

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'Learning & Caring Together'



Newsletter Date: 12th November 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

It seems a while since we had a regular newsletter as the past two editions have focused on our MUGA opening and the love of reading.

Please can I thank you all for attending our open evenings at the end of last half term. It was just wonderful to see everyone here in person rather than over a zoom call/phone call. I know some schools where Covid cases are still high and they are sadly having to go back to the restrictions that were in place last year. We are hoping we can continue to operate normally. Fingers crossed!

Remembrance: In Collective Worship we talked about Remembrance Sunday. Many of the children will be involved with the parade in Bedale on Sunday morning through clubs outside of school. The parade begins at the Riverside Club at 10.20 am and the service at St Gregory's begins at 10.40 am Our Military Kids Club



have produced some special work involving poppies, and shared their work and thoughts in our Collective Worship today.

The children's exceptional behaviour cannot go without a mention in today's newsletter. The behaviour at both discos was outstanding (I think the best ever and I have worked here 16 years). The same could be said at the Harvest Festival too. The children sang, performed and listened to each other beautifully. Children this week I have booked two more discos, one for February and one for July.



We look forward to giving them a wonderful Christmas here in school, which is fully deserved with the exceptional attitudes they are showing this term. All our events are attached on the back page with dates and times. They are also all on our website should you lose this edition!

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

Rishi Sunak with Bailey and Alfie officially opening our new MUGA

Christmas Fair

This will take place on Friday 26th November from 1.45—4.00 pm. Please see separate letter regarding organisation.



Residential

As our pupils have missed out over the past 18 months we have booked two residential rather than just the one. Our Year 6 have the opportunity to go to Robinwood in June 2022 and our Year 5 to the Wilderness Outdoor Education at Barnard Castle in July 2022. My many thanks to the staff for organising these and being willing to give up their time, in particular Mr Hartley-Haw and Mr Holmes. We have been overwhelmed by their uptake for these visits.

Reading Targets



Reminder: Reading targets are in pupils reading diaries for children in Year 1—Year 6.

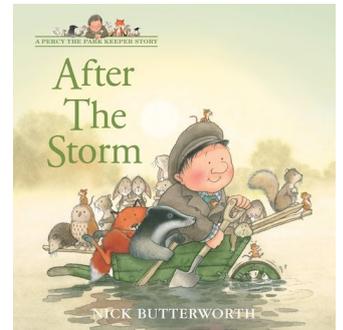
EYFS News

The children have come back from half term so well, and we have had an exciting week learning all about Percy the Park Keeper. In the storm the animals' houses blew down!

We decided to cheer the animals up by building our own keep fit obstacle course. We even had real tyres, straw bales and a secret tunnel to crawl through.

We have a great making area, where the children enjoy creating. We would really appreciate if you could bring in some of our recycling for the children to junk model with as often as possible.

Finally, just a little reminder, please can your child's reading diary be in their bag each day. Thank you.



Year 1 News



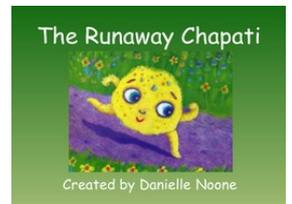
We have been busy exploring bonfire night. They made their own sparklers out of sticks in the wildlife area and learnt about staying safe around bonfires and sparklers. They have written some beautiful descriptions of bonfire night using their senses and adjectives. This is a line from Charlie's work...

I can hear the loud fireworks banging in the smoky sky
What wonderful language!

We are continuing to do PE outside when we can so you might want to send your child with leggings or jogging bottoms as the weather turns colder. Thank you to all the parent who attended the phonics workshop, we hope you found it useful.

Year 2 News

Over the last two weeks we have been reading 'The Runaway Chapatti', which we have really enjoyed. We hope to perform this to you next Tuesday 16th November at our parent event. We have been practising using expression as we perform, and the children are doing so well. They have also worked so hard on their very own stories, based on 'The Runaway Chapatti', which they cannot wait to share with you.



Just a reminder that next Tuesday morning we will also be taking a trip into Bedale market to have a look at the different foods we can buy. Please remember that they will need a coat as we will be out most of the morning.

