

# Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

## 'Learning & Caring Together'



**Newsletter Date: 14th January 2022**

Dear Parents & Carers

What a relief that we continue to be in school. However, Covid-19 continues to bring us further challenges as we have staff and pupils succumbing to the virus. We will continue to keep you informed of any developments and respond in a sensible way to whatever challenges are thrown at us! Thanks to all of you who have kept us updated via our answerphone service when necessary.

At the moment it is our intention to hold face to face parents evenings in person on the 7th and 8th February and we will keep you informed about this nearer the time.

In Collective Worship this week we have been focusing on keeping healthy and have had discussions about eating a balanced diet and also staying hydrated. The children appear to be taking it very seriously and I have been delighted with how many of them are telling me they have eaten their 5 a day.

We also had a focus on keeping safe, with our local police coming in to talk to our Year 6 children about keeping safe online. Mr Hartley-Haw has some helpful hints and tips on our website that are updated weekly. Please take a look. <https://www.bedale-ce.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents-2/e-safety>

We will also be holding a short presentation for parents on Monday 14th March at 6:00pm to share some information about staying safe online. Further information will be sent out nearer to the date.

### Hot chocolate with Mrs Turnbull

A child from each class that has shown a great attitude in all areas will be picked from each class, every Friday to enjoy a hot chocolate. This is so I can thank them for being a star pupil. Here is a photo of the children selected this week. A huge well done to all of you, keep up the great work!

### Bad weather plan:




Please see the back page just in case snow arrives within the coming weeks.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher



## ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the end of last term was very good considering Covid-19 cases were rising in school and in the local area. Please see below the attendance so far this term:

Year Group	Attendance	No of Lates Recorded
EYFS	93.7%	5
1	94.3%	2
2	90.8%	0 
3	98.5% 	2
4	94%	2
5	97.5%	2
6	86.3%	0 

Any child with attendance below 94% is seen as having poor attendance.

### Attendance Matters



## EYFS NEWS

We have been so proud of how well the children have settled back into school after their Christmas holiday. This term we are learning all about the Chinese culture. We have been looking at how people in China celebrate New Year and comparing it to our New Year celebrations. We found China and England on a map, and thought about how we could travel to China.



*"You can go to China on a boat or a plane, but a plane is better because it doesn't take as long. It still takes 14 hours, that's longer than we're at school each day". Eleanor*

After looking at England on a map and talking about it being an island, the children drew their own islands, we were so impressed with their drawings. They thought carefully about what they needed on their island.

Following on from our work on The Magic Paintbrush, they have painted things that they think would be helpful to people. They were so compassionate and thoughtful; thinking really hard about other people and what they might need.

In PE we have been practising traditional Chinese dancing with silk scarves.

Just a reminder, please can PE kits be in school on a Thursday.

Thank you very much for your continued support with the homework on Google Classroom and the reading at home. The children are doing really well with their sounds and tricky words.

## YEAR 1 NEWS

Year One have had a wonderful first couple of weeks back at school, we are so proud of how well the children have settled back into routines and it has been lovely to hear about their Christmas experiences.

A quick reminder to please send your child into school with a warm sweatshirt/hoodie and some joggers for our PE sessions.



The children have been enjoying our new topic 'What a wonderful World' and have liked exploring animal groups in science, well done to all those who completed the animal fact file posters for homework, they look amazing!

This week in English we had a big shock to learn that our animal puppets for our English story 'Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donaldson had gone missing! The children created some super lost posters using adjectives to describe which animals were missing. We displayed the posters around school in hope that some of the other children and teachers would find them, luckily, they came back to Year One safe and sound.

We enjoyed a very interesting collective worship lead by the Peer Mentor team, in which they spoke to us about being healthy.

This half term in DT we will be exploring foods that are farmed, grown and caught. It would be great if at home if you encouraged your child to try a range of fruits ready for our upcoming DT lessons.

## YEAR 2 NEWS

The children have all come back so well and have settled down to the new term eager to work hard, which has been lovely to see. We have started our new theme, 'The Great Fire of London' and the children have really enjoyed the history of how this started and what happened. Everyone has done so well writing a news report pretending we are reporting live from London as the fire is happening and reading it aloud like a real-life news reporter to the class. We are really proud of them all.

