

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

‘Learning & Caring Together’



Newsletter Date: 20th May 2022

Dear Parents & Carers

Over the past two weeks we have been having some wonderful Collective Worship. On Monday this week one of our local PCSOs, Paul Enbom, joined us to lead two collective worship for pupils on road safety. I was amazed at their knowledge and mature responses, even our youngest children made some fantastic contributions. Lets hope they shared their knowledge on keeping safe when crossing the road, and those who come to and from school independently, put this into practice.

On a Friday our Collective Worship are often led by groups of pupils. This week it was the turn of our Global Awareness Club. They did a fabulous job, sharing with the rest of the school all the things they have done this year. This includes:

A visitor from Hambleton Foodshare, supporting the Samaritans Purse (a shoe box appeal), knitting a square (I think they found knitting far more challenging than they expected!), making their own bird feeders from recycled bottles for our wildlife area, and of course the sponsored run to raise money for the people of Ukraine. This is especially poignant as we have had the joy of welcoming a young man into year 3 from Ukraine this month.



The previous week our Military Kids pupils did an equally exciting presentation for the school sharing with us where their parents are posted around the World. Our Military Kids Club has grown and grown throughout the year, and Mrs Wallace and Miss Davies have done an amazing job. Next week there will be quiz night for these pupils with money raised going towards a plaque for a tree to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. We are also looking forward to taking them on another social event to 'paint a pot' in July.

Our School Choir has been working hard with our new signing teacher Mrs Latta every Wednesday after school. Their first performance will be at a community Choir event at Bedale High School on 15th June.

Our next main event in school is our 'Fun Run' on Wednesday 25th May, starting straight after school. You should have received details on this last Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

SCHOOL UNIFORM

So many of our pupils come to school daily looking incredibly smart and we thank you for your support. If I could just remind you please of School shoes/sandals and not trainers, sensible hair accessories with long hair tied up and skirts of a sensible length (no tube style skirts).

Thank you for your continued support.

EYFS NEWS

We've had such a busy week in Early Years, we spent Monday preparing for our new starters picnic. You should have seen how cute the teddy bear sandwiches were. On Tuesday we welcomed the new starters and they enjoyed exploring the Early Years unit and eating the delicious teddy bears picnic.



As part of our work on the local area we walked to Bedale Beck to look at the weir. We also identified different plants animals and buildings, we linked this to our work on the water cycle.

It was a great day to go as the heavy rainfall the night before made the beck flow very quickly and the weir look very impressive.

On our return we enjoyed a picnic and played games on the back field.

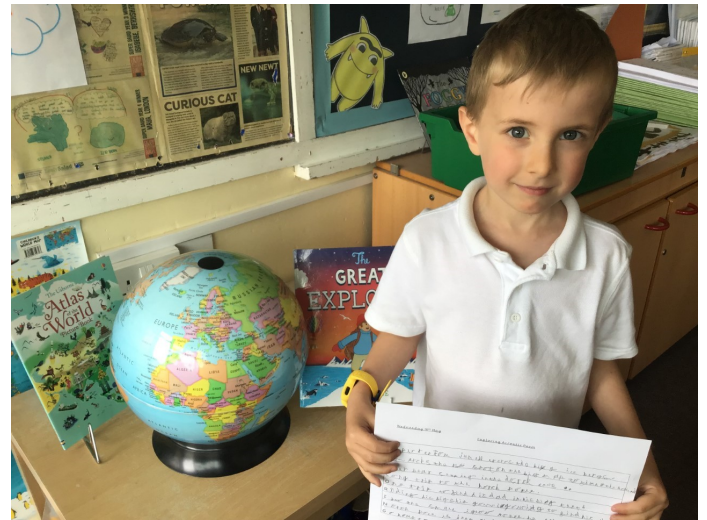
Just a little reminder, on Tuesday we are dressing up as a character from a traditional tale.



YEAR 1 NEWS

Year one have continued their learning using the story of The Great Explorer. This week they have written some amazing acrostic poems based on the story using adjectives to describe. This is Charlie's wonderful work.

Explorer Tom jumped across the slippery icebergs
X marks the spot on the big map
Polar bear sleeping in the dark cave
Long trip to the North Pole
On a trip to find his dad in his orange tent
Riding his big ship going to find his dad
In the small igloo where he eats his food
North Pole is icy and cold
Go back home to your cosy house



We hope the sunflowers are growing well. Please transfer them into bigger pots if this is needed and we will be asking for your first measurements on Google Classroom next week.

YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have had a super busy week this week with their SATs. They have all worked very hard and have done themselves and us proud. Thank you for all your support at home.

With the weather improving, we have enjoyed our outdoor PE lessons and have been learning some new team games such as bean bag rounders and tennis racket rounders. We have used key skills such as throwing and hitting and are improving in these each time.



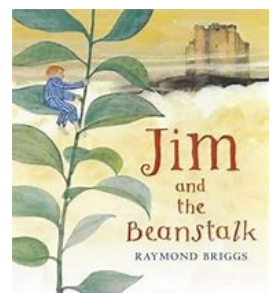
Hopefully your child came home with a letter about our visit to Foxglove Covert in July. If you have not received this letter then please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible!

YEAR 3 NEWS

We are so impressed with the stories that the children have been writing based on 'Jim and the Beanstalk' by Raymond Briggs. You obviously worked hard on coming up with some exciting endings in your writing homework last week! We have also been inspired by local artist 'Charlotte Morrison' and have created our own 'nature' designs to decorate our clay pots.

The Jubilee celebrations are at the forefront of our minds and we are going to be creating some exciting pieces of art to share on the day using watercolours.

Hopefully you have all received a letter about our forthcoming visit to the Himalayan Gardens which will further inspire our learning and be an opportunity for some outdoor learning. Please let us know if you did not receive the letter so we can get one to you as soon as possible.



YEAR 4 NEWS

Firstly we would like to congratulate our talented cricketers and wish them luck for the next stage of the tournament – what an achievement! This week the children have been working hard and having lots of fun practising our ‘Disco dance’ for the Jubilee celebrations.

In science they have been learning all about classification keys and spent some time in the nature area identifying various trees.

The children are continuing to learn about the Anglo-Saxons and are quickly becoming experts, they have produced some wonderful writing and art based on this theme over the last two weeks. We are now looking forward to the Jubilee party next week.



YEAR 5 NEWS

Brilliant! Amazing! Spectacular! Extra-ordinary!

On Wednesday the 11th of May, the year 5 children went over to Bedale High School to take part in a maths enrichment day. It was a fun-filled day packed with lots of exciting activities and puzzles to solve

including cracking a code in binary numbers, a problem solving relay and an open the box challenge. Here are what the children said about the day:

"I liked building the pyramids as we worked well as a team" Poppy

"We had to find all of the clues on the bookshelves" Jackson

"I enjoyed the binary activity because I like code breakers" Emily T

"It was fun as we worked as a team to work as quickly as we could" Kairi

Congratulations to team A who earned the most points on the day!



YEAR 6 NEWS

We could not be more proud of our Year 6 children. Their attitude, behaviour and determination to succeed in their SATs last week was amazing. The resilience shown by so many (overcoming anxieties, illness and even broken glasses) was incredible. Year 6 you are all stars. We were therefore delighted to offer the children a well-deserved treat at the end of the week. The pizza picnic and activity afternoon was enjoyed by all. Everyone got their first pick of activity, and the pizzas were delicious! (A big thank you to our kitchen staff for making this happen.) Again, the behaviour and attitude of all the children was exemplary - another well done! We have not rested on our laurels and are currently preparing the fun activities for next week's fun run, auditioning for parts in our play and continuing to work our socks off in all of our subjects. This week we have produced ink prints using a subtractive method, in Art; found out all about Alexander The Great, in History; made nets of shapes in Maths; embodied Theseus so we could write a diary from his perspective in English and begun to look at evolution and inheritance in Science (amongst other things!) Such is the life of a busy Year 6!



CHEER SUCCESS

A huge congratulations to Evie in year 5 and her cheerleading squad. Evie & her team 'Lazer Cheer Academy - Lilacs' competed at Future Cheer - Gateway to the Galaxy on Saturday 7th of May and they got 1st place. This is wonderful—Well done Evie!!



BEDALE LITTER BUSTER'S' PICK AND PLANT COMMUNITY DAY



Last Sunday many of our children and their families supported Bedale Litter buster's' Pick and Plant Community Day. Our children helped to plant flowers along the high Street, wash signs and plant herbs. We hope you have noticed the changes in Bedale. Here's Celyn planting flowers outside the shops.

