

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: Friday 15th November 2019

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 21st Nov

Year 6 attending
Crucial Crew

Fri 22nd Nov

FSG Chocolate
Tombola

Thurs 28th Nov

Individual
Photographs

Fri 29th Nov

FSG Christmas
Fair
2.00—4.00 pm

Mon 2nd Dec

EYFS, Year 1 / 2
Elf Day

Fri 6 Dec

Christmas Jumper
and Lunch Day

Mon 9th Dec

Y2 Christmas
songs to Parents
2.30 pm

Tues 10th Dec

EYFS Christmas
Production
2.00 & 6.00 pm

Thurs 12th Dec

Year 1 Christmas
Production—
2.00 and 6.00 pm

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have had a productive couple of weeks.

Our years 4 and 5 were fortunate to begin the half term with a workshop to explore the religion of Hinduism, and some Indian traditions, to coincide with recent Diwali celebrations. Our guests, Mrs Singh and Mrs Kaur, transformed a classroom with beautiful, vibrant decorations, which acted as a back drop to the dramatisation of the story of Rama and Sita. The children took part in the story, bringing the characters alive and helping them understand the origin of the festival of lights, all whilst Mrs Kaur prepared a fantastic feast for sharing. Arguably the highlight of the day, however, was the opportunity to adorn ourselves in traditional Indian clothes and learn some spectacular dance moves – a fantastic way to explore different celebrations in our wider community. It was certainly a day to remember, one which the children enjoyed enormously and will remember for years to come.

Our school disco was a great success and it was wonderful to see both discos so very well attended. The children's behaviour at both sessions was exceptional. I have told KS2 pupils it was the best disco I have been to in all my sixteen years here. The children were also absolutely brilliant in making as little mess as possible. Mr McBeath commented at the end of the event how there was very little rubbish for him to clean up.

That brings me on to some news to share. Mr McBeath will be leaving us shortly. He has been successful in gaining a post as site supervisor at a larger secondary school. He has worked at Bedale for the past ten years and worked extremely hard to keep our site safe and looking smart. I am sure you will join me in wishing him all the best for the future.

Finally, thank you very much everyone for supporting our Young Minds event last half term. As well as looking at how to deal with mental health issues, we raised an amazing £210.41 for the charity.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

SPORTING SUCCESS!

Well done to some of our pupils on the following achievements:



Maddie Main— Selected for the elite squad Kyu grade nationals

Fraya Pritchard—Scouted for Sunderland Youth Football Club

Freddie Cuthbert—Scouted for Leeds Youth Football Club

Maisie Morris—Won gold in the 100 m butterfly at a swimming gala

BRILLIANT!



Well done to Ava Prisk in Year 4 who held a fundraiser in Chantry Hall on Saturday 9th November to raise money for Myeloma UK. She managed to raise over £3,000.00 in total which is an absolutely incredible achievement.

Well done Ava. We are very proud of you!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT

There is a Christmas Craft event being run by the Church on Saturday 30th November in Chantry Hall at 2.30 pm. Children are invited to decorate lanterns, watch a Christmas film and have hot chocolate brownie bites! At 4.00 pm they will be processing to the Market Cross for the switching on of the Christmas lights. All welcome.

THE SUN NEWSPAPER—BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS

The Sun Newspaper will be printing book tokens in the The Sun and The Sun on Sunday between Saturday 23rd November and Saturday 18th January. As a school we have registered to collect these tokens and would be very grateful if everyone, who has a copy of this newspaper, could collect the tokens and bring them into school. We would appreciate it if you could also ask any friends and family members if they could also save tokens as we need to collect 3500. It sounds a lot but as we have just over 350 pupils I'm sure, between us, we could manage this. We will then receive 105 free books from authors such as David Walliams and Julia Donaldson - so it is definitely worth doing. Many thanks.

Reception News

This half term we are sharing Percy the Park Keeper stories and learning about our wider world. The children have been dressing up as Percy and looking after the animals in his cottage as well as role playing in our vets and learning how to take care of the animals. It has been a lovely start to the term and the children are coming on well.

