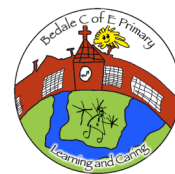


Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: Friday 13th December 2019

Dates for your Diary

Mon 16th Dec

EYFS Christmas Party – AM

Year 3 Christmas Party—PM

Tues 17th Dec

Carol Service
St Gregory's Church
10.00 am

Y4 Christmas Party—PM

Wed 18th Dec

Year 5 Christmas Party—PM

Thurs 19th Dec

Year 6 Christmas Party—PM

Winners House Treat

Friday 20th Dec

School closes for Christmas at 3.15 pm

Mon 6th Jan

School Closed In service Training Day

Tues 7th Jan

School re-opens for Spring Term

Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas is always a very special time of year in school and over the past couple of weeks we have had lots of fun and been incredibly busy. I hope those of you who have attended our nativity concerts and our Christmas sing song have thoroughly enjoyed them. The children always rise to these occasions and do themselves proud. We now move into 'party week' and you should have received some information from your class teachers regarding your child's class party. You are also welcome to join us at St Gregory's Church on Tuesday 17th December at 10.00 am when our Year 6 will be leading our Carol Service.

Our Christmas Fair proved to be as popular as ever and Santa was very much in demand. A huge thank you to those of you who helped either before or afterwards with the setting up and clearing away, no mean feat. A special thank you to Emily McLean for her incredible efforts for this event. It would not have happened without her.

Our new site supervisor, Mr Booth, has taken up post. You may have seen him on the gates at the start of the day and we hope he will be very happy at Bedale. We also look forward to welcoming back Mrs Harding next week, who returns following her maternity leave to teach in Year 2.

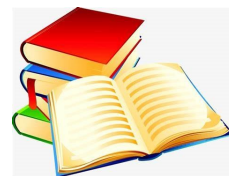
We endeavour to send out all letters on Fridays to make life easier, so please always check your child's book bag on a Friday evening. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of our newsletter you can be added on the mailing list by following the link on our website. In addition, a copy of newsletters are always available on our website.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to not only wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, but also to thank you for all your support this term, especially during the long term absence of Miss Smith and Mrs Clark. Mrs Pennock is definitely in need of her Christmas holiday this year!

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

VISIT TO WHITE ROSE BOOK SHOP

Last week I had the pleasure of taking a small group of year 1 and year 2 children to the White Rose Book Shop in Thirsk to reward them for their efforts with reading. This is something we hope to continue to do on a termly basis, as it is such a lovely experience.



PARKING



Can I please ask all parents to be extra vigilant when bringing and collecting children to and from school. I have had a couple of near misses reported to me. If you are able to walk rather than drive to school please give this option consideration as I am aware how busy both Firby Road and Benkhill Drive both are (particularly with all the buses for Bedale High School).

BULB PLANTING



We were fortunate to be donated a bag of daffodil bulbs by Bedale Town Council. Our children decided where they thought the best place would be to plant them and last week a small group of children, guided by Mrs Pike and Mrs Harland set to work. We are looking forward to seeing a host of daffodils in front our fencing come the Spring term.

NUTS IN SCHOOL

Just a reminder following the text we sent. We have a child with a severe nut allergy in school. Please do not send anything which contains nuts in packed lunches etc. Please be mindful of food such as Nutella. Thank you for your co-operation.

Reception News

It is already the end of their first term in school and it has absolutely flown by. The children have made a fantastic start to their school career and have all settled in well. We would like to take the time to really thank you for all of your support at home this term and say what a pleasure it is to teach your children.



The Gold Star Inn was brilliant and we feel proud of the enthusiasm with which the children took part. We are looking forward to the Christmas break and wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

When we come back to school in January we are learning about our own culture and cultures in other places. We will be reading a great book called The Magic Paintbrush by Julia Donaldson which we know from past experience the children have loved.