YEAR 4 CRICKET

A huge congratulations to the Year 4 children who represented our school in the Cricket competition at Richmond this week. We are so proud to say they won the competition and will now take part in the NorthYorkshire County Cricket Finals in York next month! Well done everyone - this is such an achievement!



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



The school photographer will be visiting school on Monday 23rd May to take class photographs. Year 5 (Mrs Durham/Miss Trayer's Class) who go to PE at Bedale High School on Monday morning please come in PE kit BUT PLEASE BRING YOUR FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM TO GET CHANGED INTO.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is improving, although I do have concerns that a small minority of children are taking frequent short absences. These are being monitored carefully and followed up. We will not hesitate to act if we feel that children are missing school without real cause.

Any child with attendance below 94% is seen as having poor attendance. Less than 90% is seen as a persistent absentee. 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 still seeing a lot of pupils regularly arriving late for school. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Year Group	Attendance	No of Lates
EYFS	95.8%	1
1	99.2%	2
2	97.1%	1
3	92.9%	3
4	95.8%	2
5	95.9%	1
6	93.4%	6

POLITE REMINDER FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please ensure your child comes to school every day with their belongings they require for the day, including packed lunch, PE kits and the knowledge of who is picking them up after school. Frequently delivering items/messages to pupils disrupts lessons and also takes the office staff away from their normal duties. With our numbers on roll continually increasing it is impossible for the office staff to deliver personal messages on a daily basis. Your co-operation with this would be very much appreciated.

Please also be reminded that any correspondence that needs to be returned to the school office ie. permission slips etc. can be popped into our 'drop off box' in the main foyer to school. Thank you.

SCHOOL MEAL PARENTPAY ACCOUNT



As of today we have 41 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.

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MRS TURNBULL

A huge well done to all the children who were chosen to enjoy a hot chocolate with Mrs Turnbull for the last two weeks. They have shown a great attitude in all areas!



Congratulations to Isaac S, Katie P, Toby R, Sofia B, Nicoll K, William C, Shelby S, Katie M, Eva T, Gracie G, Emily K, Lily M, Eli M, Ethan R, Eleanor A, Oscar B, Ryan S, George L, Celyn R, Faye K, George C, Arla T, Ruby-Mae F, Owen R & Lexi B

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 23rd May 2022—School photographer in school for class photographs
- Tuesday 24th May 2022—EYFS dressing up as a character from a traditional tale
- Wednesday 25th May 2022—Fun Run
- Friday 27th May 2022—Jubilee Celebrations & School closes at 3.15 pm for half term
- Tuesday 7th June 2022 —Year 3 trip to Himalayan Gardens
- Monday 13th—Wednesday 15th June 2022—Year 6 residential to Robinwood
- Thursday 23rd June 2022—Year 1 Explorers—Parent workshop 2.15pm
- Thursday 30th June 2022—Year 3 Parent event—Celebration of work 2.15pm
- Friday 1st July 2022—FSG Summer Fair 2.00pm
- Monday 4th—Friday 8th July 2022—Year 5 residential to Wilderness Outdoor Centre
- Wednesday 6th July 2022—Sports afternoon for EYFS, Years 1 & 2
- Friday 15th July—Sports afternoon for Key Stage 2



SCHOOL GOVERNORS

I have been a Governor at Bedale Primary School since June 2021. After studying psychology I went on to community roles supporting children, young people and families. For the past 11 years I have removed barriers to learning and coordinated education packages for vulnerable children and young people with complex needs and SEN too. I am a parent Governor with responsibility for safeguarding and history.



SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022/23



2022

Autumn Term:

Monday 5 th September	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 6 th September	School opens 9.00 am
Friday 21 st October	School closes for ½ term at 3.20 pm
Monday 31 st October	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 1 st November	School opens 9.00 am
Friday 16 th December	School closes for Christmas at 3.20 pm

2023

Spring Term:

Monday 2 nd January	School closed. Bank holiday
Tuesday 3 rd January	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Wednesday 4 th January	School opens 9.00 am
Friday 10 th February	School closes for ½ term at 3.20 pm
Monday 20 th February	School opens 9.00 am
Friday 31 st March	School closes for Easter at 3.20 pm

Summer Term:

Monday 17 th April	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 18 th April	School opens 9.00 am
Monday 1 st May	School closed. May Day holiday
Friday 26 th May	School closes for ½ term at 3.20 pm
Monday 5 th June	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 6 th June	School opens 9.00 am
Tuesday 25 th July	School closes for Summer at 3.20 pm