

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'Learning & Caring Together'



Newsletter Date: 12th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had a great Easter break and are ready for the busy term ahead.

Things got off to a very exciting start this week with another visit from Dave from Box2Bfit.



The children in EYFS had another opportunity to improve and practise their skipping skills and to try and beat their skipping score from Dave's last visit! Dave then worked with all the children in Year 1-6 delivering Box2Bfit sessions. These sessions included nine circuit activities which were high energy and gave the children opportunities to try new sporting activities. Most of all they were lots of fun! All the children in school were



complimented by Dave on their fantastic attitude, perseverance and super behaviour during the sessions. A special mention to the sports captains who helped across all sessions modelling the activities and supporting the other children. We are looking forward to another visit from Dave in May this year, when we will be inviting grown ups to join us for a fun active session working with your child. More information will be coming out soon!



Big thank you to Kevin and Joe from Procter's coaches for sharing their rally car expertise with the children on Wednesday morning. As ex pupils of our school, they still believe in our values of hard work and perseverance which is needed to be successful on their forest tracks. They shared with us their safety gear and how important it is to have the right training and equipment. They showed us their trophies and answered lots and lots of questions!



We are all wonders

As part of Autism Awareness month, the children came to school in brightly coloured clothes and reflected on what makes each of us special and the importance of being kind and thoughtful.

So proud of their maturity and listening skills. Here are what some of our Year 3 children had to say.

'Everyone looks different and their brains can work differently too.' (William C)

'If someone is feeling overwhelmed we can see if they are ok but they might need time by themselves.' (Darcey)

'All the bright lights, noise and people rushing around might be scary for some people.' (Miles)

There is a lovely clip to share on the link : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ezv85LMFx2E>



This term it is lovely to welcome some new families to Bedale school. We know they will be well looked after by our caring children and hope they settle in quickly. Welcome to Eliza and Nova in EYFS, Ronnie, and Ayli in Y2 and Xander in Y5.

On a final note this week we are all very excited about our Circus event next Wednesday. Don't forget to come dressed up. Please see the details on the following page.

Have a super weekend.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

Congratulations to all those children who had excellent attendance, especially those still on 100% attendance for the year. We have 58 of these absolute super stars.

A special mention must also go to Mrs Hunters class and Mr Stephenson's class for their very high attendance last term.

We have had far fewer requests for holidays in term time this year, something we really do appreciate, as it makes it very tricky for the teachers to catch children up when they miss chunks of their learning.

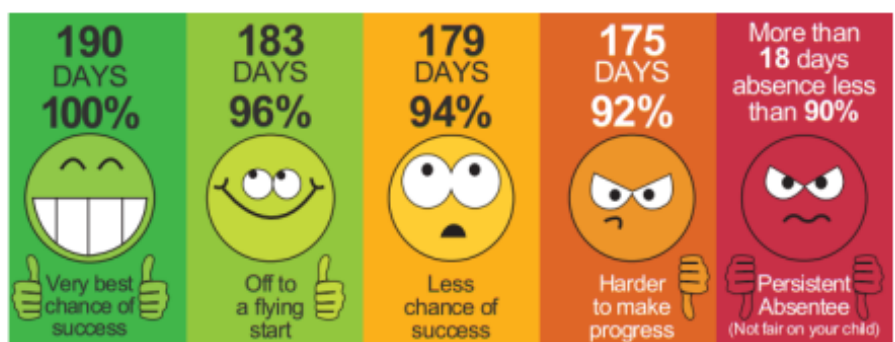
On a similar note, thank you to everyone who gets to school on time every single day, a reminder that our school gates open at 8.50am each morning. School starts at 9.00 am. It is important that your child/ren are at school on time each day. Children in each class start work from the moment they enter the classroom. If you are late, this becomes lost learning time which can make future testing more challenging. It also impacts on the learning of the rest of the class.

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	96.6%	96.7%	94.5%	97.4%	95.4%	95.4%	95.6%
Lates	35	21	18	49	29	30	25

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

We have been so impressed with how the children have returned to school this week and how hard they have been working. This week we have been reading the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We have enjoyed dressing up as the different characters to act out the story and using the repeated story language that is used. In the making area we have made our own houses and writing a list of the different things that we would want in our house.



