# Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware that very sadly one of our current Year 6 pupils was diagnosed with bone cancer in March, at the start of lockdown. Bailey has been fighting this disease with such determination and positivity. He has faced the gruelling treatment so bravely and we are all incredibly proud of him. In photos mum has sent me from the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle, he always has the biggest smile on his face, despite feeling incredibly poorly.



Unbelievably Bailey has been determined to complete his school work throughout his treatment. What an achievement!

In consultation with Bailey, his parents and his brother, Freddie in Year 4, we would like to fund raise for the Royal Victoria Infirmary, where he has received the most wonderful care. Bailey's family have chosen the Children's Cancer Fund, a charity his consultant is a Trustee of. This charity supports research for the clinical trials team which enables new treatments to be developed so that children in the north get access to new treatments before or at the same time as children from other regions, without having to travel out of the area. The charity also provides support such as crafts, play, music therapy and a raft of psychological and practical support for families. These two aspects make real and important differences for children and their families.

Mrs Nunn, as lead of our School Council, is working closely with Bailey's friends in Mr Hartley-Haw's class, our Heads of School Council, our Head Boy and Head Girl and Bailey's brother Freddie to lead this fund raising for us. We have decided to do the following:

<u>Friday 20th November</u>—Wear Blue for Bailey to school for a £2.00 donation. We have chosen this as he is an avid Chelsea fan. We will have collection buckets on our school gates. On this day each class will also hold a mini fund raising event, details will follow via Mrs Nunn, the class teachers and google classroom.

In addition, we have some details of walks that we thought you might like to do with your family as a mini sponsored event. Please see suggested routes that have been put together by Mrs Jobling (one of our Teaching Assistants in Bailey's class), Mrs Nunn and Mrs Loughlin, our Chair of Governors. (This has been sent as a separate document).

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I thought this would fit well with current Covid restrictions. On Monday 23rd November it is Bailey's birthday and all the classes will be sending him a message to keep him smiling. We also have a few surprises for him lined up!

I do hope you will all join with us to raise as much money as possible for this truly wonderful charity based in the North East and spread the word around Bedale. However, I do appreciate times are hard and money is tight at the moment. Any donation, however small, will be welcome.

Many thanks in anticipation.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

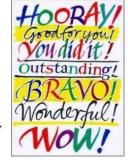
## **ATTENDANCE**

NEWS! We celebrate good attendance on a half termly basis and I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Ball/Mrs Lynch's class had the highest attendance last half term. What a wonderful way to start school life. Congratulations!

Attendance at our school has been phenomenal over the past term, considering all that is going on. We really appreciate your support in having faith in us keeping your children safe and sending them in.

### WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT

I am absolutely thrilled to inform you that Ava Prisk a Year 5 pupil, has been awarded the British Citizen Youth Award. (One of only 23 young people in the country). Ava has been awarded this for raising £3,025.00 for Myeloma UK following the death of her gran. She did this by bringing our community together using the Church Hall, selling refreshments and holding a



bric-a-brac sale. What a recognition to have such a positive impact on society. Ava is looking forward to going to London for an official presentation once the pandemic has passed.

### **BABY NEWS**



Some lovely news to share in these challenging times. Mrs Lucas is expecting her second baby in March and Mr Hartley-Haw is also expecting a second child late February. The stork has been busy in Bedale!

# CHILDREN IN NEED—FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2020

As we are trying to raise money to support Bailey, I do not want to over burden families asking for too much money. However, I am aware it is Children in Need on Friday 13th November. This is something we always get involved in and would like to do so again



in an appropriate way. This year the focus is on mental and physical wellbeing. It is all about encouraging children to get active and understand why we need exercise. Therefore, I invite the children to come to school on this day in some sort of active sports wear. Again, we will have collection buckets on the gate if you would like to make a donation. We will not be selling cakes this year due to current restrictions. We will be doing activities in class encouraging the children to be active.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Year group	Pupil
EYFS	Evie Bilham, Jack Leatham, Oliver Lee, Millie Martin, Jessica Lyons, Paige Knowles, Reuben Aspinall
Year 1	Lucy Hearne, Athena Moscrop, Mollie Ellis, Oscar Anderson, Lacey Wilson, Harriet McClintock, Willow Edmondson
Year 2	Nico Ramsay, Freya Hopkins, Charley Miller, Charlie Holmes, Finley Manton, Shelby Smith
Year 3	Ryan Standen, Adam Robinson, Harriet Cundall, Ruby Winchester, Bella Fydler, Ethan Bowen
Year 4	Sophia Teer, Leila Davies, Oliver Gibb, Poppy King, Olivia Crocker, Amelia Bowles, Ava Furlong
Year 5	Courtney Cooper, Walter Oldham, Sydney Schofield, Bea Hayes, Edith Simpson, Ava Prisk, Freddie Crowe
Year 6	Chloe Parsons, Megan Chapman, Alisha Hutchinson, Lucas Stapylton, Arthur Coombs, Abigail Smith

## LITTER PICK

I am writing to tell you about Bedale Primary School's involvement with the Bedale Community Litter Pick. The Litter Pick is a fun way to get together with your friends and teachers. We meet outside House and Home at 9.00 am every third Sunday. Yes it is early but it is worth it! You can bring all your friends and family therefore we will get more litter picked up. In addition you get a hi-vis jacket and a litter picker with a bin bag of course. You walk around Bedale, have a chat and it is a great way to help our community. The next litter pick was due to take place on 15th November but due to current lockdown restrictions this will now not take place.

By Ellie Croft

My thanks to Mrs Nunn for organising this link between the school and our community. It has been so impressive to see many of our children attend these morning sessions. Well done everyone. Unfortunately due to the latest lockdown the litter picks have been put on hold but we hope to see you there in the New Year.

Mrs Turnbull

## MENTAL HEALTH DAY

As mentioned in the last newsletter we had four winners in our poetry competition based on Mental Health. Here are the final two winning entries.

## Show the world you care.

Showing compasion to others is the best thing you can do, By being kind to others in everything you put your mind to.

Kindness costs nothing, show others that you care, The world is very lonely if nobody is there.

Brighten up the darkness by shining your light around,

Fill your world with love and laughter with the friendships you have found.

Keep away those inner demons talk about what's wrong, Don't keep in your sadness, turn it into a song.

By Leila Davies

Age 8

Year 4.