Year 3 News



As part of our 'Lights ,Camera, Action' theme we have been finding out about William Shakespeare and some of his famous work. We have used descriptive phrases to write about 'The Tempest' and enjoyed watching an extract from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. We began to think about what entertainment is as part of our History work and considered why there isn't a theatre in Bedale. In PE, we are making up our own dances to the 'Lion King' Alongside this, we are designing moving props in our DT lessons.

On Thursday the 18th of November we are holding a 'Spelling and Grammar' Workshop to look at how we teach these subjects and strategies to support at 3.20 pm. Further information to follow.

Year 4 News

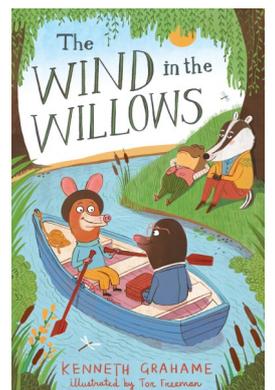


Year 4 have had a really super start to this half term. We have been so lucky to have specialist PE lessons from Bedale High School and the children are really enjoying them and learning so much.

In English, the children have started to write adventure stories and are becoming experts at creating tension! This term we are learning about parts of the body in French; why not ask your child to sing their version of 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes?' We hope to see you at the English workshop on Monday 22nd November at 2.30 pm.

Year 5 News

In Y5, we have been reading The Wind in The Willows and have looked closely at the main characters in the story. We have created a story plan to help us write our own versions of the chapter where Mole and Rat are in The Wild Wood. In maths, we have been reading and interpreting graphs including pictograms and line graphs.



During our indoor PE sessions, we are doing circuit training where we have been working on our stamina and trying to improve on our performance last year. Please remember to bring a water bottle into school every day. Thank you!

Year 6 News

Wow - didn't the children do an amazing job presenting all that they have learnt about deforestation, climate change and the threat to the orangutans, on Monday afternoon? We couldn't be more proud of them - their behaviour, their slick presenting skills, their geographical, computing and research and writing skills...the list is endless! Thank you so much to all of the parents who attended - we were delighted to share our work with so many of you. The children (with your help!) are now busy collecting change and can't wait to find out how much their efforts will raise, and how many orangutans we will be able to support. Collections to be brought into your class teacher by Fri 19th November please.



Not ones to rest on our laurels, we have dived straight into learning about the culture of the Ancient Maya. The children are fascinated by the game of Pok-a-Tok and have even taken to trying to play it on the yard. (Fortunately, without the traditional grizzly ending!) They have also memorised a diagram of the circulatory system to begin our biology work, and begun working on Scratch in Computing, so they can design their own games by the end of term! In addition to this we are busy mastering all aspects of fractions and have begun a DT project to design and make a healthy wrap. A busy, wonderful start to this half term!

Anti Bullying Week



Odd socks day marks the start of Anti-Bullying week and this year it is taking place on Monday 15th November. We would like everyone to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique and spread kindness this year. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It is an opportunity to encourage everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

As requested by parents, we have extended club provision this term for Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. There is a multi sports club on a Tuesday for Year 1 and a Thursday for Year 2. Unfortunately there has been very little uptake for the Year 1 club due to pupils having other commitments. Therefore, from next week the Year 1 children are invited to join the Year 2 club on a Thursday. There are still spaces on a Thursday so please contact the school office for further information if any Year 1 or Year 2 children would like to join.



School Meal Accounts



As of today we have 33 pupils dinner accounts that are in arrears, totalling nearly £500.00. Please be reminded we do not offer credit for school meals. Please check your Parentpay account to ensure there are sufficient funds should your child wish to order a meal. Thank you.

