



Sedgefield Primary School

Learning Together for Life



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DATES

December

- 3rd** Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- 4th** Infant Production (9.30am)
- 4th** Choir at St Edmund's (7.00pm)
- 5th** Infant Production (9.30am)
- 6th** Choir at Methodist Church (10.00am)
- 9th** Junior Performance (1.30pm)
- 10th** Y1 Multi sports trip
- 10th** Junior Performance (1.30pm)
- 11th** Brass Assembly (9.05am)
- 13th** Y5 trip to the Centre for Life
- 13th** Elfridges
- 15th** Y1/2 Christmas Party
- 16th** Ukulele Concert (9.05am)
- 16th** Y3/4 Christmas Party
- 17th** EYFS Christmas Party (am)
- 17th** Y5/6 Christmas Party (pm)
- 18th** Break up for Christmas



January

- 5th** Children return
- 9th** Autumn Term short report goes out to parents
- 20th** Y4 Class Assembly (9.05am)

Christmas is nearly here and things in school are becoming increasingly festive and hectic. Children in the infants are rehearsing frantically for their production: "Easy Peasy Nativity" and the juniors are getting ready for their Christmas Concerts too. We hope that you can come along to one of the performances and we wish you best wishes for a happy festive season.



Some of the Reception children enjoyed an afternoon in The Woodland; finding out about different birds, what they look like and making pine cone bird feeders.



Year 3 enjoyed finding out about magnetism in Science. They predicted, tested and then sorted materials using a Venn diagram based on whether they were magnetic or not.



Oh no! Problem Pup has tipped over his water bowl and made a mess. Year 1 investigated which material would absorb the water. They tested foil, plastic and fabric. Year 1 found that fabric was the best material for the job.

Children in Need and The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your generosity in supporting Children in Need on 14th November. We raised £345.50.



We also raised £330.30 for the Royal British Legion.



Year 5 attended the Remembrance Service at Winterton, where they read the poem 'The Inquisitive Mind of a child'. They paid their respects and who were there contacted us to say they were a credit to our school.

Website, Facebook 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 Facebook from there, so you can keep up to date with things as they're happening.

Parent Governor Vacancy

The terms of office of two of our parent governors are coming to an end, one in January and the other February. If you would be interested in being a parent governor, please get in touch with school to find out more information. The deadline for expressing an interest is Monday 5th January.

PTFA

Thank you to those who attended the PTFA AGM on 16th October. We are so very grateful to our previous committee for all they have done: Chair, Emma Francis, Vice Chair Jayne Elwell, treasurer Paula Bayles and Secretary, Kathryn Churchward. They will be a hard act to follow! We are delighted to announce our new committee: Chair Anthony Eadsforth, Treasurer Emma Kane and Secretary Jo Hardwick-Smith. The PTFA would love more people to come along to meetings bringing fresh ideas and enthusiasm! The next meeting is 7.00pm on Thursday 15th January on Teams.

Christmas Market

Thank you to everyone who organised, set up, volunteered on stalls and tidied away. It was the most successful one ever! Thank you to everyone who came along and made a donation for a stall. The PTFA raised approximately £2500!



School Closures

This is just another reminder about the procedures for informing you about school closures in bad 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. Hopefully this will avoid the need for telephone calls to school.

Packed Lunches

The Government expect schools to monitor all food the children consuming in school, not just school meals. There are very strict guidelines. You will find the school's Food Policy (with Packed Lunch Guidelines) attached to this newsletter. It can also be found at <https://www.sedgefield-pri.durham.sch.uk/school-info-2/school-policies>. Foods that contain a high level of fat, salt and sugar foods should be an occasional treat. Fizzy drinks, sweets, chocolate (and items covered in chocolate) are not permitted.



Year 4 really enjoy working with the visitors we have in school. Our PE specialist coach has helped to develop their racket skills this term. As part of their RE topic, 'How Jesus is seen as the light of the world by Christians' Rev'd David visited their classroom this week.



Year 2 had a fabulous fine at Bishop Auckland castle. They were castle explorers and artists for the day.



Year 6 took part in a workshop at the library with the author and illustrator Kevin Sutherland. They thoroughly enjoyed developing their artistic skills before creating their own class comic



Thank Yous

A massive thank you goes to Dan Harding of for his kind donation of £100 towards the pantomime, Robin Hood, which the children thoroughly enjoyed last week.

Also, thank you to Christopher Vasarhelyi for his donation of enough crisps for all the parties (and possibly the next PTFA disco). I'm sure the children will really appreciate them.

Christmas Tree

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Mr & Mrs Gentle of The Stables, Stockton Road, Sedgefield for once again donating a Christmas Tree to school. It is beautiful.

Good Attendance

Year 6 are the class with the best attendance in November. Their attendance was an amazing 98.3%!