

Sedbergh Primary School

Newsletter 20.12.23



FESTIVE EVENTS IN SCHOOL

Christmas performances:

On Wednesday last week, we enjoyed an extravaganza of Christmas performances. We are extremely proud of each and every one of our pupils for their efforts in these performances. The confident speaking and acting, as well as wonderful singing, was a joy to watch. Thank you to the many parents who have shared kind words and feedback about the children, staff and shows. May I take this opportunity to say another huge thank you to the staff team for their incredible work in preparing the children for these performances and for going over and above their role each and every day. Huge thanks also go to Ian Hutt for providing the lighting and Matthew Brown and Gordon Hosker for the filming and editing. The sale of DVDs and virtual links raised a fantastic £294. Also, thank you for supporting the Y6 stall, which was selling fudge and chutney at the evening performance. They raised £93.50 towards their Edinburgh trip. Thank you to all those who purchased raffle tickets. This raised over £300, with Florence winning first prize and Sophie and Maisie winning second prize. Well done! But, the biggest thanks must go to the stars of the show though...the children! Superstars!



Santa Dash:

On Friday, we held our first ever Santa Dash. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who joined us to watch and those who got stuck in too! The children looked wonderful in their outfits and had bundles of energy, completing several laps of the field! Well done everyone!



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Christmas parties:

Each key stage has enjoyed a Christmas party session over the last few days. They've had party games galore, enjoyed wonderful feasts of food and snacks and the younger children were even visited by Santa himself! These have been great fun for the children and thank you parents for the food donations to help make the parties a success.



Ready, Respectful and Safe treat:

In September, we launched our new whole school rules: Ready, Respectful and Safe. Through focus in class and in assemblies the pupils have learnt the importance of each of these in all areas of school life. Those children who consistently demonstrate these values have been sent a postcard home at some point this term! On Monday, we celebrated these children who are role models in terms of behaviour and attitude. They enjoyed a hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows, some games with friends and went home with a festive chocolate treat too! Congratulations!



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Christmas Church service:

Earlier today, we visited St Andrew's Church, along with pupils from Settlebeck School, for a Christmas Carol Service. This was a wonderful event and it was fantastic to see everyone together again for the first time since 2019. Well done to our individual pupils who spoke confidently during their readings and to both KS1 and KS2 for their delightful songs. Some talented pupils from Settlebeck, as well as Sedbergh Town Band, provided some fantastic live musical performances which got us in the Christmas spirit too. Thank you to the parents and carers who joined us too, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Finally, a huge thank you to Andy Burgess for hosting us and for his hard work to coordinate such a successful event.



Finally, we would like to wish the whole of our school community a relaxing break, a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2024.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday 4th January 2024.



WHAT'S ON - NEXT HALF TERM

Following the success of last year, we are pleased to announce that our Bingo Night will be returning. Save the date – Friday 26th January!

In the meantime, we would be very grateful of any donations of items to go in the hampers at this event.



We have a vacancy for a parent to join our Governing Body team. This is an exciting opportunity for a member of our school community to support the school to:

- Ensure high quality education for Sedbergh pupils
- Review and monitor school performance
- Set the strategic vision and make collective decisions
- Oversee the school budget

If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Hudson for further details.

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JANUARY 2024:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Christmas holidays	2 Christmas holidays	3 INSET day	4 School reopens to children at 8:50	5
8	9	10	11 Martial arts workshops Swimming re-starts	12
15	16 KS2 STEM workshops	17	18	19
22	23 Imran Kotwal – RE workshops	24	25	26 Bingo Night
29 National Storytelling Week	30	31	FEB 1 PTFA Film Night	FEB 2

FEBRUARY 2024:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	6 Safer Internet Day	7	8	9 School closes for half term at 3:30pm
12 Half term	13	14	15	16
19 School reopens to children at 8:50am	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	