



# Sedgefield Primary School

Learning Together for Life



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## DATES

### July

**2<sup>nd</sup>** EYFS Assembly and open Morning

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Year 5 Cricket

**8<sup>th</sup>** Transition Afternoon

**9<sup>th</sup>** Year 3 Cathedral visit

**11<sup>th</sup>** Year 6 Production

**12<sup>th</sup>** Reports sent home

**15<sup>th</sup>** Year 1 trip to Hancock Museum

**18<sup>th</sup>** Fun Day

**19<sup>th</sup>** Leavers' Service

**19<sup>th</sup>** Break up for summer Holidays

### September

**4<sup>th</sup>** Autumn Term starts

Welcome to the July Newsletter. As usual, it's been a busy summer term and the pace is not letting up yet!

## Events in June

Year 4 had a great time at the Teesmouth Field Centre on 4<sup>th</sup> June and enjoyed their crossing on the Transporter Bridge.

Reception and Nursery had a fantastic day at Preston Park and Butterfly World on 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Year 5 enjoyed their trip to Palace Green Library to learn about the Ancient Greeks on 10<sup>th</sup> June.

A big thanks to David Guest and Chris from @sportsfschools for running our fitness circuits on 11<sup>th</sup> June. And a huge thank you to David for talking about his experiences as a Team GB Decathlete. Also thank you to parents/carers and family members for your ongoing generosity. We raised the amazing sum on £1005 for sports equipment. Mr Eltringham already has his shopping list!

Thank you to all of the Dads and Grandads who came in for the Fathers' Day lunch on 12<sup>th</sup> June and thank you too for all your lovely comments. Thank you for your patience – there were such a lot of you to feed! We'll book 2 days next year.

Year 3's assembly on 18<sup>th</sup> June which encouraged us to eat healthily was absolutely brilliant and put a smile on everyone's faces.

EYFS looked fabulous dressed up for 'Baby Rosie's' Christening on 19<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who came along and to Rev. Short for leading the service.

Our thanks goes to the PTFA for another fabulous disco on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

Well done to the brass players and choir who performed for the school on 20<sup>th</sup> June as part of Durham's 'Big Play' event.

The Choir were fantastic, singing alongside Hardwick Primary's Choir to launch the Sedgefield Day activities on 22<sup>nd</sup> June and thank you to Mr Eltringham who was our very own Hugh Jackman for the performance!

Year 2 took part in Beamish's Old King Coal Junior Miners Gala event on 27<sup>th</sup> June. They had a fantastic day.

Our Whole School Dance Festival on 24<sup>th</sup> June was brilliant. We have such talented children! The rest of sports week was really good too, despite the weather not being kind at the start of the week. Thank you to everyone who came along to Sports Day on 28<sup>th</sup> June, which was a great end to an enjoyable, very active, week.



## Website

Please don't forget to keep checking our website, as we're adding new things all of the time:

<http://www.sedgefield-pri.durham.sch.uk>. You can also access our Twitter from there, so you can keep up to date with things as they're happening.

## Sporting Success

The Year 6 children took part in a cricket tournament on 4<sup>th</sup> June. All of the teams played very well; both girls' teams received bronze medals and the boys' A Team came 1<sup>st</sup>, which qualified them for the County finals on 20<sup>th</sup> June, where the mixed team came 2<sup>nd</sup>.

All of the junior children competed at the Primary Olympics at Sedgefield Community College on 25<sup>th</sup> June. It was a great day despite the awful weather!

Harvey Burn, Finley Sawyer and Mimi McGirr competed at the County athletics finals on 28<sup>th</sup> June. Mimi came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the long jump and Harvey came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100m mixed relay and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 60m hurdles!

It has been such a successful year full of sporting achievements. We are so proud of all of the children and their brilliant sporting attitude, which is frequently commented upon. Thanks to the staff who work very hard to organise everything and train the teams and to all of the parent volunteers who give up their time to make it possible for us to compete in so many different events.

## Staffing News

We are sad to announce that Mrs Leck will be leaving us at the end of term. She joined our school in February 2013 to cover PPA, but Nursery was always where she wanted to be, so was delighted when we announced plans to open our Nursery 2 years ago. She worked tirelessly to make sure Nursery was an instant success when we started in September 2017 and it has gone from strength to strength since then. She really will be missed by everyone. We have appointed a new Nursery teacher, Rebecca Burlison and she has already spent a day in school getting to know everyone. We're sure everyone will make her feel really welcome.

One of our lunchtime supervisors, Mrs Blanckley, is also leaving at the end of the year. We are currently advertising her position, so if you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact school for more information.

Sue Bell, Fun Club's Manager, will be leaving in December. In order to have a very smooth hand-over, Fun Club is looking to recruit a new manager to start in October, so they can spend time with Sue finding out how everything works. Once again, if you know of anyone who might be interested in that position, please ask them to contact Fun Club.

Mrs Thompson and Mr Eltringham will be teaching in opposite key stages next year. Both teachers are very much looking forward to the move. They will continue to swap classes for a lesson every now and then during the year and will be working very closely together.

## Class Organisation

The arrangements for next year are:

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| Nursery   | Mrs R Burlison                    |
| Reception | Mrs E Smith                       |
| Year 1    | Miss C Lancaster                  |
| Year 2    | Mr S Eltringham                   |
| Year 3    | Mrs T Dodd                        |
| Year 4    | Mrs L Gibson & Mrs A<br>Wearmouth |
| Year 5    | Mrs S Smith                       |
| Year 6    | Mrs A Thompson                    |

A transition afternoon will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> July, when your child will have the opportunity to start to get to know their new teacher.

## SATs 2019

Thank you for your co-operation this year. It is very important that all Year 6 children are present in school for the whole week, as Year 6 SATs cannot be taken at any other time. In 2020 we are expecting the SATs to take place during the week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

## PTFA Second Hand Uniform

If your child has outgrown their uniform, or if they are leaving at the end of term, the PTFA would be very grateful for any donations of uniform in good condition.

They are also selling uniform through their Facebook Page.

## Uniform

As you, no doubt, will be organising new uniform for September over the holidays, please could we remind you of our Uniform Policy: royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan; sky blue polo shirt, grey or black trousers/skirt; black school shoes (**not trainers**); plain white, grey or black socks or tights; small, **plain stud** earrings and a watch, no other jewellery; no nail varnish/make-up; long hair tied back and hair styles that are smart and suitable for school. We feel that a smart appearance helps to create the right mindset for school. We would also like to remind you to ensure uniform is clearly named as we often get items turning up in lost property that cannot be returned because they have no names. In addition, please ensure that your child is sent to school with a PE kit including shoes. All children should wear uniform for PE (plain white T-shirt and navy or black shorts) and we request that when you purchase new items you comply with this. For safety reasons children cannot participate in PE lessons without appropriate kit. Uniform can be purchased online at any time from Elizabeth's Embroidery (password 'sedge'). Thank you for your co-operation.