop in for some assistance. We have the facility to update **Contact information and Consent** Forms on the app. Only a handful of parents have done this, so please can I ask that families update this information as soon as possible. The Contact and Consents tab is on the front page.

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