

Newsletter Date: 10th November 2017

Dates for your Diary

Sun 12th Nov

Remembrance
Service at St
Gregory's Church
10.00 am

Tues 14th Nov

Rising 5s Stay & Play
session
9.30—10.30 am

Rising 5s open
evening for parents
6.00—7.00 pm

Thurs 23rd Nov

Individual
Photographs in
school

Friday 1st Dec

FSG Christmas Fayre
2.00—4.30 pm

Mon 4th Dec

EYFS, Y1 & Y2 Elf
Day

Sun 10th Dec

Toy Service at St
Gregory's Church
10.00 am

Anti-Bullying Week – 13-17th November



The theme for Anti-Bullying Week has the tag-line 'All Different, All Equal' and will promote difference and equality in schools.

The idea is to help children and young people celebrate what makes them, and others, unique and help them understand why it's important that every child feels included in school and able to be themselves without the fear of bullying.

Andy Day – star of children's TV - has joined forces with the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help them launch 'Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week' which encourages primary schools and parents all over the UK to encourage young children to wear odd socks for the day and celebrate their uniqueness.

The importance of Andy's message that an understanding of individuality at an early age can help prevent bullying later in life is echoed by the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

Here at Bedale Primary School, we will be holding our very own 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 13th November to help us launch Anti-Bullying Week. The children will all be shown Andy's video of his song 'Unique' during Collective Worship. Classes will be following this up with activities based around bullying throughout the week.



Our next event will be Children in Need on 17th November and the theme is “The big spotacular!” You can come into school wearing non-school uniform including something that is spotty for a suggested donation of £1. You could wear spotty socks, a spotty t shirt, a spotty onesie or be dressed head to toe in spots!



Millions of round pound coins are still in circulation. We're challenging you to hunt for them in saving jars, piggy banks, coat pockets and down the back of sofas, then put them to good use by donating to BBC Children in Need! We're aiming to collect as many as we can before our big Appeal Day on 17th November. There is a collection pot at the school office. Thank you for your support!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance last half term was 97.4% which is fantastic. Please can we politely remind parents/carers to telephone the school office by 8.55 am if your child is absent from school.

SAFETY

Now that the nights are getting darker, please can we remind pupils that walk home unaccompanied at the end of the school day/after clubs, to take extra care.

Please remind your child(ren) of the route they are expected to walk home and of the places where to cross the road safely.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Mrs Fitton who has married today and will now be known as Mrs Sawyer.

ENHANCED MAINSTREAM SCHOOL

Our EMS staff continue to work in school to support pupils and staff. Mrs Hood runs a weekly friendship group on a Wednesday lunchtime, and other EMS staff work with the Peer Mentors helping them to care for others in school.

Our parent support adviser, Claire Owers, will be holding parental drop in sessions in school. Claire can offer advice on sleep difficulties, routines at home, coping with challenging behaviour, as well as information around local services available to parents. Please call at the school office if you would be interested in attending.

If you would like to talk to staff at the EMS please call 01677 458269.

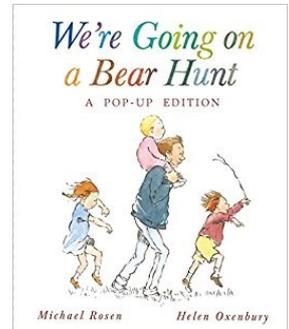


We hope the beans are growing well and the children are enjoying watching them grow. We have been enjoying reading Percy the Park Keeper and learning about Autumn. Thank you for all the autumn hunt bags, the children have loved exploring all the things that were brought in. This week we have produced some amazing bonfire and firework art so the classrooms are looking very colourful!

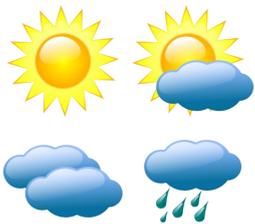
Reception News

Year 1/2 News

We hope you all had a great half term break, we loved hearing all about your adventures. We have been using the story of 'Going on a Bear Hunt' to look at performing, pattern and rhyme. The children have loved going on a Bear Hunt in the wildlife area and even finding a new character for the ending of the book. We have seen a dramatic increase in spelling scores from last year and we would like to thank parents for all your hard work with these at home. The hard work is paying off!



We are looking forward to competing in the intra-house sports competition this week running and competing for our house! I wonder which house will come out on top? Thank you for your continued support.



Remember, remember the 5th of November That is something we have been thinking about as we made bonfire night safety posters and talked about Guy Fawkes and his famous 'Gunpowder Plot'.

Year 3/4 News

We also had a fire safety talk so the focus has very much been around 'staying safe'.

Descriptive writing has also inspired the children as we have written our own weather poems and descriptions of autumn using similes and personification. It has been a lot of fun hearing them!

Year 5/6 News

We've been busy learning about the threats to the rainforest this week and are in the process of writing letters home with requests for help so keep an eye on bags early next week.



Well done to our football team. Please see the back page for a full report.

Thank you to everyone who has said they can help with bag packing on 25th November. If you can help, please return the letter this week.

FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP— BAG PACKING CO –OP BEDALE

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2017



Year 5/6 Pupils & Parents

We are currently looking for any pupil & parent volunteers that are able to help with Bag Packing at the Co – op, Bedale, on 25th November 2017. Any help you are able to provide is greatly appreciated and even if you can only spare a small amount of time this would be a great help to the school. We are hoping to raise money for all the children to watch a visiting theatre group perform a pantomime in the school and for additional features to develop the school's new peace garden. If you can offer any help please complete the pro-forma which your child will have brought home.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On the afternoon of Wednesday 8th November, the eagerly awaited Level 2 football competition took place at Richmond Secondary School. All the boys were in high spirits following their triumphant Level 1 display last month. Bedale knew that tougher encounters would be ahead. However, we are delighted to say Bedale C of E finished as runners-up (2nd out of 45 schools!)

There was a bit of everything throughout the day with lots of goals, penalties and some great moments of teamwork. We got off to the perfect start with a 3-1 win against Hawes after going a goal down. The second game was difficult against the eventual winners losing 3-0. That left a “must not be defeated” last group game but we pulled through and won 4-0.

The anticipated fixture of Brompton v Bedale came as a semi-final with Bedale missing a crucial penalty. Although it finished 0-0, the boys scored all of their shoot-out penalties, giving us a place in the final. After an exceptional, hard fought spell, the nemesis of the day, Richmond took the trophy home after another 2-0 victory. Well done to everyone who represented the school.



Mr Holmes and Mr Collins.

OUT OF SCHOOL/

Bedale Water Polo Club are looking for new members. You don't need to have to be able to swim, as long as you can stand confidently in the shallow end of the pool. They meet every Tuesday evening between 6.30—7.30 pm. The first taster session is free to anyone interested in joining. For further information contact Neil Kelly on 07761477751