



# Sedgefield Primary School

Learning Together for Life



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## DATES

### October

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cross Country Festival
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 5.30pm Phonics and Reading Meeting for Reception Parents
- 5<sup>th</sup> Y3 and Y6 workshops with Peter Barron Editor of the Northern Echo.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Y4 Multi-Skills
- 9<sup>th</sup> Y1 Class Assembly
- 15<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm Parents' Evening
- 17<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm Parents' Evening
- 19<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Harvest Service
- 19<sup>th</sup> 3.15pm School closes for Half term holiday
- 29<sup>th</sup> 8.55am School reopens After half term
- 30<sup>th</sup> Book Bus visits school
- 30<sup>th</sup> PTFA AGM
- 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween Lunch

### November

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Y5 trip to Beamish
- 6<sup>th</sup> Y5 Class Assembly
- 8<sup>th</sup> 4.45pm PTFA Disco
- 9<sup>th</sup> Flu Vaccines for R – Y5 Pupils
- 12<sup>th</sup> Y6 at Robinwood
- 12<sup>th</sup> Judo workshops
- 13<sup>th</sup> Judo workshops
- 13<sup>th</sup> Supporting Your Child with Maths Meeting for Infant Parents.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Children in Need
- 23<sup>rd</sup> PTFA Christmas Market

September has flown by and we are all into our routines. All of our new children have settled very well and it feels as though they've always been part of the school. The Year 5 and 6 pupils are doing a great job, taking their responsibilities seriously, being very helpful and setting a great example to everyone.

## PTFA

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the fantastic Back to School Carnival and thank you to those who came along. The event made a profit of £386 and a great time was had by all (well perhaps not the staff who got soaked)! The next event is the disco on 8<sup>th</sup> November (4.45pm for infants and 6.00pm for juniors).

Please come along to the PTFA Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. New parents would be very welcome!



## Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. This is when we break up for the half-term holiday and is an enjoyable finishing point. We would like to invite you to join us in St. Edmund's Church to take part in the songs and recitals performed by the children.

Once again this year we have decided to support Durham Food Bank. We would be grateful for donations of in date, non-perishable goods (tins, sauce mixes, packets, cereals, tea/coffee, sugar, UHT milk, etc.). Please see the Durham Food Bank website for further information:

<https://durham.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



## Website

Please don't forget to keep checking our website: <http://www.sedgefield-pri.durham.sch.uk>. Downloading our the School Jotter app will also help you to keep in touch with all that is happening in school.

## Governors

At present we have two parents who have expressed an interest in being a parent governor. The deadline is Friday 5<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Mrs Cox if you are interested and would like to know more. All parents/carers will be receiving voting forms in due course.

Some parents/carers have said that they do not know who all of the school governors are. This is a current list:

Mr D Waters (Chair)  
Dr W Gill (Vice Chair)  
Mrs A Barron  
Mrs A Cox  
Mrs V Holloway  
Dr T Lafford  
Mr A Lister  
Mr K Lowe  
Mrs J Lowes  
Mrs A Manning  
Mr R Morrison  
Mrs J Nuttall  
Mrs D Taylor  
Mrs A Thompson

There is much more information on the governors on the school website: <http://www.sedgefield-pri.durham.sch.uk/why-sedgefield-primary/governors> and <http://www.sedgefield-pri.durham.sch.uk/why-sedgefield-primary/governors/governing-body-committees>



The football team looking fantastic in their new kit.

## Christmas Market

The PTFA are organising a Christmas Market on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Santa has promised to find time in his busy schedule and there will be a variety of stalls, including crafts the children have made. If we have any parents/carers or family members who have a small business (crafts, cards, Christmas present ideas, etc.) who might like a stall, please get in touch with the PTFA via school to find out more information.



Nursery and Reception children enjoying learning outside.



Year 6 working on their routine to 'This is Me' from 'The Greatest Showman' with Jasmine and Holly from Joanne Banks Dancers.

## Food Policy

Our School Nutrition Action Group (SNAG) has worked hard to review our Food Policy, which contains guidelines on packed lunches. Although we did not make many changes, the guidelines have been expanded to include the Local Authority's suggestions for what should be included in a packed lunch.

Our school lunches go through a stringent procedure to ensure that they are balanced across the week and fulfil all of the Government's Nutrition Guidelines. Unfortunately, many of the packed lunches in school do not comply with these guidelines, as they often contain far more salt, sugar and fat than recommended.

We hope you find the suggestions useful. If you have problems with your child being a 'fussy eater', our school nurse would be happy to offer support.

## Swimathon

Well done to everyone who took part in the 'Swimathon' this year. We raised £821 for MRI Scanners for darlington and Bishop Auckland Hospitals and RSPCA Great Ayton. We won the trophy again for the organisation who raised the most money and another for swimming furthest.



The Mayor of Sedgefield presenting the Swimathon Trophies.