Friends Support Group Christmas Hampers

Reminder, if you would like to contribute an item towards the FSG Christmas hampers, colours of goods are as follows:

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| Mrs Ball & Miss Jefferson | RED |
| Mrs Hunter & Miss Markendale | GREEN |
| Miss West & Mrs Harding | SILVER/WHITE |
| Mrs York/Mrs Sawyer & Mr Holmes | YELLOW |
| Mrs Nunn & Ms Elliott | PURPLE |
| Mrs Durham/Miss Trayer & Mrs Hutchinson | GOLD/BLACK |
| Mrs Brown & Mr Hartley-Haw | BLUE |



Please could you send in some suitable items that correspond with your child's class colour **by 3pm on Tuesday 23rd November 2021**

Football Success



Wednesday 10th November, it was time for the eagerly awaited Level 2 KS2 football competition. Both Year 4 and 6 boys arrived in good spirits, ready to show the other schools the talent Bedale has to offer. Both groups of boys had challenging groups because each team finished 2nd in the Level 1 competition. This only spurred them on, knowing they had to play that little bit better. After playing some decent football in spells, and a truly spectacular goal from Alfie, the Year 6 fell short of the knock-out stages with a win and two losses. Year 4 on the

other hand looked a well-oiled team, with most of the lads playing for Bedale Juniors. Storming through the group stage, finishing top, it came down to the semi final and the final. Sweeping BAWB aside in the semis, the boys had a tough 'rematch' against Leyburn (who they beat 3-0 in the group). With a questionable rule of playing the penalty shoot out first, Bedale went into the final knowing they had to win and a draw would not be enough. With a tense start to the game and some heated challenges, Kane kept his cool head to give a 1-0 lead. In the final moments of the game, the referee awarded a penalty which looked outside the area...to Leyburn. 1-1. A massive well done to all the representatives of Bedale. Mr Holmes and Mr Collins were very proud of what they achieved.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday 17th November is Children in Need were we will join forces with other school up and down the country to raise money for this worthy cause.

Please see separate letter with details of our plans for the day.



Dates for your Diary!

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| W/c 15th November 2021 | Anti Bullying Week |  |
| 15th November 2021 | Odd socks day—pupils to wear odd socks to school | |
| 16th November 2021 | Y2 walk into Bedale to look at the market | |
| 16th November 2021 | Y2 Love of Reading Workshop for parents—2.30 pm | |
| 17th November 2021 | KS2 Girls Level 2 football—Richmond School | |
| 18th November 2021 | Y3 Spelling & Grammar Workshop—3.20 pm | |
| 20th November 2021 | Sports Captains—Co-op Bedale 10.30 am | |
| 22nd November 2021 | Whole School Assessments | |
| 22nd November 2021 | Y4 Writing Workshop for parents—2.30 pm | |
| 22nd November 2021 | Y5 Punctuation & Grammar Workshop for parents —3.30 pm | |
| 24th November 2021 | Y6 Parental SATS talk—6.00 pm | |
| 26th November 2021 | FSG Christmas Fair in the school hall—1.45—4.00 pm | |
| 27th November 2021 | Choir to sing at Bedale Christmas Fair—1.15 pm | |
| 29th November 2021 | Y6 Maths Method Workshop for parents—2.30 pm | |
| 1st December 2021 | EYFS/KS1 Elf Day | |
| 2nd December 2021 | Christmas Lunch Day | |
| 3rd December 2021 | Individual Photographs in school by Phototronics | |
| 6th December 2021 | Y2 Singing Christmas songs to parents—2.30 pm | |
| 7th December 2021 | EYFS Christmas Production—2.15 pm and 5.30 pm | |
| 8th December 2021 | Whole School Christmas singing and fun! | |
| 9th December 2021 | Y1 Christmas Production—2.15 pm and 5.30 pm | |
| 10th December 2021 | Y4 Christmas party—AM | |
| 10th December 2021 | Y5 Christmas party—PM |  |
| 13th December 2021 | EYFS Christmas party—AM | |
| 13th December 2021 | Y1 Christmas party—PM | |
| 14th December 2021 | Y2 Christmas party—AM | |
| 14th December 2021 | Y3 Trip to Georgian Theatre—Beauty & The Beast | |
| 14th December 2021 | Y3 Christmas party—PM | |
| 15th December 2021 | Carol Service—St Gregory's Church 10.00 am (KS1) and 11.00 am (KS2) | |
| 16th December 2021 | Y6 Christmas party | |
| 16th December 2021 | House Treat | |
| 17th December 2021 | School closes for Christmas at 3.15 pm | |

School Crossing Patrol

We are looking for someone to be 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. Please contact the school office if you or anyone you know would be interested in this role.

