

# Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

‘Learning & Caring Together’



Newsletter Date: 1st March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

On returning from half-term, school has been as busy and as full of fun as ever.

Dave, our Skip2BFit leader, ran some amazing workshops last Thursday, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Even the staff became very competitive; well done to Mrs Hutchinson who pipped Mr Holmes! We all enjoyed the day so much, I am delighted to inform you we have two

more sessions ran by Dave on 9th April Skip2bFit for EYFS and Box2bFit for Year 1 upwards, and another Skip2bfit session for families on 7th May 2024. Dave will also be running a

‘Wake up—Shake up’ before school session on this day for all of you who would like to join in too!



The skipping event was followed last Friday with our annual poetry competition, where every child in school took to the stage to perform. As usual the children were amazing, so confident and full of smiles. Well done to Mrs Fessey & Miss Wright’s class and Miss Hall’s class who were our winning classes this year.

On Monday Lucy Turner came to school to talk to us and help us keep fit, mentally and physically. Lucy is a heptathlete and she has won over 250 trophies and over 300 medals. On Monday Lucy provided us with an amazing 15 minutes of exercise for each class. One of the four exercises that Lucy and her friend Chris helped us with was called spotty, you had to stick your feet in and lunge for 60 seconds. The other three extraordinary exercises were mountain climbs, star jumps and push ups. We are all very grateful for her coming in and showing us how to keep the right mind set. (Written by Harriet & Ethan Y6)

The term is another short one. However, we have many events planned in the run up to Easter, so please see the list of events at the back of the newsletter. We don’t want you to miss anything!

Please also take a look at our Facebook page to see all of the exciting things we have already been up to this term!

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher



## SATS

Year two SATS have become optional this year. As a school we have taken the decision to not sit them, as we believe they put unnecessary pressure on our youngsters and we are able to assess them effectively using our internal monitoring systems.

Year six SATS are not optional. Our year six pupils will sit these tests on:

- Monday 13th May (Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling—Papers 1 & 2)
- Tuesday 14th May (Reading)
- Wednesday 15th May and (Maths—Arithmetic & Maths—Reasoning paper 1)
- Thursday 16th May (Maths—Reasoning paper 2)



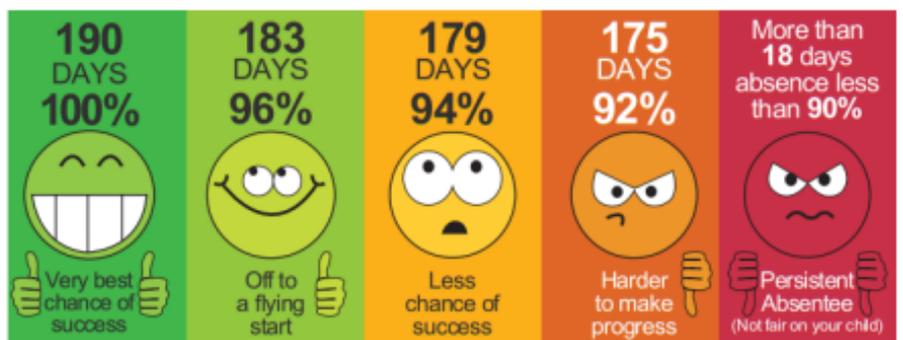
It is important that the children arrive at school promptly on these days to ensure they are prepared for the day ahead.

## ATTENDANCE

Below is the attendance and lates for each year group this academic year so far.

| Year Group | EYFS  | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Attendance | 96.7% | 96.5%  | 94.8%  | 97.5%  | 95.7%  | 95.5%  | 95.6%  |
| Lates      | 37    | 19     | 16     | 48     | 32     | 38     | 27     |

**Please be reminded that school starts at 9.00am.** The below table shows how much education could be missed for children that are repeatedly late to school.



| Minutes late per day: | Equivalent of Missing:  |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 5 minutes             | 3.4 school days a year  |
| 10 minutes            | 6.9 school days a year  |
| 15 minutes            | 10.3 school days a year |
| 20 minutes            | 13.8 school days a year |
| 30 minutes            | 20.7 school days a year |

### Did you know?

Children who reached the expected standards at the end of KS2 have less than five days off school a year during their whole time at primary school.

