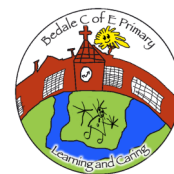


Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 3rd March 2017

Dates for your

Diary

Friday 3rd

March

KS2 Poetry
Competition

Monday 6th

March

Parental
Consultation
Meetings

KS1/EYFS
Author Visit

Tuesday 7th

March

Parental
Consultation
Meetings

KS2 Author Visit

Wed 8th

March

Quiz
Competition
Richmond
School

Thurs 9th

March

Cross Country
Catterick
Racecourse

FSG Film Club
3.15—5.15 pm

Fri 10th March
KS2 Poetry
Competition

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had an enjoyable half term holiday. The children have come back to school with renewed energy. Last half term there seemed to be an awful lot of nasty bugs about. Fingers crossed it will be a healthier second half term for both pupils and staff. Firstly if I could just remind you that it is parents evening next week. If you have not had chance to make an appointment to see your child's teacher there is still the opportunity to do so.

As always we have some exciting events lined up in school

- Whole School Poetry Competition—EYFS/KS1 Friday 3rd March, KS2 Friday 10th March
- KS1/EYFS Author Visit –Monday 6th March
- KS2 Author Visit—Tuesday 7th March

Later this month we are taking a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils to Edinburgh for a three day residential I am looking forward to this very much. I know the children are becoming increasingly excited about it.

For your information we organise a residential visit annually for pupils in Year 5 and Year 6. These are done on an alternate basis with one year to Robinwood Activity Centre in Cumbria and the other visit to a city e.g London or Edinburgh. The two visits are very different to each other and pupils in Y5/6 will get the opportunity to go either or both as they move through school.

Up and coming events held by our Friends Support Group include a film night on Thursday 9th March. As always pupils will have brought home a letter which must be returned by Wednesday 8th March. Pupils should be collected from the KS2 playground afterwards please as this makes it much easier from a safety point of view.

Our Easter service at St Gregory's Church will be held on Wednesday 5th April at 2.00 pm led by our Year 3 and 4 pupils. As always parents are very welcome to join us.

Finally, I am delighted that some of the new playground equipment we ordered before the holidays has arrived ready for the children to have at playtime. I do hope they will enjoy these new resources.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

Co-operative Local Community Fund

We have been selected to receive funding from the Co-op Local Community Fund. It means that we will get a contribution towards our playground project and other projects. But we need your help. The more support we get, the more funding we could receive. So if you're a Co-op Member, log in to your Co-op Membership account and choose us. If you're not a member, please join and support us by popping into the Bedale store and nominating us. We need all your support. Thank you.

Visit: <http://www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-community-fund/>

SPRING MUSIC CONCERT—WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH 6.00 –7.00 PM

Please come along and support children performing in Bedale Primary School's Spring Concert. All children who learn an instrument have been given an opportunity to show case their talents, including a performance from the singing club. The concert is a relaxed, friendly event with the emphasis on participation and enjoyment for all. Refreshments will be available during the evening at a reasonable price and tickets can be purchased at £2.00.

LITERACY UPDATE

This week and next week are particularly exciting weeks in school. On Monday we launched our Spring Reading Challenge and it has been great to see so many children have already started the challenge. Yesterday was World Book Day and, to celebrate the event in school, the school council held 'Book Swaps' in each year group. The children really enjoyed swapping one of their old books and I'm sure they will all be eager to read their newly chosen books. The classes across school also joined together to do some paired reading activities, which are always very popular with the children from all year groups.

In addition to the above, we also have our annual Poetry Competition taking place; EYFS and KS1 had the opportunity to perform their poems today and next Friday it will be the turn of KS2. It has been great to hear the children practising and being so enthusiastic. It is an event that both children and staff always really look forward to.

Finally, next week, we are very lucky to have the author Saviour Pirotta in school on Monday and Tuesday. He will be working with the children across all the year groups and I'm sure the children will really enjoy these sessions and will gain lots of tips on becoming great writers.

The children have come back from half term and are raring to go.

Reception News

Their behaviour and attitude to learning has been exemplary this

week and they all seem to be enjoying our new topic. We are learning about friendship and resolving conflicts and basing some of our work around the popular Rainbow Fish story. We also have a pet fish in each Early years classroom which the children have named and will be looking after.

Thank you for the wonderful homework about special friends which we will be sharing over the next two weeks. Every piece was different and interesting and the children have loved finding out about each other.

Requests: We are making fish using large plastic bottles. If you are able to send any in we would appreciate it.

Year 1/2 News

Welcome back! This week the children have been busy thinking about pancakes! We have watched Mrs Harding make pancakes and written instructions to make our own. We have thought about why we have pancake day and tasted lots of different toppings to pick our favourite. Over the next two weeks we are going to be thinking about stories and developing our love for reading. We have an author visiting us on Monday that we hope will inspire us all to write our own amazing adventures!

We look forward to seeing you all next week at the open evenings where we will be able to share all your child's work with you and offer you support in helping your child at home.

We love to celebrate World Book Day and in year 3 and 4 we are finding out about different authors. We have talked about our favourite authors and looked at some of their books. We are going to write a letter to ask them about their work amongst other things. Each class is learning a poem to recite at our poetry afternoon.

Year 3/4 News

We look forward to seeing you at parents evening next week, to discuss your child's progress.

Year 5/6 News

The children have all made a super start to the second half of Spring term, working hard already on our Michael Morpurgo unit of work. We've already read his short stories, A Dog's Life and Dolphin Boy as well as the longer Tom's Sausage Lion. We'll be continuing to look at this author next week when we start to write our own versions of his work. Our topic for the whole half term is thinking about "What makes the Earth angry?" We've already looked at the layers that make up the Earth and will be investigating volcanoes and earthquakes over the coming weeks.

If anyone has any experience of these, and would like to share them with the children please let us know.

TERM DATES 2017-18

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Autumn Term:

Monday 4 th September	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 5 th September	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 20 th October	School closes for ½ term at 3.15 pm
Monday 30 th October	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 22 nd December	School closes for Christmas

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Spring Term:

Monday 8 th January	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 9 th January	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 9 th February	School closes for ½ term at 3.15 pm
Monday 19 th February	School opens 8.55 am
Thursday 29 th March	School closes for Easter at 3.15 pm

Summer Term:

Monday 16 th April	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 17 th April	School opens 8.55 am
Monday 7 th May	School closed. May Day holiday
Friday 25 th May	School closes for ½ term at 3.15 pm
Monday 4 th June	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 20 th July	School closes for Summer at 3.15 pm
Monday 23 rd July	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 24 th July	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>

Craft activities: Time of worship: Hot meal:

The next "Messy Church" will be in the Methodist Church Hall, Wycar, on Sunday 19th March at 3 p.m. – finishing soon after by 5p.m. including a hot meal

All children with responsible adults are welcome!

Hope to see you there!

(These events are free of charge and further details can be had from Rev. Kathleen 424486)

