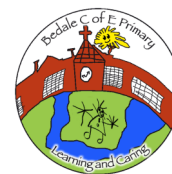


# Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 4th October 2019

## Dates for your Diary

### Thurs 10th Oct

EYFS Phonics  
Workshop and  
Harvest Festival in  
the Hall—  
1.45 pm

Harvest Festival at  
St Gregory's  
Church, 6.00 pm

### Wed 16th Oct

FSG Film Club—  
3.15—5.15 pm

### Thurs 17th Oct

Y3/4 Maths  
Workshop  
2.15pm

### Mon 21st &

### Tues 22nd Oct

Parental  
Consultation  
Evenings—  
3.30—6.00 pm

### Fri 25th Oct

Whole School Flu  
Immunisation

School Closes for  
half term at  
3.15 pm

### Mon 4th Nov

School re-opens  
at 8.55 am

Dear Parents/ Carers

It has been an eventful two weeks with the road closures last Wednesday, some awful weather and lots of extra activities in school taking place.

This week saw the first of our workshops for parents with our Y5 and Y6 parents being invited into school on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Next week our EYFS parents are invited to attend a phonics and writing workshop followed by a Harvest Festival celebration in the school hall. For the rest of the school our Harvest Festival takes place at 6.00 pm at St Gregory's Church on Thursday 10th October. We hope to see some of you there. Reverend Simon, who is quite new to our Parish, will be leading the service. He has already been into school to meet all our pupils and lead some of our Collective Worship.

Our School Council is well underway. In their weekly meetings they have shared some fantastic suggestions for events they would like to organise this academic year. Our first event will be a non-uniform day held on Friday 25th October in order to raise money for a charity. Each class will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite charity which the School Council will collect in and then announce the winner. Keep your eyes peeled for more details soon!

Film Club was a real success last week. Many thanks for collecting your child from the KS2 playground—this makes it so much easier for the staff to ensure all the children are safe when handing them over at the end of the session. Our next Film Club is on Wednesday 16th October and we will follow the same pattern.

On Wednesday 2nd October we took 40 pupils to the cross country event at Richmond School and had a wonderful day. The weather was kind to us and the sun was shining. Our children really were amazing and there was such a strong sense of team spirit with our older pupils cheering on and supporting our younger children. All the children's behaviour was impeccable and they did us proud. To quote one young man "it was the best thing I have ever done!"

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

## **SPORTING SUCCESS**

Following on from our last newsletter we are delighted with some other pupil achievements as follows:

Alfie Wilkinson received his first gold medal in Karate at the North East Open during the summer holidays. He was North East Champion in the 10-11 age category.

Henry King, Ellis Laing, Esmae Potter, Megan Williams and Theo Kenny recently took part in the Junior Yorkshire Warrior at Ripley Castle.

Jaicob Saunders recently took part in the Yorkshire Winter Championship Gala and came 7th in Yorkshire in backstroke, a fantastic achievement.

A huge well done to Matilda Ellis who took part in the 5km Snape run and placed 1st in her under 11s group and 5th over all.

Finally, lots of our children took part in the Halcyon Trust Fun Run last weekend, well done to everyone who took part in this fantastic charity event.

In school this week we have attended the Level 2 Cross Country Festival at Richmond School. All of the children showed fantastic determination and we are now waiting for the results from this.

## **SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**

To promote our safeguarding in school, please could we politely remind parents that they should not be entering corridors/cloakrooms on a morning. For information our new Child Protection Policy has recently been published on our school website under the 'Policies' section. Thank you.

### **Reception News**

We made porridge just like the bears in the Goldilocks story. The children mixed the oats and milk and we heated it up. They selected from a range of different toppings and we talked about what kind of food keeps us healthy.



Following this we are going to be looking at where food comes from and our local harvest produce. We are going to walk to the local allotments and see what is grown there. We are thinking about what is needed for food to grow and what we do to look after our bodies. PE was great last Friday. The children all had a really good try at getting changed and enjoyed the physical games in the hall.

Thank you for sending in things for the making area, it's much appreciated. Hope to see you at the workshop and harvest sing on October 10th.



## Year 1/2 News

Year one had a great walk into Bedale on Monday where the children impressed us with their map reading skills and fantastic behaviour. The children also practised their geography skills in forest schools by creating a map of the area. If you need a copy of the forest schools dates please see your child's teacher as it is really important that they have the right clothes.

We would like to start by praising all of the Year 2 children (and their families) for their amazing efforts with their weekly homework. We have had every child return every piece of homework on time so far...keep it up!

We have been busy learning about our local community and the people who live in it. We are going to be continuing our work on Bedale over the next few weeks by writing a letter to the Mayor telling him about the things we love and the things we'd like to change in Bedale. Thank you to all those parents/carers who have helped their child to learn their maths target. You can find this in their reading diaries if you are unsure what you need to do.

## Year 3/4 News

In year 4 we have been finding out about the issue of homelessness ready to share at the Harvest Festival. We were really impressed with the reports the children wrote and they had lots of ideas about how to help with this issue. We hope to see lots of the children at the Harvest Festival and we will be looking for some children to read in church.

In year 3 we have been having fun in writing too with poetry around Harvest Festival. The poems have been fantastic and we can't wait to share them at the service.

There is a year 3 and 4 maths workshop on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm in the school hall.



## Year 5/6 News

Thank you to everyone who attended our two maths workshops this week on Wednesday and Thursday. The associated presentations and resources are available on our school website for anyone who would like a recap or if they were unable to attend.

On Monday the Year Five classes are welcoming Yorkshire Water to learn more about their support of the WaterAid charity while on Wednesday Michelle Dearlove is coming in to help the children with their RE work. Our Year Six pupils visited St. Gregory's on Friday as part of their RE topic as well.

If you head to our school blog you will also be able to see a full account of our visit to Reeth written by one of our pupils as well as some photos from the day.

### **FSG DISCO**

On Thursday 7th November we will have our first school disco. This event is split into two sessions, one for EYFS, Y1 & Y2 children and the later session for Y3-Y6 pupils. Parents are asked to stay at the EYFS, Y1 & Y2 one and drop children off for the Y3-Y6 one and collect them at 7.45 pm from the back playground. No pupils are allowed to walk home by themselves. Please note children are not allowed to attend the disco that is not related to their own year group (i.e pupils in KS1 are not allowed to attend the KS2 disco).

Timings are as follows: EYFS, Y1 & Y2—5.00 pm—6.15 pm






KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6) - 6.30 pm—7.45pm

### **ATTENDANCE**

We have had an excellent start to the school year for attendance, an essential element to ensure our children receive the best possible education. Good attendance has been shown to have a positive effect on the performance of children during their school life. Thank you to all parents and carers for working with us to achieve such a high standard.

| <b>Days off school</b> | <b>Attendance</b> | <b>Result</b>        |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 0 days missed          | 100%              | Perfect attendance   |
| 2 days missed          | 99%               | Excellent attendance |
| 5 days missed          | 96.5%             | Good attendance      |
| 10 days missed         | 95%               | Below average        |
| 14 days missed         | 93%               | Poor attendance      |

Our attendance for the academic year so far is as follows:

| <b>Year Group</b> | <b>Attendance</b>   | <b>No of Lates Recorded</b> |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Rec               |  97.8% | 11                          |
| Y1                | 98.1%  | 10                          |
| Y2                | 96.0%   | 2                           |
| Y3                | 97.9%  | 8                           |
| Y4                |  97.8% | 4                           |
| Y5                | 96.2%   | 3                           |
| Y6                |  97.5% | 5                           |

For further information or advice on school attendance, please contact the school office.