### Did you know?

90% school attendance seems good, right?  
No, the Department of Education (DfE) classes 90% and less as **persistently absent**.

## EYFS NEWS

Our Julia Donaldson topic is well underway and the children have loved learning about what being an author/ illustrator means. We launched our topic last week with the 'Paper Dolls' story and the children created their own paper dolls to retell stories with.



The children had to find clues to guess this week's story so they visited the wildlife area and found a witches hat, cauldron and broomstick! We loved sharing the 'Room on the Broom' story and have been writing a list for our own magic potions, and exploring making them in the mud kitchen. We have been following a 'Gruffalo' theme in Forest Schools, making 'Gruffalo Crumble' and creating story maps.

We also had our first 'drawing club' session and the children used their amazing imaginations to draw what they thought the dragon's house would be like. We had caves, underground houses, castles on mountains and even some with marshmallow making machines!

Another fabulous week in Early Years!

## YEAR ONE NEWS

This week Year 1 have been exploring the story Jasper's Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth. In English they have used the days of the week to sequence the story and have focused on spoken language to use a clear, loud voice with expression to retell the story, they did an excellent job! Following on from Jasper planting the bean in the story, we decided that in Science we would do the same! We have planted a bean and can't wait to observe the changes, eventually these beans will be

sent home to carry on growing - hopefully into a beanstalk! We are also excited to see the changes to the frogs spawn that Elodie kindly donated.

A quick reminder that on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 2:45 you are welcome to come to our Easter bonnet parade, did you know the Easter bonnet dates back to 1870! There will be a quick chat about the phonics screening check then the children will join us for a song, cake and to show off their hats. We hope you can all make it!



## YEAR TWO NEWS

Year 2 have worked very hard this week. In English, the children planned and wrote their own story called Matilda the Builder, which is based on the book 'Iggy Peck, Architect'. The children used their imagination and tried to develop their writing using, conjunctions, adverbs, adjectives and different sentence openers. In science, we have been using secondary sources to find out who Charles Macintosh was and what he invented. The children worked in pairs using fact sheets and an



iPad. We

found out lots of interesting details to write a fact file. Ask your child what Mr Macintosh invented? In music, we are learning to sing a variety of songs based on The Great Fire of London and we will be performing in front of a different class before the Easter Holidays. We have considered how we can develop our singing by thinking about our dynamics when we sing. The children are doing a wonderful job!

## YEAR THREE NEWS

Year 3 have been testing their engineering skills by exploring shell structures. We made different 3D shapes from cardboard and tested to see which was strongest by adding books until the shape collapsed. The children added strengthening devices before testing again. We were shocked when a cylinder that had been strengthened was able to hold more than 30 books!



In maths we have been learning all about money and finding change and the children have impressed us with how well they recognise and work with money. You can continue this at home by getting them to

help with adding amounts and helping you to check change.

We can't wait to welcome you all into the wildlife area for our Stone Age afternoon. Your child is bringing home an invitation today and we have lots of exciting activities planned.



## YEAR FOUR NEWS

Year 4 have had the best couple of weeks!

In English, we have been busy creating some informative leaflets on Yorkshire's Three Peaks. These are looking so eye-catching but also have lots of useful information in them. Why don't you ask your child about the Ingleborough myth about a hidden German spy...?

We have been enjoying learning about volcanoes in Geography. The children are so enthusiastic about this topic and we can't wait to continue with it! We are all confident now on the parts of a volcano as well as where and how they are formed. We are going to begin our case study on the Icelandic volcano of 'Eyjafjallajökull' soon. Can you pronounce it?



Year 4 have also had some really exciting events recently! First, we won our fantastic poetry competition last Friday. The children came up with all of our ideas for this and we are SO proud of how they performed. We had some lovely comments from the judges and other staff members.



