



Sedgefield Primary School

Learning Together for Life



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DATES

November

- 2nd Y5 trip to Beamish
 - 6th Y5 Class Assembly
 - 6th Rec trip to Blue Reef Aquarium
 - 8th 4.45pm PTFA Disco
 - 9th Flu Vaccines for R - Y5 Pupils
 - 12th Y6 at Robinwood
 - 12th Judo workshops
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 - 13th Supporting Your Child with Maths Meeting for Infant Parents.
 - 16th Children in Need
 - 16th Year 6 at Safety Carousel
 - 23rd PTFA Christmas Market
 - 28th Brass Assembly
- ### December
- 6th Choir at Mayor's Carol Service (7.00pm)
 - 11th Cinderella
 - 12th Christmas Lunch
 - 13th Infant Nativity
 - 14th Infant Nativity
 - 14th Short Reports to parents
 - 17th Junior Production (2.00 and 6.00pm)
 - 18th Y3/4 Christmas Party
 - 19th EYFS Christmas Party am
 - 19th Y1/2 Christmas Party pm
 - 20th Y5/6 Christmas Party
 - 20th Break up for Christmas
- ### January
- 7th Children return

We hope the children enjoyed their half term break and that they are rested and raring to go because we have a lot happening this half term! We hope to see you at some of the events.

Sporting Success

A number of junior children took part in the cross country festival on 3rd October.

Our Boys' Football team played brilliantly in the league, finishing in 1st place!

We are very proud of our Y6 Tag Rugby team, who came third in the tournament on 16th October.



October's Events

Year 3 and Year 6 enjoyed their talk by Peter Barron from the Northern Echo on 5th November.

Year 1 shared the fantastic work they had done on 'Elmer' in their class assembly on 9th October. Thank you to those parents and family members who were able to come along.

Year 6 completed their work on the circulatory system by dissecting a pig's heart.



Website

Please don't forget to keep checking our website: <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.

Christmas Market

The PTFA are organising a Christmas Market straight after school on Friday 23rd 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. The PTFA are requesting donations for the tombola (bottles and unwanted gifts) in return for the children coming to school in their own choice of clothes on Friday 23rd.

Helpers for setting up during the day or for stalls after school would really be appreciated. Please get in touch with school if you can spare a few hours.

The PTFA still have a few Sedgefield bags which the children designed. They make ideal Christmas gifts and are available from the office at £5 each.



Maths Evening For Infant Parents

We know that parents want to help as much as they can, but sometimes worry that the way we teach maths has changed in recent years. We are going to run a brief session at 5.30pm on Tuesday 13th November which you may find helpful.

Free School Meal Entitlement

Although all infant children receive a free school meal at the moment, it is still very important to inform us if you are in receipt of benefits, as your child may be entitled to 'Pupil Premium' money. Your child would not just be entitled to this money whilst you are claiming benefits, but for the following 6 years. Currently 'Pupil Premium' for one child is £1320 a year. At our school we do not receive a great deal of 'Pupil Premium' money, but what we do receive contributes towards the salaries of our excellent Teaching Assistants, ensuring we can afford to maintain the high proportion of TA support that we have. Children receiving 'Pupil Premium' receive additional support from teachers and TAs, whatever their level of ability, to ensure they make the maximum amount of progress possible. If you think your child may be eligible, please speak to Mrs Halliwell in the office. Thank you.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate Harvest Festival with us. It was lovely to see St Edmund's Church so full. Well done to all of the children for their wonderful performances and thank you to the staff for working so hard to prepare everything and rehearse. Thank you also for your generosity. We sent 208Kg of food to the Durham Food Bank, which will feed more than 261 people in our community.

Parking

We have received complaints again from parents and local residents about parking. Once again we are politely requesting that no cars are parked on Burton Mews or on the yellow line on Rectory Row. Surely parking further away and walking is worth the extra effort in order to ensure the safety of our children?

PTFA

Last year our PTFA gained an additional £500 via match funding. If you work for a company who offers match funding, we would love to hear from you. The Christmas Market is coming up soon and it would be a great opportunity to gain additional funds.

It was the PTFA AGM on 30th October. Due to only one additional parent coming forward and other parents leaving, the committee has had to make some difficult decisions about the fundraising activities they will be able to run in the coming year and those which now, regrettably, will have to be missed out. The first thing to go will be the photographs at the Christmas performances this year. Taking payments, collating orders, printing the photos and then distributing them is all very time consuming. If you can spare any time at all to support the PTFA, please get in touch. Additional help is urgently needed and would be very much appreciated!

Parent Governor

Thank you to everyone who voted in our parent governor elections and to Mrs Grimwood and Mrs Strachan for nominating themselves. The vote was very close. We are delighted to announce that Paula Strachan will be joining our Governing Body and we are sure she will have lots to contribute.