Please continue to remember PE kit and reading diaries each day and complete homework that is set each week. We have enjoyed reading about all the things which are precious to you in this week's homework, and we will look forward to sharing these with everyone in RE sessions next week.



## YEAR 3 NEWS

What a lovely start to the new year we have had. Our writing work has started off with 'Stone Age' stories to discover what life was like for early man. We discovered that there were some amazing paintings done in caves and we have had a go at sketching some of our own. In history we have been investigating early homes- it made us feel very fortunate!



Multiplication and division is our focus in maths and we are continuing to work hard to learn our times tables.

Mr Holme's class have started their PE sessions at High School on a Monday and Mrs York and Sawyer's class will commence with their sessions after the half term.

On Monday the 17th of January we will be visiting Bedale library. Please make sure your child brings a coat to school on the day.

## YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 have made a super start to the new year and new term. We will be exploring our local area and developing our skills as geographers, through mapping and fieldwork.

The children are really enjoying Science as we explore electricity this term and have been able to share their knowledge about the subject confidently.



We are so impressed by how many children have passed all of their times tables, please keep practising, it really does pay off!

Thank you for using the reading diaries so well, the children are so proud of them. Information on the times tables your child is learning and their reading bands can be found inside them.

## YEAR 5 NEWS

The children have settled in really well after the Christmas holidays and have shown lots of enthusiasm in all lessons. We have started learning about Ancient civilisations including the Indus Valley and Ancient Sumer. We will be looking in more detail about Ancient Sumer through our English work over the next week in order to write a diary entry from the point of view of an Ancient Sumerian.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Legend of Nian - why not ask them about its significance in Chinese New Year celebrations?



## YEAR 6 NEWS

We've had a busy start to the Spring term in school with a few online learners as well who we hope will be able to return soon. Although it's only January, our thoughts start to turn to SATs during this term and getting ready to show how amazing we are when these come around at the start of May. It's been great to see everyone who has started attending before and after-school groups really getting stuck in and working hard.

We've also begun working on our theme for the half term of climate change, thinking about how our actions impact on the planet. Ask your child to explain "The Greenhouse Effect" – hopefully they all can now.

In a couple of weeks, Mrs Brown is hosting our Year Six reading afternoon. If you've not done so already, please let us know if you think you may be able to attend by scanning the QR code and answering the short survey (only two questions).



## MUGA

We will be encouraging children to change from their school shoes into their trainers as our brand new MUGA is getting very muddy whilst the weather is rather wet. This should help shoes to last longer and stay clean too!







## SCHOOL MEAL ACCOUNTS

As of today we have 38 pupils dinner accounts that are in arrears, totalling over £370.00. 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.

## BEDALE LITTER BUSTERS

Mrs Nunn and Mrs Sawyer will be outside House and Home at 9am on Sunday 16th January to meet anyone that would like to join in with the Bedale Litter Buster's litter pick. This is a great way to keep our local community looking tidy.

## **PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF THE ENFORCED CLOSURE OF SCHOOL DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Before a decision is made whether school should open or not (enforced closure), consideration should be given to:

- The distance that staff have to travel
- Road/traffic conditions
- Local conditions for staff/pupils and parents who travel on foot.

The Head teacher will make a decision based on the outcome of the above consultation bearing in mind the following options:

- Closure for the full day
- Late opening e.g. at 10.00am to allow time for staff to arrive safely

### **If the school is to close**

Parents/carers will be alerted to the closure via the Teachers 2 Parents text messaging service as well as the school's Facebook page.

The closure will be recorded on the school website ([www.bedaleprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.bedaleprimaryschool.co.uk)).

The media (local radio stations) will be utilised to broadcast the details if required.

The school will make all practicable efforts to keep parents/carers informed as to the situation with the school during adverse weather conditions, as we appreciate that such conditions and the uncertainty places very considerable difficulties upon parents/carers. However, parents/carers are expected to regularly check the website and the radio broadcasts when it is clear that a closure is a possibility.

The school appreciates that during bad weather children may arrive later than normal; parents/carers should endeavour to contact the school to let them know they are on their way if they are likely to be delayed.

The Head teacher will ensure that should the school open the provision of staffing in place is in accordance with Health and Safety legislation, bearing in mind pupil/teacher ratios, job descriptions and correct procedures for staff covering other classes, playtime arrangements, heating and lunchtime provision.