

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 9th February 2018

Dates for your Diary

Mon 19th Feb

School Re-opens
8.55 am

Wed 21st Feb

Y5/6 Maths
Workshop
2.00 – 3.00 pm

Year 2 Trip to
Bolton Castle

Thurs 22nd Feb

Year 1 Trip to
Bolton Castle

Wed 28th Feb

EYFS Maths
Workshop
2.15—3.15 pm

Thurs 1st March

World Book Day

FSG Film Club
3.15—5.15 pm

Friday 2nd March

KS2 Poetry
Competition

Mon 5th & Tues

6th March

Parental
Consultation
Meetings

Dear Parents/Carers

On behalf of the Governors I would like to congratulate the children and staff on a superb OFSTED letter following an inspection on 16th January. I am sure you are all incredibly proud of the report your child brought home.

I am delighted that the OFSTED inspector recognised the leadership team have an uncompromising desire for the school to improve which has led to the exceptional high levels of attainment across the school. The staff's hard work, passion and excellent relationship with the children has shone throughout the whole report. I am particularly proud of the inspectors comments about the children's attitudes towards learning, being proud of their achievements and also their exemplary behaviour.

As part of the new inspection framework which was introduced on 1st January 2018, we have achieved the highest rating possible. The school remains good and there is also sufficient evidence of improved performance to suggest the school may be judged outstanding if it received a Section 5 inspection now. The school will be informed that its next inspection will be a Section 5 inspection, which will typically take place within one to two years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you as parents and carers for your continued support of the school and the staff.

I feel very privileged to be the Chair of Governors at such an exceptional school.

Mrs K Loughlin
Chair of Governors

HEAD LICE

As we arrive at half term please can I ask all parents to check their child's hair for head lice.

Unfortunately, head lice seem to be somewhat immune from some of the treatments available and to clear hair completely often needs several treatments.

Many thanks to those of you who have responded already. It has also been great to see lots of lovely plaits in school this week. This certainly is one of the best ways to ensure girls with longer hair do not catch head lice.

SHREK

Last week we had our annual school outing to see a musical. It was lovely to take a group of 42 pupils along to Sunderland Empire on Thursday night. The show was brilliant, and the children seemed to love every minute. The highlight for me, however, was when a member of the audience approached me to say she was herself a teacher and thought our pupil's behaviour was impeccable. Well done everyone and a huge thank you to all the staff who accompanied this visit.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Wednesday 21st February | Y5/6 Maths Workshop 2.00 –3.00 pm |
| Wednesday 21st February | Year 2 Trip to Bolton Castle |
| Thursday 22nd February | Year 1 Trip to Bolton Castle |
| Wednesday 28th February | EYFS Maths Workshop 2.15—3.15 pm |
| Thursday 1st March | World Book Day |
| Thursday 1st March | FSG Film Club 3.15—5.15 pm |
| Friday 2nd March | KS2 Poetry Competition |
| Monday 5th & Tues 6th March | Parental Consultation Meetings |
| Thursday 8th March | Cross Country Event—Richmond School |
| Friday 9th March | KS1 Poetry Competition |

Reception News

We hope you all received your invitations for our Alien picnic on March 14th. The children are going to be busy preparing for it.

We have been reading Winnie the Witch in Space and the children have done some amazing writing. You can really see how far they have come in such a short space of time.

We would like to thank you for all the time and effort you put in at home with reading and homework. The children are doing very well in phonics. If you have any questions about the sounds we have sent home, please don't hesitate to pop in.

We are now half way through the year and it has flown past. Have a lovely half term.

Year 1/2 News

Can you believe we are half way through the year already? It has zoomed by! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support with reading and homework that has been sent home.

We will be carrying on with our topic of Castles after the half term holiday and we are very excited about our visit to Bolton Castle. Year 2 will go on Wednesday 21st and Year 1 will go on Thursday 22nd February.

We have finished the half term looking at fantasy tale stories and we have written our own. Please feel free to pop in and have a read. We hope to share some on the walls to read too. Have a wonderful holiday.

Once again we come to the end of another fantastic half-term filled with Egyptian themed work across the curriculum. The children have delved into their imagination to create exciting story endings for our new favourite character, Tadeo Jones and remastered the art of writing with hieroglyphs on handmade papyrus paper!

Year 3/4 News

On Tuesday afternoon, Miss Hutton took the lead in an inspiring maths parent workshop which looked into what your children are learning and how we teach them maths in this school. Thank you to those who attended and hopefully you have been able to take useful information away.

Following Internet Safety Week, your children should be more aware to being safe and confident when being online, whether that be researching, socialising or gaming. Why don't you ask them to tell you something about being safe online?

Thank you for your support this half-term and can we remind you that reading diaries should be in school every day and a recording of your child's reading present inside. Also an indoor and outdoor PE kit present in school from Monday to Friday.

Year 5/6 News

We have had a very successful couple of weeks in Years Five and Six with our Tag Rugby team winning their cluster event at Wensleydale Rugby Club earlier in the week. They will now face the winners of other clusters in the next round of the competition at Richmond Rugby Club on Wednesday 28th February.

Thank you to everyone who came to our SATs information talk – if you were unable to attend or just want to view the information again, the slideshow is now available on our school website in the parents section, along with other useful SATs-revision links.

On the first Wednesday back we will be holding our Maths Workshop for parents starting at 2:00pm.

We are looking forward to our visit to Whitby on Friday 16th March. A separate letter will be sent out regarding this.

ATTENDANCE— SPRING FIRST HALFTERM



| Year Group | Attendance | No of Lates Recorded |
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| Rec | 93.9% | 9 |
| Y1 | 97.5% | 19 |
| Y2 | 95.7% | 26 |
| Y3 | 97.6% | 9 |
| Y4 | 94.9% | 15 |
| Y5 | 94.6% | 17 |
| Y6 | 96.4% | 16 |

Over the past three years our attendance at Bedale Primary School has been consistently good—at over 96% and we hope to continue to keep it that way.

Thank you to all parents and carers for working with us to achieve such a high standard. We have had an excellent start to the Spring term.

UNIFORM

Please can we remind parents to label all uniform including PE kits, coats etc. We have a large amount of items in lost property again.

Also, pupils should not be wearing trainers for school. Girls hair should be tied up, ideally in plaits and no large hair accessories.

INTERNET SAFETY DAY

On Tuesday 6th our Digital Leaders led two fantastic assemblies for KS1 and KS2 all about using the internet safely and how to “Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you” as part of global Safer Internet Day.

ROBINWOOD

Reminder. For those pupils attending the residential visit to Robinwood. Full payment must be received by no later than Friday 20th April 2018. Payment can be made via Parentpay. We still have some spaces available. Please contact the school office for further information.