



Sedgefield Primary School

Learning Together for Life



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DATES

December

- 3rd Choir singing in Redmarshall (6.30pm)
 - 6th Choir at Mayor's Carol Service (7.00pm)
 - 11th Cinderella
 - 12th Infant Dress Rehearsal
 - 12th Christmas Lunch
 - 13th Infant Nativity
 - 14th Infant Nativity
 - 14th Junior Dress Rehearsal
 - 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
 - 19th Choir singing at the Co-op (1.30pm)
 - 20th Y5/6 Christmas Party
 - 20th Break up for Christmas
- ### January
- 7th Children return
 - 14th Y5 Antarctica Day
 - 15th Y2 Class Assembly

Christmas is nearly here and things in school are becoming increasingly festive and hectic. The children are rehearsing frantically for their productions: "Christmas with the Aliens" in the infants and "The Magical Christmas Jigsaw" in the juniors. We hope that you can come along to one of the performances and we wish you best wishes for a happy festive season.

November's Events

Year 5 had a fantastic day as evacuees at Beamish on 2nd November. They then showcased the work they have been doing on World War II and Remembrance in a fantastic assembly on 6th November. Their amazing dance was particularly poignant. On 9th November they took part in the community Remembrance Service at the memorial at St. Luke's in Winterton. Reception had a wonderful time at Blue Reef Aquarium on 6th November. The whole school enjoyed their taster sessions with Destination Judo on 12th and 13th November.



Children in Need

Thank you for your generosity in supporting Children in Need on 16th November. We raised £352.



Thank you also for supporting the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The Year 6 children were away at Robinwood from 12th - 14th November. They had a fantastic time and were highly praised by all of the staff there for having a go at everything and being very polite and well behaved. There are some quotes from the children and photos on the second page. Year 6 went to the Fire Service's Safer Futures Event on 16th November where they learned about keeping safe in a variety of situations. Year 5 and some of our Year 6 children have been taking part in Bikeability in November. It's so important that they learn about being safe on the roads on their bikes. Our brass players were superb in their concert on 28th November. All their hard work is certainly paying off. Our Y6 Athletics Team was fantastic at the Sports Hall Athletics on 6th November. They came first and qualified for the Area Finals on 30th November, when they came second!



Website, Twitter and the school app

Please don't forget to keep checking our website: <http://www.sedgefield-pri.durham.sch.uk>. We try to keep it updated so you have all of the information you need. You can also access our Twitter from there, so you can keep up to date with things as they're happening. Another way of keeping informed of what is going on is by downloading our 'School Jotter' App from the App Store or Google Play.

We do hope that parents/carers will check the on-line information we provide in order to minimise the number of text messages we send, as there is a significant cost to the school for this service.

School Closures

We thought it would be a good idea to remind parents about the procedures for informing you about school closures in bad weather. We will attempt to stay open provided it is safe for staff, parents and pupils to access the site; that we have heating/water/facilities to provide school meals and that there is an adequate ratio of adults to pupils in order to ensure the safety of the children. We will try to give as much notice as possible, but ask parents/carers to consider having contingency plans in the event of severe weather. We will notify you of any closures via our text messaging service, so please make sure we have an up-to-date contact number, as well as contacting Durham County Council and updating our website. Hopefully this will avoid the need for telephone calls to school. Thank you.

PTFA Teesmouth Award A polite request to Infant Parents St Cuthbert's Hospice

A huge 'Thank you' to our fantastic PTFA and team of helpers. The Christmas Market raised the amazing sum of £1341.10. We really appreciate everyone who donated items, helped to set up, helped on stalls and those who attended and were so generous on the day. It really was a fantastic event!

We are delighted to announce that Year 4 have won the Hartlepool Power Station Annual Teesmouth Award again this year. They won £100 for the school which will be spent on activities during Engineering and Technology Week.

As the children are coming in at 8.55am, staff must be giving their undivided attention to them. We also must know who is in school at all times to keep children safe. Therefore, we politely request that parents do not come into school at this time and that any messages for teachers are given to the member of staff on duty or the admin staff and they will be relayed at a convenient time. Thank you.

Once again we are selling little cuddly Christmas toys in aid of St. Cuthbert's hospice. We have penguins, santas, snowmen, reindeer and teddies. They are £2.00 each.

Fun Club

Fun Club is open Friday 21st December and then 2nd - 4th January. Ad hoc places are available, but book early! Please contact Sue or Claire on 623565 if you need to book a place.

Robinwood

This is what the Year 6 children had to say about Robinwood:

"Robinwood was so much fun. I enjoyed everything about it. My dorm was amazing; we had a really good view. I wish I could go back there again." Teagan Barker

"Robinwood was amazing and helped us conquer our fears. It was a lot of fun and I would really recommend it." Lucie Thompson

"I think Robinwood was one of the best experiences of my life. I enjoyed everything about it and every activity. I would definitely recommend Robinwood to my younger friends." Amy Bainbridge

"Robinwood is the best activity centre in the world. When we had to leave I wanted to stay! 😊" Emily Kime