We also had our trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park this week. The children were wonderfully behaved and so engaged in their learning there. They created some amazing sculptures and learnt lots about our key artist, Barbara Hepworth. We can't wait to start making our own clay sculptures in school!

## YEAR FIVE NEWS

In year 5, we have been working really hard in maths, finding equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions. This has meant we have needed to use our knowledge of times table facts a lot! In PE, we have been enjoying our tennis sessions where we have working on our forehand and backhand shots and then our volleys. We have been so impressed by the fabulous teamwork we have



seen. We are really looking forward to our visit to the mosque next week as we have been thinking carefully about places of worship in our RE lessons. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch and a drink.

If you are attending the Y5 residential, there is a meeting on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm so you can find out all about it and ask any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

## YEAR SIX NEWS

In Year 6, we have been diving headfirst into our studies since the new term started. Our focus has been on all things coastal, as we gear up for an upcoming trip to the North East coast and the iconic Souter lighthouse. From learning about different coastal features to understanding the process of erosion, our minds have been buzzing with excitement.

Our recent Geography lessons on wind farms and renewable energy have sparked a newfound interest in us, leading to the creation of our very own 'factional' newspaper report. Who knows, there might be some aspiring journalists in our midst!



In addition to our academic pursuits, we have been keeping busy with various sporting events. Whether it's perfecting our gymnastics skills or showcasing agility and teamwork in tag rugby, we've been active both in and out of the classroom. A huge thank you to our outstanding sports captains. They are the perfect role models for the younger children, who look up to them for inspiration. Can we remind you to keep supporting your child through the revision books that were sent home, as well weekly homework completion and spelling practice.



## SCHOOL DINNERS

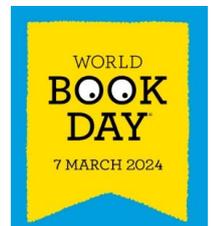


School dinners are charged at £2.50 per day. Accounts should always be credited **in advance** of dinners being taken. Overall there are currently 38 accounts with debit balances totalling over £450. **Can any debit balances please be cleared as soon as possible.**

If you think you should be entitled to free school meals due to your circumstances, you can apply for these online at: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. This is something we always like to celebrate in style at Bedale Primary. The theme this year is 'read your way' and we invite the children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. We will be doing lots of exciting reading activities in school on the day and they will be spending time in their house groups sharing stories.



We would also like everyone to bring in a photo of the place where they most like to read. Can you think of some interesting places where you have read in the past?



# Do SOMETHING FUNNY FOR MONEY

COMIC RELIEF  
**RED NOSE DAY**  
FRIDAY 15 MARCH



On Friday 15 March Blue Peter will be turning RED to celebrate Red Nose Day and they are asking us to go 'red-to-toe' too for a £1 donation through parent pay. So, dust off your ruby slippers, pop on your lobster suit or simply don some scarlet socks - how far you take it is up to you!

Follow the link or scan the QR code below to make your donation!

[Comic Relief 2024](#)



## SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL



We are hopeful that we will soon have a new school crossing patrol. Next week there are 2 candidates being interviewed for this important role! Wonderful news, watch this space!!

## LUCY TURNER—OLYMPIAN VISIT



## List of upcoming events

### March

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March     | EYFS visit to Library   |
|                                  | Y5 Visit to York Mosque   |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March   | World Book Day  |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March    | Whole school assessment week  |
|                                  | Y4 English Enrichment Day @ BHS   |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March   | Cross Country Finals in Giggleswick   |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March | EYFS & KS1 Bingo Night – 6.00 pm  |
|                                  | Y1 Easter parent celebrations – 3.00 pm   |
|                                  | EYFS Mothers Day Stay & Play 9.00 am  |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March  | KS2 Bingo Night – 6.00 pm   |
|                                  | Y6 Visit to Souter Lighthouse   |
|                                  | Y2 Maths workshop @ 2.45 pm   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March    | Red Nose Day  |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March    | Bedale Litter Busters 9.00 am   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March   | Mrs Hunter's class parent session Wildlife area 2.30 pm   |
|                                  | Rocksteady performing to parents in hall 9.45 am  |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March | Easter Service at St. Gregory's Church—Led by Y4<br>EYFS, Y3, Y6 @ 9.45 am<br>Y1, Y2, Y5 @ 10.30 am |
|                                  | Mr Martin's class parent session wildlife area 2.30 pm  |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March  | Y2 visit by artist Scott Massie   |
|                                  | School Council Film Night 3.30 pm   |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March    | Y5 Skipping Leader Training   |
|                                  | EYFS, Y2 & Y5, Y6 Easter Fun Day<br>Y3, Y4 Easter Egg Hunt  |
|                                  | School closes for Easter at 3.30 pm   |

