



Sedgefield Primary School

Learning Together for Life



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DATES

December

- 2nd** Choir at Methodist Church (10.00am)
- 6th** Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- 7th** Infant Production (9.30am)
- 7th** Choir at St Edmund's (7.00pm)
- 8th** Infant Production (9.30am)
- 11th** Junior Performance (1.30pm)
- 13th** EYFS Christmas Party
- 14th** Brass Assembly (9.10am)
- 14th** Y1/2 Christmas Party
- 15th** Cinderella
- 15th** Y3/4 Christmas Party
- 18th** Y5/6 Christmas Party
- 19th** Break up for Christmas



January

- 4th** Children return
- 5th** Autumn Term short report goes out to parents
- 16th** Y6 Class Assembly

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



Year 2 had an amazing time exploring and learning all about Durham Castle as part of this term's History topic. They found out about the importance of the castle, run by the Prince Bishop's, in keeping England safe. They enjoyed learning about The Great Hall and The Black Staircase, which was really wonky.



Year 1 enjoyed a visit to Sedgefield Library in November. They listened to Susan read Elmer stories and all completed a craft activity.

Children in Need

Thank you for your generosity in supporting Children in Need on 17th November. We raised £242.51.



Year 6 had great fun using our Dash robots on Children in Need day.

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.

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, as well as contacting Durham County Council and updating our website. Hopefully this will avoid the need for telephone calls to school.

After our appeal in last month's newsletter, we have had a couple of volunteers to help clear snow so the school is accessible, but if we had a few more it would get the job done much more quickly in order for us to be able to open. If you are able to help in bad weather, please let us know. Thank you.

PTFA

Thank you to those who attended the PTFA AGM on 16th November. We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Laura Gates and Claire Gilson for their hard work in recent years as they pass the baton onto our new Chair, Emma Francis, Vice Chair Jayne Elwell, and treasurer Paula Bayles. Kathryn Churchward remains in post as Secretary.

PTFA would love more people to come along to meetings bringing fresh ideas and enthusiasm! The next meeting is 7.00pm on Thursday 25th January on Zoom.

Christmas Market

Thank you to everyone who organised, set up, volunteered on stalls and tidied away. The event was a huge success and it was wonderful to have it back in school. Thank you to everyone who came along. The PTFA raised over £1300!

Good Attendance

Year 3 are the class with the best attendance in November. Their attendance was 98.4%

Christmas Tree

We would 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. Their wreaths are gorgeous too. The staff are already getting their orders in!



Year 3 using their measuring skills to find the oldest tree in the school field. They had to measure the trunk using a length of string and measure the string using a metre stick. Then the maths really started, as they had to convert metres and cm's into cm's only and then times by 2 and a half!



Reception enjoyed a fun 'Room on the Broom' afternoon in The Woodland. They acted out the story, flew broomsticks and drew some fantastic pictures!

Year 4 visited the Museum of Archaeology to find out more about the impact of the invasion of the Roman army in County Durham. They examined artefacts, visited the museum gallery and took part in drama activities.

