



Sedgefield Primary School

Learning Together for Life



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DATES

October

- 1st** Robinwood and SATs Meeting (6.00pm)
- 6th** Flu Vaccines
- 7th** Y3 Class Assembly (9.05am)
- 9th** PTFA Disco
- 13th** Y4 Segedunum Visit
- 16th** Book Fair
- 16th** PTFA Meeting (7.30pm)
- 20th** Photographs
- 20th** Parents' Evening
- 22nd** Parents' Evening
- 24th** KS2 Harvest Service (2.00pm)
- 24th** Break up for Half Term Term

November

- 3rd** School reopens after Half Term
- 3rd** Y6 at Robinwood
- 11th** Y1 Class Assembly (9.05am)
- 14th** Children in Need
- 21st** 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. There's lots going on, so don't forget to keep checking on the website and Facebook for updates.



Year 4 have been enjoying their class text, 'The Last Bear' in our outdoor classroom. At the moment they are taking part in accelerated reading as part of their homework, as they love reading so much! This half term Year 4 are also enjoying taking part in Team Up - active games linked with their well-being.



Year 1 have been drawing spirals this half term. They practised on the ground, on large paper and in their sketch books.

Good Attendance

Year 2 are the class with the best attendance in September. Their attendance was 99.4% and 90% of the class have 100% attendance. They will be enjoying some extra playtime as a reward.



The stimulus for Year 5 writing this term has been 'I believe in Unicorns' by Michael Morpurgo. To help the class understand how the children felt during an air raid, they re-enacted the scenario in the classroom by playing sound effects, hiding under the tables and using one another for support. The class were then able to create banks of vocabulary to explain what happened and how they felt.

Harvest Festival

KS2 will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Friday 24th 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. To manage the available seating at St. Edmund's, we are politely requesting that a maximum of 2 adults per child attend.

This year, once again, we will be supporting a local charity, Feeding Families <https://feedingfamilies.org.uk/> . We will be sending information shortly about the items of food they are most in need of and when you can send items into school.



Website

Please don't forget to keep checking our website: <http://www.sedgefield-pri.durham.sch.uk>. Our Facebook is also accessible from the website.

PTFA

The PTFA AGM will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 16th October on Zoom. Their fundraising makes a massive difference to what we can offer in school, as do all of the social events they organise.

However, without some new people coming forward, it really is in danger of folding - ***we need your help!*** It is not a huge commitment; usually the PTFA only meet 3 or 4 times a year and will be very welcoming of new ideas and a few extra pairs of hands. Without a new PTFA Committee it would be heart-breaking to think that your children will not have the fabulous events and benefit from all of the additional projects that PTFA makes possible in the way that previous children have had. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Packed Lunches and snacks

All food in school must comply with Government Guidelines, this includes packed lunches and snacks that KS2 bring in at breaktimes. KS2 snacks must be fruit or raw vegetables only (not cereal bars or processed fruit products such as fruit winders etc). Early Years and KS1 children have fruit provided by the Government's scheme.

The School's Food Policy, which includes Packed Lunch Guidance, will be sent with this newsletter and can also be found on the website. We would be grateful if you would ensure that packed lunches comply with the guidelines.

New DfE safety/welfare guidelines have recently come into effect. This means that if cakes or sweets are sent in for a child's birthday they will be handed to their classmates as the children leave. It will then be up to the person collecting each child to give permission for the item to be eaten. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.



Reception have had a great September; settling into their new class, making new friends, finding out about themselves and enjoying lots of different activities.



Year 6 worked together to create a representation of the main components of blood.



Year 2 have found out how to control our robots using the iPads. Great fun was had.



In their French lessons Year 3 have been learning how to greet people and introduce themselves.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the fantastic Back to School Carnival (especially the PTFA Committee) and thank you to those who came along.

A great time was had by all (well perhaps not the staff who got soaked)!



Governor Vacancy

We have had a vacancy for a Community Governor for quite some time. Although Community Governors are usually from the Sedgefield Community, so could be a relative, neighbour or friend, as we have been unsuccessful in filling the vacancy, it could be a parent. If you, or someone you know, would like to know more about what being a Governor involves, please get in touch with Mrs Cox. We know that we have many parents/relatives/community members 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. The deadline for expressing an interest in the Community Governor vacancy is Monday 3rd November.