Year 1: It has been a busy week with performances and parties! Well done to all the children for doing so well in their performances of The Gold Star Inn. We were very proud of you all. Don't forget the last Forest School session of the term for Mrs Hunter's class is on Tuesday.

Year 1/2 News

Year 2: Well done to all the children in our Christmas Sing Along on Monday. You all did an amazing job. This week the children have enjoyed making tiffin and packaging for it. We hope you enjoyed the tasty treat!

Reminder PE kits need to be in school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday. This is the same after the holidays too. Have a lovely Christmas.

Year 3: In year 3, we have been working really hard in the run up to Christmas, writing a brilliant Christmas Story about Harvey Slumfenburger. We were also fortunate to make a visit to the Methodist church for a fun and interactive experience of the Nativity.

Year 3/4 News

Don't forget that our Christmas party is on Monday afternoon! Have a lovely Christmas from the Year 3 team.

Year 4 Christmas is such a magical time in school and although the children are getting excited, they continue to work hard. In art and history we have learnt about mosaics and have designed our own. We hope you will like our mosaic cards. Over Christmas, please keep practising times tables and enjoy some lovely books. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 5: Since the last newsletter Year Five have enjoyed the visit of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust Rivers2 U van <http://www.yorkshiredalesriverstrust.com/>

Year 5 News

We were able to use their stream tray to develop our understanding about different river features as well as learn more about the different rivers in our local area. We also learnt more about flooding and about how in some areas of North Yorkshire beavers are being reintroduced to try and help reduce floods down stream. It was a super way to recap our geography learning over this term.

Next week we will be revisiting our Design and Technology work to try and improve our Art Straw bridges from earlier in the term. Hopefully we will have learnt from our mistakes and make some more successful models this time around. Keep an eye on our school blog for details.

Don't forget our Y5 party is on Wednesday 18th December when we will be having our party food at lunch instead of usual school dinners and packed lunches. Please bring your party clothes in a named bag to get changed in to.

In our English work we have been busy writing the story of Bear and Hare based upon a previous John Lewis

Year 6 News

advert – the children have thoroughly enjoyed watching it and singing along to the song; they have produced some wonderful, descriptive stories. In Science we have produced posters informing others about how they can look after their heart whilst in Maths we have been focusing on coordinates and completing reflections of images. Next week we are looking forward to presenting the Christmas story in our Carol Service at the church (Tuesday 17th December at 10am). We hope to see many of you there. The children are also very excited about their Christmas party next Thursday afternoon. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over the Autumn term and wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council recently created a questionnaire for each class to complete. It was lovely to see so many comments about the things we like about our school including: film club, our library, paired reading, outside equipment and school visits. We have been given lots of suggestions of possible future events and charities pupils would like to raise money for. Remember to talk to your school council representatives if you have anything you would like us to discuss in our weekly meetings.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDARS

During Advent you may like to join the school and contribute to a reverse advent calendar, instead of opening a door on the calendar, you pop an item in to school to donate to a foodbank. The demand for the foodbank has doubled over the past few years and during the winter time numbers usually rise.

If you would like to donate an item(s) to the foodbank over the advent period, we are collecting these in school until 18th December.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS

Tinned meat or fish	Cereal
Tinned vegetables and fruit	Porridge
Tinned meals (eg. chilli, stew)	UHT milk
Tinned Soup	Pasta
Pie in a tin	Rice
Tinned beans	Squash
Tinned pasta	Biscuits
Packet pasta and sauce	
Packet noodles	
Jars of pasta sauce	
Jars of sandwich fillings	
Jars of jam or spreads	
Rice pudding	

Mrs White

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parental Consultation Evenings:

These are due to take place in the Spring term on the following dates:

Monday 10th February 2020—3.30—6.00 pm

Tuesday 11th February 2020—3.30—6.00 pm

On Tuesday 4th February there will be a SATs talk for parents of Year 6 pupils at 6.00 pm in Mrs Foster Classroom.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There will be a new list of after school clubs sent out after Christmas. These will start week commencing Monday 13th January 2020.