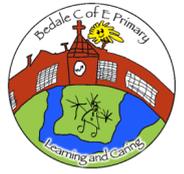


Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 11th June 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you have all enjoyed the lovely weather we were so lucky to have over the half term break. Our children have been enjoying the opportunity to play with their friends from the opposite class now that the external barriers have all been removed from this week. How lovely it is to move towards normality at last! Thank you so much to everyone for supporting us keeping our children looking smart, yet again moving to how we were before lockdown.

We will be keeping to the staggered starts and end of the day until we break up on Friday 23rd July.

The summer term events will look slightly different to normal and this newsletter is to keep you informed of all the exciting things we have planned.

In the new academic year we were hoping to acquire some additional swimming lessons to make up for the lost time. However we have been informed by Bedale Swimming Pool that due to staff shortages they are unable to offer school swimming sessions at the present time. As soon as we are able to do so we will recommence swimming sessions. We are so lucky to have the swimming pool right next door to us and need to make the most of this. Swimming is a life skill and our aim is for all our pupils to be able to swim a length by the time they leave us. We are working very closely with one of the managers from the swimming pool to try and book three sets of lessons per week throughout next year so that all children, with the exception of our new EYFS pupils, have an opportunity to go swimming. We hopefully will be able to update you with further information before the end of term.

Keeping in theme with encouraging physical development our MUGA is booked to be installed during the summer break. We are so excited to be able to have this facility which will be wonderful, especially during the winter months when the field is out of use.



Clubs

These have got off to a great start this week and have been so well attended and enjoyed by all!

Some quotes from our pupils:

Painting Club 'Painting club was good, I painted my dad and liked the music that was on' Reuben EYFS

Cricket Club 'I love this because I love batting, I love throwing and I love running!' Bobby & Isaac—Year 2



I would also like to say a big thank you to Sarah Rooney, Chair of our Friends Support Group who held a stall at last week's Car Boot Sale and raised £61.00 for our FSG—thank you Sarah!

Finally we all send our love this week to Alfie, our brave little warrior, who is tackling his chemotherapy treatment with such resilience. Keep going, keep smiling that lovely big smile of yours 

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

Sports Days

This term each year group will have a sports afternoon. We do not want the children to miss out, but at the same time we need to ensure everyone is able to socially distance safely. It is our intention to invite parents to these afternoons. However, we will need to wait for the latest guidance to come out before we can confirm this and what this will look like. The dates are as follows:

Year 6	Thursday 8th July
Year 2	Monday 12th July
Year 3	Tuesday 13th July
Year 4	Wednesday 14th July
Year 5	Friday 16th July
Year 1	Monday 19th July
EYFS	Tuesday 20th July



The sports day afternoons will run from 2.00—3.00 pm. In usual tradition the children will be invited to wear the colour of their house for this event. T-shirt, socks, hair ribbon.

House colours are:

Amen: Green Hird: Blue
Chantry: Red Wycar: Yellow

EYFS pupils have not been allocated a house this year with us not having being able to hold House Collective Worship. They will be allocated one ready for September so for this year they can wear their normal white school PE top.

Year 6 Leavers Summer Events

We are so proud of the children in Year 6. Their final year in primary school has not been the one they expected (or hoped for) but they have impressed us daily with their resilience, their manners and the positive attitude they have brought to every challenge and opportunity. Although their final term will be a little different too, we have planned lots of experiences and treats to make it a truly memorable one. We hope they will look forward to all of the following:

Post assessment picnic (at school) followed by a trip to Bedale Park for outdoor games and sketching
Orienteering with specialist outside providers
Creating their own computer game
Transition visits to secondary school
Choosing memories for a Remembrall
Learning and performing a leavers' anthem
Leavers' service and Prize Giving

Dates for these events will follow

Uniform: We do not expect Year 6 parents to buy anything new uniform wise but if we can simply request when they come in for PE that pupils are wearing things that are as plain as possible i.e. no big hoodies, sparkly tops/shirts etc. Thank you.

School Crossing Patrol

There is still 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. The closing date is 27th June 2021.



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>

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021 / 22

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Autumn Term:

Monday 6 th September	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 7 th September	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 22 nd October	School closes for ½ term at 3.15 pm
Monday 1 st November	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 17 th December	School closes for Christmas

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Spring Term:

Monday 3 rd January	School closed. Bank holiday
Tuesday 4 th January	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Wednesday 5 th January	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 18 th February	School closes for ½ term at 3.15 pm
Monday 28 th February	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 8 th April	School closes for Easter at 3.15 pm

Summer Term:

Monday 25 th April	School opens 8.55 am
Monday 2 nd May	School closed. May Day holiday
Friday 27 th May	School closes for ½ term at 3.15 pm
Monday 6 th June	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 7 th June	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 22 nd July	School closes for Summer at 3.15 pm
Monday 25 th July	<u>School closed. <i>In service training day</i></u>
Tuesday 26 th July	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>



As the children have missed so much school over the last two years, we would appreciate that holidays are booked during the school holidays wherever possible.

DRAMA EVENT FOR YEAR 5

Year 5 children are all going to be involved in a very exciting drama opportunity this term. Working with the popular musical, 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat', Bedale High School drama department will be visiting us to deliver practical sessions which will explore characterisation and movement as well as involve the children in learning several key songs from the musical.

The project will end with a full day rehearsal and live, early evening performance at the High School in the final week of term. We are all very much looking forward to taking part in this event and will enjoy re-establishing the close links we have with our local secondary school once again.



OTHER EVENTS IN THE SUMMER TERM

Reports: These will come out to parents on Friday 9th July along with new classes for next year.

Visits to new classes: Children will visit their new class and meet their new teacher on Friday 16th July.

Assessment week: The whole school will take part in assessments on week commencing 21st June. We are aware it is a long time since our children were last formally assessed (December 2020) and the teachers will work hard to make these as 'stress free' as possible, whilst at the same time getting a clearer picture of how each child is performing in English and Maths.



Out of School—THE MILLINGS CARE HOME COMMUNITY SHOW

The Millings Care home in Bedale are holding a Community Show on Sunday 11th July. Unfortunately, due to Covid infections rising they are unable to invite the public on their grounds as planned. They are still welcoming entries from children for some competitions they are holding as follows:

Knit a prem baby hat—pattern to be provided

Best plant in a pot

Draw or paint a picture of a farm animal

Best decorated cake

Create a miniature garden

Photograph of new life

A painted stone

Make a bracelet

Design a seed packet

Create an egg head

All entries can be dropped at school on Friday 9th July by 9.00 am. Please ensure your child's name is clearly labelled on any entry. Thank you

CURRICULUM EVENTS

As part of your child's learning this term each year group will be holding a special event to bring learning to life. See below:

EYFS	Chinese Day—Tuesday 6th July
Year 1:	Dress up pirates day and making boats—Wednesday 7th July
Year 2:	Around the world in a day—Tuesday 6th July
Year 3:	Making bread and dips—Tuesday 20th July
Year 4:	Viking Experience Days—6th/7th July
Year 5:	French Breakfast—Wednesday 7th July
Year 6:	DT Day—Monday 19th July

Details are to follow for all of these events.