

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 18th October 2019

Dates for your Diary

Mon 21st & Tues 22nd Oct

Parental
Consultation
Evenings—
3.30—6.00 pm

Thurs 24th Oct

Parental
Consultation
Afternoon—Mrs
Ball & Mrs
Lynch's class
1.00-6.00 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

Y2 visiting Bedale
Leisure Centre

Tues 5th & Wed 6th Nov

Yorkshire Dales
River Trust
mobile classroom
visiting school

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to see so many of our EYFS parents in school last week for our 'mini' Harvest Festival celebration. I do hope you enjoyed the singing, dancing and flapjack. The Harvest Festival service at St Gregory's Church was also a great success and a huge well done must go to all our very brave readers. The food donations this year have been given to Hambleton food bank, Meals on Wheels and Dalescare.

On World Mental Health Day we said a cheery hello to all of the yellow last Friday! The children and staff participated in an assembly where we thought about what mental health is. The children also came up with some strategies to stay calm when things might start to worry us. Alongside this, we watched the launch of the 'Britain get talking' campaign with Ant and Dec.

In school, we have a quiet room that children can access on a Monday lunchtime ran by Mrs York, our SENCO. Some children are also taking part in some outdoor exercise with JP on a Tuesday lunchtime. We are always looking for new ideas to allow further opportunities to develop our mental well being. A huge thank you for the cake donations. Thanks to your efforts, we raised £210.41 for the charity 'Young Minds' which is wonderful (we still have a few cake boxes left in the main entrance for collection).

Parental consultation meetings will take place on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October between 3.30 pm —6.00 pm (with the exception of Mrs Ball & Mrs Lynch's class which will take place on Thursday 24th October—1.00 pm—6.00 pm). We look forward to seeing you all in school.

Please note we break up for half term on Friday 25th October and return on Monday 4th November. We do not have a staff training day in the forthcoming half term. Please note some of our training days do differ to Bedale High School.

Mrs E Turnbull, Head Teacher

CELEBRATING SUCCESS IN THE ENGLISH CURRICULUM

In Collective Worship this week we have celebrated the children's achievements in reading and writing. So many of the children throughout school had taken part in Bedale Library's 'Summer Reading Challenge' and they received their certificates.

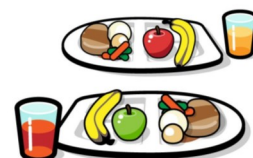
In addition to this, as a school, we also took part in a writing competition organised by the library. The library were very impressed with the quality of the entries and awarded some of the children High Commended Certificates. There were also top prizes for children in each year group who received 'A Writer in the Making' certificate and special prize. These children were:

Celyn Roberts, George Lock, Kairi Buckton, Ava Furlong, Freddie Sinnott, Sydney Schofield, Lola Beeney, Lucas Stapylton, Oscar Ward and Alfie Wilkinson. Well done to everyone!

HAPPY PLATE DAY

On Thursday 24th October our school kitchen are holding a 'Happy Plate Day'.

If your child is served their school meal on a tray with a sticker on the bottom they will receive a special prize from our kitchen staff!



PARENT GOVERNOR BALLOT

Following on from the Parent Governor Ballot, we are pleased to inform you that Mr James Neate and Mr Graeme Tate have been appointed as our new parent governors.

SPORTING SUCCESS

Well done to Ben Croft who last week was awarded second 'Top Wicket Taker' for North Yorkshire for the Under 10s!

Reception News

What a great week the children had last week in early years. They made harvest hats and flapjack in preparation for their harvest celebration with families. They sang beautifully and performed Oats and Beans and Dingle Dangle Scarecrow with confidence. It is hard to believe that these children have only been in school for six weeks. We thank you for coming to the celebration and we hope you feel very proud of the children.

PE is going well in the hall. They have been learning the Animal Boogie Woogie Oogie along with some simple games which involve listening and spatial awareness. On the whole, the children are doing very well at getting dressed and undressed independently.

Thank you for continuing to support the children with their early morning work. They will have an early morning work book after half term which will support the development of accurate cursive letter formation. We look forward to seeing you at parents evening.

We would like to say a huge 'Well Done' to all the Year 1 and 2 children for such a positive start to the new school year. They have all worked so hard and got back into the swing of school life very quickly!

Year 1/2 News

As the weather is changing, please make sure that your child has a coat in school every day and that they continue to bring a water bottle into school with them.

Each class have now begun the reading rainbow, where they receive rewards for their reading at home. We aim for children to read 3 times a week but please feel free to read more than this. Any reading children do must be recorded in their diary if it is to be counted for the rainbow.

Also, a big thank you to Year 2 for their fantastic behaviour at the library last week. The children enjoyed their visit and choosing a book to take home. Please remember that all books borrowed, must be returned back to Bedale Library on or before 28th October.

Year 3/4 News

In year 3, we have been learning lots about the United kingdom and have created a non-chronological report all about the UK using paragraphs and subheadings. The presentation of work is brilliant. This has linked really well with our topic sessions where we have been learning more about how the land is used in the UK. The children's hard work continues as we have started using bar models in maths to represent and work out addition and subtraction problems.

Thank you to all those who contributed and attended our Harvest service last week. The children who read did a marvellous job.

In Year 4 the children have all worked hard to write their own version of the myth 'Icarus'. They used powerful verbs and exciting vocabulary to make their stories as enjoyable as possible! In maths we continue to work hard on learning our times tables.

We look forward to seeing you at parents evening so you can see the fantastic work that the children have produced so far.

Year 5 enjoyed their visit from Yorkshire Water on Monday 7th October to talk about the work of Water Aid around the

Year 5/6 News

world. We enjoyed learning about the VIP (Ventilated Improved Toilet) and how the charity helps people who don't have access to clean, safe water. In the fortnight since the visit we have been learning more about the work of Water Aid and writing about it. We will be sharing this work with our paired classes later in the term. After half-term we have another visit to school with the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust coming with their mobile classroom to help us learn even more about rivers and their features.

In Year 6, we have been learning more about the rainforest. We've written poems about their beauty and now we are researching some of the important issues that are associated with them. In Science we have been using classification keys to sort a variety of little-known amphibians—it was quite a tricky task but between us we managed it. We look forward to meeting you all at parents evening next week and discussing your child's progress.

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 disco and drop children off for the Y3-Y6 disco 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 - Entrance is £1.00 per child

OUT OF SCHOOL/

Bedale Sharks are planning another water polo competition this year with a minimum of 6 pupils from local schools competing.



The competition is open to boys and girls in years 4, 5 or 6. Participants do not have to be brilliant swimmers. Pupils would need to attend a few training sessions on a Tuesday evening at 6.30 pm for an hour in November. The competition would then be held on Saturday 14th December 2019 between 1.30 pm -3.30 pm.

If your child would be interested in representing our school please contact Neil Kelly on 07761 477751.

Thorp Perrow Big or small – there's something for everyone this Autumn and Winter at Thorp Perrow! They have a Spooktacular Halloween Trail between 12th October – 3rd November as well as Santa in his magical Grotto between 7th—24th December! To purchase tickets and book your slot, visit www.thorpperrow.com/grotto.

There is also a Christmas Crafts event on Saturday 7th December 11.00 am-2.00 pm as well as a Winter Welly Walk Saturday 26th January 11.00 am

See flying demonstrations from birds of prey – meet the meerkats, wallabies and pygmy goats in the mammal centre, or just take in the breath taking views in the 100 acre Arboretum.