### April

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April     | Staff training day – school closed |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April    | Box2bFit Y1-Y6 & Skip2bfit EYFS    |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April  | Y1 Maths Workshop                  |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April  | Y2 Outside Film Night 5.00 pm      |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April | Wake Up Wednesday—Fun Run style    |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April    | Bedale Litter Busters 9.00 am      |

## May

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| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May     | School Closed Bank Holiday                           |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May    | Wake up—Shake up morning<br>Family Fun Skip2bfit Day |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May  | School Photographer – Class photos                   |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May    | Y6 SATs Week   |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May    | Bedale Litter Busters 9.00 am                        |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May | Y2 Visit to Synagogue in Leeds                       |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May    | School closes for half term                          |

## June

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| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June                     | Staff training day – school closed                           |
| Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> -Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> June | Y6 Residential to Robinwood                                  |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June                    | Bedale Litter Busters 9.00 am                                |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June                    | Y4 Visit to Jorvik Viking Centre                             |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Y6 Summer production 2.30 pm<br>Y6 Summer production 6.00 pm |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June                 | Y6 Summer production 6.00 pm                                 |

## July

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| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July                     | Mrs Durham/Miss Sharp's class Wilderness Residential |
| Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> – Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> July  | Y6 taster days Richmond School                       |
| Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July  | Mrs Hutchinson's class Wilderness Residential        |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July                  | Y6 Leavers Service Ripon                             |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July                  | EYFS & KS1 Sports Day – 1.30 pm                      |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July                     | Reports out to parents                               |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July                     | EYFS-Y2 music competition                            |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July | Y6 Bedale High School transition days                |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July                     | Informal drop in to see class teacher(s) 3.30 pm     |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July                 | KS2 Sports Day – 1.30 pm                             |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July                  | FSG Disco  |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July                    | New class lists out                                  |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July                    | Meet new teachers 3.30 pm                            |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July                   | Meet new teachers 3.30 pm                            |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July                  | Y6 Leavers Service 2.30 pm                           |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July                    | Y6 leavers fun day                                   |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July                    | School closes for summer 3.30 pm                     |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July                    | Bedale Litter Busters 9.00 am                        |

These events are correct as of 26<sup>th</sup> February, but please note some dates may be subject to change and we will keep you updated with any other events that may be added during the remainder of the

## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024/25

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### **Spring Term:**

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January   | School closed. <i>In service training day</i> |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January  | School opens 9.00 am                          |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February  | School closes for ½ term at 3.30 pm           |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February | School opens 9.00 am                          |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March    | School closes for Easter at 3.30 pm           |

### **Summer Term:**

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April  | School closed. <i>In service training day</i> |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April | School opens 9.00 am                          |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May    | School closed. May Day holiday                |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May   | School closes for ½ term at 3.30 pm           |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June   | School closed. <i>In service training day</i> |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June  | School opens 9.00 am                          |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July  | School closes for Summer at 3.30 pm           |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July  | School closed. <i>In service training day</i> |

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### **Autumn Term:**

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September  | School closed. <i>In service training day</i> |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September | School opens 9.00 am                          |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October   | School closes for ½ term at 3.30 pm           |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November   | School opens 9.00 am                          |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December  | School closes for Christmas at 3.30 pm        |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January    | School closed. <i>In service training day</i> |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January   | School opens 9.00 am                          |

