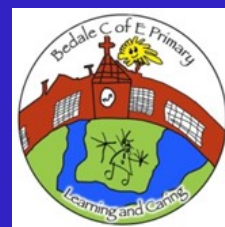


Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'Learning & Caring Together'



Newsletter Date: 28th January 2022

Dear Parents & Carers

It has been a challenging week, with both staff and children succumbing to Covid as I am sure you are all aware. Thank you to those of you who have tested your children daily and left messages on the answerphone to make the office ladies lives a bit easier when it is so prevalent. We are trying to keep everything running smoothly for the children.



Clubs: This term our Military Kids Club is providing to be as popular as ever. This is a club ran for those pupils who have a parent serving or has served in the military. The club now has a mascot, a teddy called Poppy who is joining the children on all their adventures! Two weeks ago the Military Kids Club (MKC) started their secret project. This involved decorating hearts and writing positive quotes on to them.

These hearts were then laminated and last week the MKC got the opportunity to hide them around the school for their peers to find. The children loved doing this activity and the wider school community have enjoyed finding them and hiding them for others to find.



Amelia in year 4 said "It brightens up my day when I find a heart." And Mrs York's class said it makes them feel "really happy", and Grace wanted to write a thank you letter to the MKC for being kind.

The MKC want to spread this idea so please keep an eye out in Bedale, you may be lucky enough to find one of our hearts yourself!

A new Choir club has started (Y3-Y6) led by Mrs Latta, who is a specialist music teacher. This is a fantastic opportunity for any keen singers and we all look forward to seeing them perform.

Our gardening club presented our Collective Worship last week. My goodness what a lot they have accomplished and it was a joy to listen to them. Well done everyone and a special thanks to Ms Elliott for running this club.

Parking: If I could please ask again that parents do not park directly in front of the Zig Zag yellow lines opposite our gates. Crossing the road when it is very busy is tricky enough for pupils especially whilst there is no school crossing patrol person.



Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

ATTENDANCE

Year Group	Attendance	No of Lates Recorded
EYFS	95.1%	7
1	90.7%	6
2	84.8%	3
3	93.4%	7
4	88.7%	4
5	87%	5
6	85.2%	5

Any child with attendance below 94% is seen as having poor attendance. Attendance has been affected with Covid being so rife, but for those of you who are healthy, please remember school starts at 8.55 am—we are seeing a lot of pupils regularly arriving late for school. Thank you.

Attendance Matters



EYFS NEWS

On Monday we took the Early Years children to Bedale library. They really were an absolute delight and behaved impeccably. We walked there and looked at lots of interesting local features such as the water pump, the old school and the Methodist church. The librarian talked to the children about how the library works and they got to browse and look at lots of books. She then read them a story and couldn't believe how well the children understood and answered her questions. The children have brought home a flyer showing you how to sign up to the library if you would like to do so.

Thank you for bringing in any unwanted boxes and cartons for our making area. It is a very popular area and we would like as many boxes as you have every week please.



A polite reminder please - could all reading books, diaries, sound keyrings and tricky word keyrings be left in children's school bags each day so that they are there daily for use in class.

YEAR 1 NEWS



Our animal adventures continued this week when Aquatic Finatic came to visit. They brought lots of different creatures for us to meet and the children were able to touch, stroke and even hold some. They found out a lot about where the animals live, what they eat and the different features they have.

Sunny the meerkat came to visit and the children have written some postcards back to his family in the Kalahari Desert. We have loved sharing his story Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett. We have also been exploring non-fiction books to find out about different animals. Please see the back page for more pictures!

YEAR 2 NEWS

The children have been working very hard over the last couple of weeks and have produced lots of lovely work across the curriculum. We appreciate all of the hard work that is going on at home as well, especially with having high numbers of children completing home learning.

In reading this week, we have been reading with the children on a one-to-one basis and as you will have seen many of them have been moved onto the next reading band. You will have also seen in your child's diary that we have tested them on their reading speed and stuck into diaries the number of words your child was able to read in a minute. Our reading target this half term is focused on the children becoming more fluent in their reading. By the end of Year 2, all children should be able to accurately read 90 words per minute so at this stage of the year they should be reading approximately 60 words per minute. Please ensure you continue to read at least three times a week to support your child in building their fluency when reading a variety of texts.

We are lucky enough to have visited the local fire station this week! We took questions that we had written in English, as we wanted to learn more about the role of a fire fighter, the history of the fire station and any other interesting facts they fire fighters could tell us about their very important job. Thank you very much to Mr Adams who facilitated our visit and for looking after us whilst we were there. We are looking forward to writing our very own information text about everything we learned at the station.



YEAR 3 NEWS

These past few weeks have been eventful for many reasons. When most of the children had the lovely experience of visiting Bedale Library, some were on their eagerly awaited trip to Thirsk bookshop. It was great to see so many joyful and enthusiastic faces about borrowing books, searching frantically for favourite authors and stories. The book shop children won a competition which allows Mr Holmes' class chance to read a new book before anybody else - 'His Royal Hopeless'.



Within the same week, we were able to stretch our legs once again with a short walk to St Gregory's. While we were there, we were able to study gravestones and how rock type impacts on how long they last for and how differently they can be designed. PE is still going really well at the High School and is proving very fun for the children. It is important PE kit is in school as soon as possible for the rest of the week.

Finally, we know there are quite a few absentees at the moment but we want you to know that we can't wait to have you back in the classroom learning with friends!

