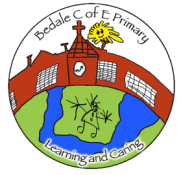


Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 7th May 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend despite the weather. We have seen some amazing efforts with our 100 fundraising challenge. What a great effort everyone has gone to.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for continuing to send your children to school looking smart and ready to learn during the Covid-19 pandemic. I completely understand the difficulties with buying both uniform and shoes due to the restrictions that have been in place and I have allowed uniform rules to be relaxed to support you with this. Even with these difficulties, the children have always looked very well presented and your support with this is really appreciated.

I am confident that by September, we will all be in a much more stable position as a country with lockdowns put behind us. As we are already gradually returning back to a more normal school life, I hope you can support us again by ensuring that your child/ren are dressed in uniform which adheres to our uniform guide.

I am not suggesting that you rush out to buy new shoes or uniform that your child/ren may grow out of with only weeks left to go of the school year, but if you could please adhere to the uniform guidance as much as possible.

PE

As you will be aware, children have been coming to school in PE kits rather than getting changed. The guidance on this may well change on 17th May or if not, in June. However, in the meantime if again you could adhere to the uniform policy as best possible. Children should be wearing PLAIN white tops and shorts/full length leggings rather than multicoloured or kits with large logos all over. We have reviewed our uniform guide and slight changes have been made to allow black/blue leggings to be worn for PE. These must be plain and FULL length and may also wear black/blue skorts. This also fits in line with Bedale High School's uniform for PE (so I am hoping this will be helpful from a economical point of view for those of you with older children in our school).

Please refer to the updated school uniform guide which can be found on the back page of this newsletter. As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

CO-OP

Luckily, Bedale Church of England Primary School FSG have luckily been chosen for the 'Making a Difference In Your Community' initiative. If you have not already done so and have a Co-op card, you can nominate us on the Co-op website and on every purchase you make, funds will be raised for the Friends Support Group. So far we have received over £2,100.00 and this will continue for the next few months. We would like you to make the most of this opportunity to raise funds for clubs and enhancements to our curriculum, once Covid restrictions are lifted. Thank you.



School Crossing Patrol

There is a current vacancy for our school crossing patrol. This is a really important role for our school which allows our children and families to stay safe on their way to and from school.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in this role, please follow the link for further information:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-crossing-patrol-firby-road-bedale-en0487>



EYFS News

We have had a lovely week in early years this week, learning all about Goldilocks and the three bears. We started off the week by tasting porridge with lots of different toppings on, just like Goldilocks did in the story. We have also had a teddy bears picnic on the field; the children had lots of fun making their teddy bear headbands and were excited to choose a little teddy to read a story to at the picnic. We would like to say thank you for all the hard work that went into preparing the snacks with the children, they knew lots about where their snack was grown/made.



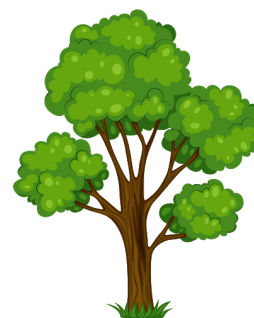
Thank you for the photos/comments uploaded to Google Classroom, it has been lovely to see the children's work they are doing at home. As part of our work on occupations, we looked at the local artist Lucy Pittaway. We recreated some of her designs which we sent to Lucy. She was really impressed with all the art work, and chose two designs which were her favourites. Very well done to Charlotte and Darcey, who won the prize!

Year 1 News

Year one had a brilliant time on Tuesday planting some new trees around the school with trees from the Woodland Trust. They have done a great job learning how to plant and look after the trees and we hope they are more successful than our sunflowers which got a bit soggy over the bank holiday weekend. Look out for your child bringing home a planting kit so they can join our sunflower competition from home.

Thank you for practising counting in 2, 5 and 10s, the children are doing really well with this target.

Just a reminder that reading books are now changed on a Monday and spelling books need to be in school on Fridays.



Year 2 News

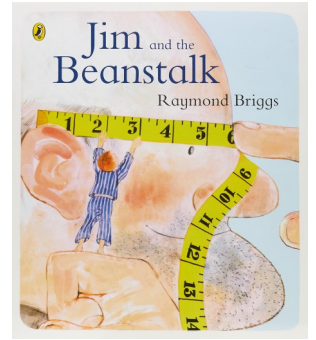


We have had a very busy few weeks with our diary entries and story writing in English. We have been looking at setting descriptions and have produced some wonderful pieces of writing that you would be very proud of. We hope that you have enjoyed displaying the wonderful clay birds that the children produced in art. They took plenty of time and care to make, model and sculpt their birds then finally glazed them. It has been so wonderful to see the children working so hard and showing such concentration and attitude in the classroom.