Over the Easter holidays, our tadpoles have grown !! We couldn't believe how big they had become and the children were very excited to see how they have changed.

Thank you for your continued support with homework and reading at home. It is lovely to hear about how they get on at home in their reading dairies.

YEAR ONE NEWS

Year 1 have settled back brilliantly after a lovely Easter break; the children have loved preparing for our sunflower competition this week. Thank you to all those who came to our maths workshop yesterday, if you weren't able to make it, please see Google Classroom for all information.

In English they have created a set of instructions on how to grow a sunflower, using 'bossy verbs' and have painted and drawn some fabulous sunflower pictures. Last term in maths the children learnt about measure, they can now use the key language of taller and shorter and how to use a ruler to measure the growth of their sunflower over the next term, the tallest flower will win a prize at the end of the year so ready, set, grow!

A quick reminder that spellings will now be tested on a Friday and new spellings will still be set on a Friday morning. PE days are now Monday - outside, and Friday - inside, please ensure your child has their PE in school for these days.



YEAR TWO NEWS

What a fantastic first week back for Year 2! We started the week with Box2Bfit with Dave, where the children worked so hard at circuits and their boxing techniques. They showed great perseverance. To kick start our topic 'Come Fly with Me' we've introduced the story of 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane'. Ask your child to retell this story to you and the places she visits. Then over the next two weeks, the children will be

writing their own fantasy narratives and going on their own adventures around the world. In science, we've started our new topic 'living things and their habitats', looking at living things or objects that are alive, have never been alive and things that are dead with the help of MRS GREN and the 7 living processes to help us explain.



YEAR THREE NEWS

Firstly, thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who came to the Stone Age events. It was fantastic to see so many of you working in our woodland area with your children and we hope you had fun despite the wet weather.

In Science we have finished our rocks and soils work by conducting an investigation in to how much water different soils absorb. We are excited to move on to learning more about plants in the next half term. Look out for a letter in the next few weeks about our visit to the Himalayan Gardens.

This week the children have made Stone Age houses as part of the Design and Technology project looking at shell structures and how you can strengthen them. They thought carefully about what they could add to make them look realistic and to stop them from falling down!

We were very impressed with the children's stamina and skills in our Box2B fit session. We are now swimming every Friday morning so please don't forget to send their kit with them every week.



YEAR FOUR NEWS

Year 4 have had a brilliant start to the Summer term! We have enjoyed lots of exciting things this week, including the Box 2 be fit workshop, a visit from two Rally car drivers, and beginning our brand new topics!

The children have shown off their throwing and catching skills when practising skills for rounders. We definitely have some budding fielders in the class!



We are emerging ourselves in all things Anglo-Saxon and Viking. We have been learning about how the Anglo-Saxons would have lived, worked, and invaded.

We can't wait to continue our learning on this!

Please keep an eye out for dates coming up, including our Maths Workshop which will be on 2nd May at 3pm.

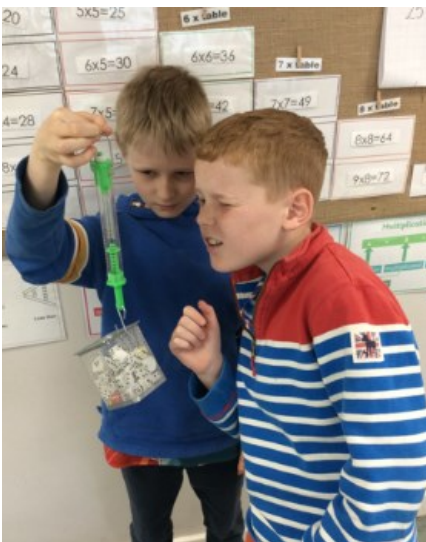


YEAR FIVE NEWS

This week in Y5, we have continued our research on the Solar System and have written fact boxes for our explanation text. Why not ask us to share some facts with you at home? In

maths, we are working on decimals including ordering and comparing decimals. Our top tip is to link decimals to money!

In our science this half term, we are learning about forces. We had lots of fun experimenting with Newton metres exploring the force needed to move different objects!



