

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 29th March 2018

Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th April

School Closed—
Staff Training Day

Tuesday 17th April

School Re-opens for
the Summer Term at
8.55 am

Wed 25th April

Talent Show—
Bedale High
School—6.00 pm

Friday 27th April

Whole School Art
Day

Tues 1st May

Year 4 Visit to
Georgian Theatre,
Richmond

Thurs 3rd May

Year 3 Visit to
Georgian Theatre,
Richmond

Mon 7th May

School Closed, Bank
Holiday

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of the Spring term it is a good time to reflect. Things could not have got off to a better start with our excellent Ofsted inspection. I feel so proud of all we have achieved over the last few years and I feel the high quality of teaching, pupils behaviour and our learning outcomes across the school were highlighted in the report. This reflects the hard work and commitment of all our staff and I am sure you will agree with me what a special team of staff I have.

It has been wonderful to see so many exciting things going on in school over the last few weeks. To name but a few, our early years alien picnic and our year 3 and year 4 Egyptian museum. I think we had a record number of children get through to the finals of the North Yorkshire Cross Country event at Dalby Forest this year and all performed so well. Congratulations to Lola, Jaicob, Ellie-May, Imogen and Phoebe.

Our first bingo night was a huge success and seemed to be enjoyed by all. A special thank you to Mr Loughlin for keeping the whole event running so swiftly! And thank you to Tesco and the Co-op for their generosity as always in donating our prizes.

Tesco have also donated us a £2,000.00 grant for further developing our Peace garden. Great News!

We ended the term with our Easter service beautifully led by our year 3 and year 4 pupils. A special thanks to Mrs Brown who wrote the service as well as organised it.

As we look forward to the Summer term please check our website for all dates of future events such as sports days and summer concerts.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

HEADLICE

This is a continuing problem. There are still some girls without their hair tied up and therefore they are more prone to catch headlice as well as spread it to their friends. Thank you to the many of you who have had their daughters long hair in plaits. Speaking as a mum of two daughters this is definitely the best way to stay head lice free!

If your child does catch head lice and you treat it, there is a chance that you will not kill all the bugs and therefore I would recommend further treatment a week/two weeks later. The Easter holidays is the ideal time to thoroughly check your child's hair. Thank you for your continued support with this.

ATTENDANCE

Thank you to those of you who have worked closely with us to improve your child's attendance over the last year. We pride ourselves on having excellent attendance and are consistently above national figures. There are just a few children who concern us. If you are having any issues please contact us so that we can work with you to support your child attending school. See the back page for year attendance and how well we have done.

STATUTORY TESTS

You may be aware that children in certain year groups have to sit national tests. It is essential that your child is in school during the following periods of time.

Year 1 Phonics Test—week commencing 11th June 2018

Year 2 SATS Tests—week commencing 14th and 21st May 2018 (over 2 weeks)

Year 6 SATS Tests—week commencing 14th May 2018

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform orders are placed once a fortnight. During the summer term orders will increase to weekly. Please allow plenty of time to order in readiness for September as our suppliers become extremely busy during the summer term.



You are also able to order online. Please visit www.studentuniform.co.uk/beps152 for more details. A reminder of our school uniform is available on our website.

As we come to the Summer term girls are welcome to wear blue checked summer dresses. Please can I ask you to keep head accessories to small and simple styles. No huge coloured bows and ribbons please.

Reception News

We have really enjoyed learning all about Easter and liked singing in the church.

After the holidays, we are going to be reading and writing traditional tales.



Thank you for all your home support the last two terms and we wish you a very happy Easter.

Year 1/2 News

We have loved our topic on Castles but our new topic is Active Me and we are going to have a launch day on **Friday 20th April**. On this day your child can come to school dressed in their home sports kit. We will be holding a carousel of activities to launch our new topic, including fruit tasting, circuit training and a skipping competition.



To aid the transition into Year 3 we ask that the parents/carers dropping children off in Year 2 on a morning allow the children to enter the classroom independently and get themselves organised for the day. Our doors will be open at the usual time and the maths early morning work will still be completed. If you have any worries or concerns please feel free to come in on a morning to talk to your class teacher.

Ancient Egypt has been to Bedale School in the form of our museum on Monday 26th March. Thank you to all the children for their hard work producing all of the work—it looked amazing! What a fantastic topic it has been.

Year 3/4 News

Next term we look forward to our visit to the Georgian Theatre in Richmond which will form part of our English work.



We hope you all have a lovely Easter.

Year 5/6 News

We've had a busy final fortnight of term in Years Five and Six, including our re-arranged visit to Whitby. Despite the blustery conditions, the children enjoyed the day at the coast as we learnt about the abbey and changes to the town over the last hundred years. We have been using our experience to help us write tourism brochures for the town in our English lessons. You should be able to see some of these soon on our blog pages.



Thank you again to everyone for their excellent topic homework this half term – there were some brilliantly made-up lies about Bedale amongst the well-researched facts. Have a good Easter break and we will see you all next term.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE SPRING TERM



Year Group	Attendance	No of Lates Recorded
Rec	95.3%	16
Y1	97.1%	28
Y2	95.8%	55
Y3	96.3%	22
Y4	94.9%	36
Y5	95.2%	36
Y6	96.8%	40

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.

We are very proud of all our children (and parents/carers) who consistently help us to achieve such high standards. Thank you and keep it up!

OUT OF SCHOOL/

BEDALE GOLF CLUB—Girls Golf Rocks Free taster session for girls aged 5-18

This will take place at Bedale Golf club on Friday 6th April—4.00—6.00 pm. To register a place contact Steven Pearce on 07818 446591 or stevenpearce63@hotmail.com

- Perfect for girls aged 5-18 year
- No experience necessary
- No equipment needed, just wear comfy clothes, trainers and join in the fun

DINNER ACCOUNT ARREARS

As of today we have 54 pupils whose dinner accounts are currently in arrears. Please can we remind parents that we DO NOT offer credit for school meals and any meals ordered should be paid for in advance. As you are probably aware, school budgets are significantly stretched and funds allocated by the Government are to support the teaching and learning of pupils and NOT school meals. Using this money to pay for pupil meals has a significant impact on the money we have available to purchase much needed resources to support pupils' learning.

Please ensure any debt you owe is paid before the financial year end on **31st March**, any debts outstanding after this will be forwarded to the Local Authority for further action.