Year 3 News

In the past few weeks, Year 3 have produced some amazing stories based on the story book, Jim and the Beanstalk. It was lovely to see so many children using exciting and adventurous vocabulary along with accurate use of punctuation. Consistency is key now as the teachers are looking to reward children with a handwriting pen. We have begun a long unit of fraction work in maths and the children have started it very confidently and rightly finding fraction learning lots of fun!

In other areas of the curriculum, we have focused our learning on plants, and Bedale's twinned town, Azay-sur-Cher, alongside clay sculptures. If the weather holds out, we are continuing with athletics and cricket this whole term, so it is important children come to school with the appropriate clothing and a named drinks bottle, ready for action.



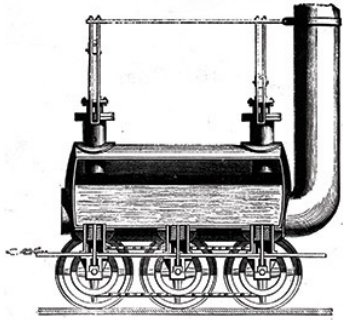
Year 4 News

We are really enjoying our learning on The Anglo Saxons and The Vikings in Year 4. The children are experimenting with using charcoal in art to create their own designs of a Viking longboat and, you may have noticed on google classroom, we've been starting to create our own eBooks during our computing lessons. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be reading more of Michael Morpurgo's Beowulf as we focus on character description and speech in English.



Year 5 News

We are currently enjoying learning about the history of British railways with a focus on George Stephenson, the children have written some great biographies. The children are really excited to hold a debate this week on whether HS2 will benefit the UK. In art we have had fun learning about collographs and making prints of local landscapes. We are continuing to develop our cricket and athletics skills.



Year 6 News

Following on from our Geography and Science learning, earlier in the year, we are busy researching the issues surrounding climate change and the ways WE can make a difference. With this research in mind, we are going to make some changes in our classroom, and as a result, apply for our Blue Peter Green Award badges! We are excited about making a difference and about becoming a Blue Peter badge holder.

We are also currently busy finalising the designs for our screen printing before we get to use the inks and create our own greetings cards and gift bags. It will be lovely to have a keepsake to take home and help us remember our wonderful time at Bedale Primary.

Further to this, we have been exploring the world of work, and researching the business owners and entrepreneurs on Bedale High Street - two of whom have generously offered us some of their time to be (virtually) interviewed about their businesses.

Well done to all of the children who are putting 100% effort into completing their homework tasks. Just a reminder - swipe down! (There's often a second page of questions or top tips!)



Attendance

Well done to EYFS who have since Easter, achieved 99.2% attendance.

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

EYFS	99.2%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	97.2%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	96.2%
Year 6	91.5%



100 Challenge

Thank you to everyone who took part in our 100 challenge to celebrate what would have been Sir Cpt Tom's 101st birthday. So far a massive £616 has been raised which is absolutely fantastic.

Thank you so much for all the donations. This money will really help The Children's Cancer trust based in the Royal Victoria Infirmary which is very close to our hearts.

The wearing of school uniform is an essential part of school life as it helps the children to take pride in their school and gives them a sense of identity. Our school uniform is shown in the table below.

You can order online with our suppliers Emblematic at <https://studentuniform.co.uk/beps152>

WINTER

SUMMER

Boys

Trousers
Shirt / Polo Shirt*
Sweatshirt*
Socks

Dark grey or black
White / Pale blue
Royal blue crew neck or V neck
Grey / Black / Dark

May wear grey shorts

Girls

Skirt / Trousers
Blouse / Polo Shirt*
Cardigan* / Sweatshirt*
Socks / Tights

Grey / Black
White / Pale blue
Royal blue
Royal blue / Grey / White / Black

Pale blue dress / skirt
Pale blue / White blouse
Blue gingham dress

Shoes – Dark, low heeled (not boots or trainers)

PE Uniform

All P.E. Uniform to be kept
In a named drawstring bag

White T-Shirt
Black / Navy shorts or
Black / Navy full length leggings
Black / Navy Plain unbranded tracksuit
Black / Navy Skorts
Plimsolls / Trainers

Optional Extras

Woolen hats*
Peaked sunhats*
PE bags*
Reading folders*

Jeans are not allowed and the wearing of jewellery and earrings (with the exception of stud earrings, which must be removed for PE lessons) is forbidden. If children are having their ears pierced for the first time, we recommend that this is done in the summer holidays to allow the ears time to heal. If at all possible, it is also always better to have long hair tied neatly for school, again to stop the risk of injury. Bizarre, highly unusual or multi-coloured hair styles are not acceptable, nor are shaved heads. Hair should be one natural colour.