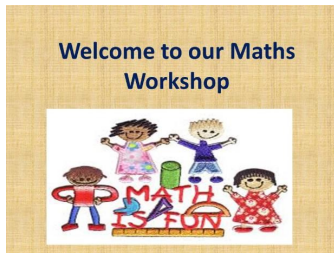


This week we have been thinking about friendship and what makes a good friend. The children were so clear about what makes them happy and how to be a good friend. We feel proud of the way they have bonded as a cohort of children and are working and playing together.

Year 1: It was lovely to see so many of you at the phonics workshop. The children have been producing some lovely writing and art based on their experiences of bonfire night and have made their own bonfires in forest schools too. Please send any old boxes, pots etc in from next week for our upcoming art projects.

Year 1/2 News

Year 2: Thank you to all that attended the Y2 Maths workshop on Monday: we hope that you found it useful. If you were unable to attend, but are interested in how you can help support your child at home, then feel free to speak to your child's class teacher for more information.



The children enjoyed their visit to the leisure centre last week. We were given a guided tour and learnt a lot about what happens there. We have used all of the information to write leaflets in our English lessons this week. Next week we are going to be using the ipads to create digital information booklets!

Year 3/4 News

Year 3: What an exciting start to the new half term year 3 have had! During the first week back, we put our chef



hats on and mixed together our learning on nutrition to create delicious pizzas! I hope your child let you try some! In the same week, we experienced a successful visit to Bedale Hall, where we were kindly looked after by the voluntary staff there. They said they would love to see more faces come along and learn about the history of Bedale. Finally, we are very fortunate this term to be going to the High School every Wednesday morning to be taught PE. As the cold weather approaches, it is a privilege to be able to do this inside and stay warm and dry.

Year 4 were joined last Wednesday by Mrs Singh and Mrs Kaur to learn more about Hinduism. The most popular activity of the afternoon was the dancing and there was some very impressive routines from the children! We also enjoyed food tasting, the story of Rama and Sita, and learning lots of information about India. In our writing this week we are producing some

Year 5: We had a fabulous workshop to explore the religion of Hinduism. See front page for further details.

Year 5 News



In the coming weeks, we hope to have a visit from the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust, who unfortunately had to cancel their planned visit last week.

Year 6: This week has been very busy; we have simulated the human circulatory system in the hall and the children enjoyed traveling through ‘the body’ and seeing how and why the blood flows the way it does. We also had a very interesting RE workshop on Thursday. The children joined in with different activities to broaden their understanding of the Islamic faith. They listened really well to all the information and asked some very poignant questions.

Year 6 News

Finally, it has been lovely to see how enthusiastic the children have been about raising money to sponsor an area of rainforest and possibly a rainforest animal as well. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone and we are really looking forward to finding out the total of the amount raised. Please can any remaining money come into school by Monday 18th November, many thanks.

LUNCH TIME CLUBS

Last half term we have had some lunch time clubs running. This is what our children thought about them:

Cricket	Well Being Lunch Time Club
Cricket club at dinner time has made lunch time more fun – Ben Year 6	He tells you things you can do at home and in the garden to make you fit—Jaicob
I like using the bat and learning new things – Levi –Year 5	We do team ups. It’s good team work—Elliot
I enjoy doing all the different activities: fielding, batting and bowling – Alfie Year 6	I like it. I like running—Sophie
I like doing all the batting. It makes lunch time more fun. Katie Beth –Year 3	He pushes you to be better. It’s hard sometimes but it is good. - AJ
I like the fact that we all have fun and get dirty –Tiana Year 3	It aches but that is a good thing because it shows your legs are getting stronger—George
I enjoy it. We play lots of fun games – Josh Year 5	
Cricket club is fun. We learnt how to play rounders – Kira –Year 3	

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are now running a new cookery club this half term for our Year 6 pupils. It has filled up extremely quickly and we hope to run it for other year groups in the future if it is successful.