



Sedgefield Primary School

Learning Together for Life



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DATES

September

- 11th 3.30 - 4.45pm 'Meet the Teacher' Open Evening
- 12th 'Meet the Teacher' for Mrs Wearmouth
- 14th PTFA Carnival
- 24th Photographer
- 26th 6.00pm Robinwood and SATs Information Meeting

October

- 3rd 5.30pm Phonics and Reading Meeting for Reception Parents
- 15th 3.30pm Parents' Evening
- 17th 3.30pm Parents' Evening
- 19th 2.00pm Harvest Service
- 19th 3.15pm School closes for Half term holiday
- 29th 8.55am School reopens After half term

November

- 8th 4.45pm PTFA Disco

Once again the holidays have flown by and we're at the start of a new school year. I hope you have enjoyed the last few weeks with your children. I would like to take the opportunity, on behalf of all of the staff, to thank you for the cards and gifts at the end of term. It's lovely to know our efforts are so appreciated.

We look forward to another busy and successful year and to your continued support. Please note the following prompts to school routines and dates for your diary.

Welcome to new parents

A very warm welcome to the parents and carers of our new children. We have 23 children joining Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. We hope that this is the beginning of a happy and successful partnership between school and yourselves and that the children are very happy here.

Please don't forget that if you have any little problems or queries you are very welcome to pop in to school, telephone, email, or grab a quick chat with staff at 3.15pm. Issues can usually be resolved very quickly.

Newsletters

We have printed out this newsletter to ensure that everyone receives a copy. From October, newsletters will once again just be emailed. They are also available on our website:

www.sedgefield-pri.durham.sch.uk.

Please would you let us know if you haven't received this newsletter by email within the next few days or if you would prefer a paper copy each time. Thank you.

School Uniform

The children look very smart as they have returned to school. We really appreciate your support in ensuring that your child follows our uniform policy, as we feel that a smart appearance helps to create the right mindset for school. Please could we just remind you that school shoes should be plain black (**no trainers with logos**) and socks should be plain white/grey/black. Sweatshirts/cardigans should be royal blue and polo shirts should be sky blue (not white). Also, please could you ensure long hair is tied back (for safety and to minimise the risk of the spread of head lice) and that hair styles are smart and suitable for school. In addition, all children must sit with their legs crossed in assembly, so skirts should not be too tight or short. Children are allowed to wear a watch and one pair of **small, plain** stud earrings. No other jewellery is permitted. Earrings are not permitted for PE or swimming so should not be worn at all on those days. Children wearing earrings should take care at break and lunchtimes, as we cannot take responsibility for accidents which occur due to wearing earrings.

In addition, please ensure that your child is sent to school with a PE kit (plain white T-shirt and navy/black shorts, trainers for all classes except early Years). For safety reasons children cannot participate in PE lessons without appropriate kit, including a change of shoes.

Uniform can be purchased online at any time from Elizabeth's Embroidery (password 'sedge'.)

Also, could we just remind you to name all items of uniform and belongings. We often get items turning up in lost property that cannot be returned because they have no names.



'Meet the Teacher' Open Evening

Just to remind you that you are warmly invited to come and meet your child's class teacher on Tuesday 11th September (Wednesday 12th for Mrs Wearmouth Y4). You can pop in anytime between 3.30 and 4.45pm (5.00 pm finish) either with or without your child.

It will be an opportunity to find out how your child has settled into their new class, find out about the class' routines and pass on any information to your child's new teacher that you think will be beneficial.

Obviously your child will have only just settled in to their new class, so this will not be a time to discuss specific points about their work/progress. Our usual Parents' Consultation Evenings will take place on Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th October.

We hope you will find this opportunity beneficial and look forward to seeing you.

Contacting School and Keeping Informed

We use a computerised text messaging service to send texts to you. However, we cannot access messages sent back to us on that number. If you need to contact school please phone 01740 620359 or email Sedgefield.primary@durhamlearning.net.

As well as our website and Twitter, by downloading our App, you can receive information about school directly to your phone. In the iTunes Store or Google Play search for 'School Jotter'. Once you have downloaded that you can select our school. Unlike our text-message service, it does not cost the school anything extra, so we will be trying to use the app more and text messaging less this year. Thank you.

Online Gaming

Many parents/carers use their own judgement when it comes to following age guidelines for games. Games such as Fortnite (12+) are very popular and quite addictive for children and allowing your child to play them is a matter of parental choice. However, we are finding some of our very youngest children want to act out Fortnite in their imaginative play. We have included links to general information about online gaming and information specific to Fortnite in order to provide parents with guidance to help make an informed decision about the suitability of games for differing ages of children:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

<https://www.tomsguide.com/us/fortnite-parents-guide,review-5552.html>

Parent Governor Vacancy

The term of office of one of our longest serving parent governors is coming to an end and we want to thank Mr Hampson for everything he has done for our school. This means we now have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you would like to know more about what being a parent governor involves, please get in touch with Mrs Cox. We know that we have many parents/carers who have lots to offer and hope that you will consider this as an opportunity to really get involved in the decisions that are made about our school. If we have a number of parents interested in the role, there will be an election. The deadline for expressing an interest is Friday 5th October.

Asthma Inhalers and medication

Please would all parents of children requiring an asthma inhaler pop into the office to check that the medication we keep in school is still relevant. Some inhalers we have are past their "use by" date.

Also, may we remind you that we can only administer prescription medication and a permission form must be signed by a parent/carer to allow us to do so.

School Meals

The cost of school meals is now £2.05 a day. The cost for the half term is £69.70.

If your child has changed from school meals to packed lunches please let us know straight away. We need two weeks' notice of any changes
Thank you.

KS2 SATs 2019

The Year 6 pupils will take their SATs tests during the week beginning the 13th May. It is *essential* for the children to attend this week, as they are unable to sit these tests at any other time. We will be having a meeting for Y6 parents at 6.00pm on Wednesday 26th September to give more information about preparing for SATs (as well as the trip to Robinwood).



Some of our Nursery and Reception children enjoying their first day back after the summer holidays.