YEAR SIX NEWS

Welcome back to the final term of Year 6! As we gear up for SATS,



we are focusing on revising question techniques and content from KS2. Despite the hard work, we are still making time for exciting events like the recent visit from Box2befit and the rally cars. Remember, swimming will now be on Fridays so make sure your child has their swim gear. Homework will continue as usual, but we recommend using the revision booklets provided. With only four weeks left, it's important to stay healthy by eating plenty of fruits and vegetables, staying active, and getting enough sleep. Let's make the most of our final term in primary school!



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>

Theo (year 2) wanted to share some exciting news with you and tell you all about what he's been up to in this Easter.

He went with his football team Richmondshire Pro Player U7's to Holland for 6 days and played in his first ever international tournament. He played against teams from Malta, France, Holland and the UK. They placed 6th out of 24 teams. He's had the best time and is so unbelievably proud of himself and his team. Well Done Theo !



SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL



We are delighted to share that a new crossing patrol has been appointed for our school. This is such an important role in keeping our children and families safe on their way to and from school. He is due to start on 23rd April. Please go say hello and make him feel very welcome to our school community.

SWIMMING SUPER STAR

Well done to Bea in year 1 who has recently passed stage 4 in her swimming lessons and has started in stage 5. WOW!

Bea is only 6 years old! What an achievement. Keep up the great work Bea, you are amazing.



AGE UK

AgeUK in Bedale are on the hunt for new volunteers to join part of their well-established team. They are in need on Thursday's and Saturday mornings.

Please share with anyone you think may be able to help. They can be found at 2 Market Place, on Bedale High Street.



CASHLESS SCHOOL

Please be reminded that we are now a cashless school. Due to the bank closing in Bedale and Northallerton and Richmond also due to close soon, there is no bank for us to be able to pay any monies into. ParentPay is very easy to use and all families have been given registration details for this. If you need a reminder of the registration details, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. If you have forgotten your password, you can follow the 'forgotten password' link on the sign in page. The admin team are always happy to help with any questions you may have about the system. Thank you for your support with this.



DIARY OF VISITS – April 2024 – July 2024

April

Wednesday 17th April	World Circus Day
Thursday 18th April	Y2 Outside Film Night
Sunday 21st April	Bedale Litter Busters 9.00 am

May

Thursday 2nd May	Y4 Maths Workshop 3.00 pm
Friday 3rd May	EYFS Visit to Monk
Monday 6th May	School Closed Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	Family Fun Skip2bfit Day
Wednesday 8th May	School Photographer – Class photos
Thursday 9th May	Y3 Himalayan Gardens Visit –To Be Confirmed
Monday 13th May	Y6 SATs Week
Sunday 19th May	Bedale Little Busters 9.00 am
Wednesday 22nd May	Y2 Visit to Synagogue in Leeds
Friday 24th May	School closes for half term

June

Monday 3rd June	Staff training day – school closed
Wednesday 5th June	Wake Up Wednesday
Mon 10th-Wed 12th June	Y6 Residential to Robinwood Healthy Eating Week
Sunday 16th June	Bedale Little Busters 9.00 am
Tuesday 18th June	Y1 Visit to Captain Cook Museum
Friday 21st June	Y4 Visit to Jorvik Viking Centre
Tuesday 25th June	Y6 summer production 2.30 pm & 6.00 pm
Wednesday 26th June	Y6 Summer production 6.00 pm
Thursday 27th June	Summer Fair

July

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

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024/25

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Autumn Term:

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

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Spring Term

Monday 6 th January	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 7 th January	School opens 9.00 am
Friday 14 th February	School closes for ½ term at 3.30 pm
Monday 24 th February	School opens 9.00 am
Friday 4 th April	School closes for Easter at 3.30 pm

Summer term

Monday 21 st April	School closed Easter bank Holiday
Tuesday 22 nd April	School opens 9.00 am
Monday 5 th May	School closed May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 23 rd May	school closes for half term at 3.30 pm
Monday 2 nd June	School closed <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 3 rd June	School opens 9.00 am
Friday 18 th July	School closes for Summer
Monday 21 st July	School closed <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 22 nd July	School closed <i>In service training day</i>

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We are really excited about our Circus Day ! And are really looking forward to seeing everyone in their fancy dress. Please remember the only school meal served this day will be the sandwich selection or your own packed lunch. We look forward to seeing our lovely parents after school to enjoy our circus fun, which will include fun games, circus based skills activities, and face painting and various food stalls.