Times Tables



YEAR 4 NEWS

Our Year 4 children continue to work really hard; we have completed our writing unit on diaries and have been so impressed with the children's ability to use adverbial phrases and emotive language so confidently.

We are looking at division facts in maths and their increasing times tables knowledge is being put to great use! The children are so excited when they achieve a times tables and there are a few ways you can support your child. Regular, chanting and testing is wonderful and there are a few useful websites to assist the children- mathschase.com is a fun, interactive site and timestables.co.uk tests the children's speed and recall and replicates the test the children will take in June. Hope this will be of some help. Many thanks for all your support.

YEAR 5 NEWS

In our English this week, we have been learning about the story of Gilgamesh the king. We have thought carefully about a character description and have linked him to superheroes we know about.



We have been enjoying exploring databases in our computing sessions - we have learnt how to carry out advanced searches to find the answers to questions. The children have discussed the advantages of computer databases over paper records. Why not ask us what we have found out?

YEAR 6 NEWS

Continuing our theme of being global citizens, and considering the world around us, we have been busy researching the quality of air around our school and decided we must act! We all had a go at writing letters to highlight both the situation and the solution. Please read either Henry's letter (attached) or Freya's letter (on our Facebook page.)

We have developed this line of enquiry in Geography where we are investigating climate change - the causes, consequences and possible solutions. Linked to this, in our Science topic (light) we have considered the cause and impact of light pollution. Needless to say, we now have a lot of ideas about what we'd like to change in our world. Just think, so impassioned are our children that you may be tucking up a future world leader tonight!

A huge thank you to all of you who attended our reading afternoon. I hope you were impressed at how mature (and incredibly skilled) our children are. Please, please continue to read with your child. As Mrs Turnbull says, "Reading makes you clever!"

CO-OP FOOD SHARE

We are very lucky to be able to work with our local co-op store and have their food surplus. This hopefully will support any families who are struggling and also simply reduce the amount of waste. Please help yourselves to anything on the table which will be on the front playground on a daily basis. It's been a brilliant start! I would like to thank Sarah Rooney for helping me collect the food from The Co-Op. Mrs Turnbull





SCHOOL MEAL ACCOUNTS

As of today we have 27 pupils dinner accounts that are in arrears, totalling over £290.00. 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.

BEDALE LITTER BUSTERS

Our children continue to serve the Bedale community each month and we are so thrilled with the growing numbers of litter pickers. Their efforts has made a huge difference to our town and the children tell us how much they enjoy it! Please come along, if you can- we meet on the third Sunday of each month at 9.00 am outside House and Home. Whatever time you can spare really does make a difference.

AIR POLLUTION PLEA FROM YEAR SIX

We have uncovered an issue and we—the Year six students at Bedale Primary School have been getting increasingly worried about this matter. This issue is going to get bigger if we don't act now. We can't do it alone. We are all being affected by this, we need your help. Let me explain.

Our concern over this problem was created in the Autumn term during a scientific lesson with Dr Matt Sawyer about the human body. He told us about the effect air pollution has on our bodies and we were really shocked. Health problems like asthma, heart and lung problems. We want none of this to happen to our students. During this lesson we were shown a map colour coded to the worst areas of air pollution in Bedale. Firby Road and Benkhill Drive were a deep red; our school was surrounded by pollution. This is not good for our student's health. We have already started research and we were inspired by the other schools taking action so we are going to as well. Here is how you can help.

You can help by doing a few simple things. When you are in your car, don't have it running as you are putting all of the exhaust fumes into one place of the atmosphere. Also, by not using your car money on fuel and possibly someone's life could be saved. Walking, scooting and biking places is healthier for you and the environment. It might not be easy and not possible every day but we would appreciate your efforts. In winter, it may appeal to be in a warm car but you can always wrap up warm. As it gets closer and closer to spring it will get warmer and more enjoyable.

One of our year six students stated, "I have asthma and walking by the fumes makes me get wheezy (meaning I need my inhaler more) and I start coughing."

An added benefit is that there will be fewer cars on the road. This reduces the risk of a road accident meaning an all round safer Bedale.

So now you have heard the problem, we please ask for you to take onboard this information and we hope to see you walking into the school grounds red-nosed, maybe a bit chilly but happy after walking to school. We can save the environment, one step at a time.

Yours Faithfully

Henry King

Head Boy on behalf of the Year six pupils



VISIT TO YEAR 1 FROM AQUATIC FINATIC!

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MRS TURNBULL

The following pupils enjoyed a delicious hot chocolate and marshmallows with Mrs Turnbull today for their great attitude in all areas —Well done!

Sophie L, Athena M, Seb S, Ruby P, Elijah R, Evie T, Holly E, Alarna J, Bea H, Megan S, Zyva O and Josh N



ONLINE SAFETY

Our local Police Officer came into Year 6. She told us all about online safety and what to do if we need to block someone. She also asked us questions about what apps we use online and she told us what age we should be to use them. I was very shocked to find out that YouTube was an 18+! The Police Officer taught us how to change our settings on our phone and apps to make them okay for our age and keep us safe online. Megan, Year 6

CHARITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Mrs Wallace, one of our Teaching Assistants in school, is hoping to arrange a charity Easter Egg Hunt to raise money for the Ectopic Pregnancy Trust. This charity raises awareness of ectopic pregnancies and supports those who have had one. To go ahead with this idea, she is looking for volunteers to display an Easter themed picture in their window. If you would like to volunteer please email your name and address to mgillam-wallace@bedale-ce.n-yorks.sch.uk. Thank you