

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

‘Learning & Caring Together’



Newsletter Date: 19th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

It is lovely to be able to start the New Year sharing good news. As you will have seen last week our Ofsted report came out. We are all very proud of the report; it reflects how wonderful our pupils are with their attitude to learning and their behaviours in school. They really do make us proud every day, following our values of compassion, perseverance and friendship and I feel the inspector noticed how kind they all are with each other. We are very lucky at Bedale to have such a dedicated team of teachers, who see teaching as a vocation rather than a job and again this was reflected in the report. It is a joy to be part of such a happy and successful community.

In addition to this good news, we also achieved our Silver Healthy School Award right at the end of last term and we have been celebrating this with all the children this week.



To continue to promote healthy lifestyles, I am delighted to inform you that Mr Holmes will be leading our next Wake up Wednesday on 7th February. This time it will be football based rather than dance. We are looking at widening the appeal of this event and focus on different interests and talents that the children have.

As you will have noticed we have no crossing patrol at school this term. Unfortunately nobody has responded to County's advert for this post. Please see overleaf for the link to the job. Do you know anyone in the local area who may be interested? Our previous lady did an amazing job at keeping our children safe and we do miss her, and desperately need someone to replace her.

Today you will receive information about how your children have achieved in the Autumn term assessments. There is an open evening for you on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th February which the admin team will be sending details out shortly about how to sign up. (Mrs Hunter's class will be different dates). If any of you have concerns or would like to speak to the class teacher prior to this, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher via the year group email. This report also includes information on your child's attendance. The school's attendance as a whole has been amazing last term so thank you very much for supporting us with this, I do appreciate children have bouts of illness especially at this time of year, and last term was a long one!

Mrs Turnbull, Headteacher

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

Come along and start your day with football drills with Mr Holmes!



School council will be selling fruit as a snack for after your workout.



Wednesday

The need to knows:

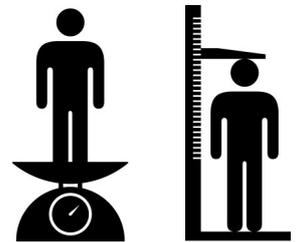
- We will start at 8.45 on the back yard on Wednesday 7th February.
- Parents are welcome to come and join.
- Please stay with your child until the bell goes and then take them to class as normal.
- Fruit will be sold at 30p a pot.
- Children can come in PE kit.

There will be no morning booster sessions on this day, to give everyone the opportunity to take part.



HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

All EYFS and year 6 parents should have had a text about height and weight checks. If you are happy for these checks to go ahead, you do not need to do anything. However, if you do not want your child to be measured and weighed, please let us know so we can opt them out.



SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL VACANCY



As mentioned on the front page, we are desperate for a new school crossing patrol to ensure the safety of our pupils coming to and from school. Please follow the link for more information about this role and please share with anyone you think may be interested.

[School Crossing Patrol - Bedale - Firby Road | North Yorkshire Council](#)

COLD WEATHER

It has been very chilly this week and some children are coming to school without a coat. Please ensure your child is well wrapped up on a morning and speak to them this weekend about the importance of wearing coats when playing out. Thank you for your support with this.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see below for a list of exciting events coming up over the Spring term.

- Wednesday 31st January—Y3/4 Dodgeball competition at Richmond School
- Thursday 1st February—Y5/6 Dodgeball competition at Richmond School
- Thursday 1st February, 2.45pm—EYFS Chinese celebration and writing workshop in the hall
- Tuesday 6th February—Parents open evening
- Wednesday 7th February—Parents open evening
- Wednesday 7th February, 8.45am—Wake up Wednesday
- Thursday 8th February, 3pm—Year 4 Electrical Showcase
- Monday 12th—Friday 16th February—School closed for half term
- Sunday 18th February—Bedale litter pick
- Thursday 29th February—FSG school disco (EYFS & KS1 5-6pm, KS2 6.30-7.30pm)
- Wednesday 13th March—FSG bingo night (further details closer to the time)
- Thursday 14th March—FSG bingo night (further details closer to the time)
- Friday 15th March—Red Nose Day (further details closer to the time)
- Thursday 21st March—Movie Night organised by our School Council



ATTENDANCE

Below is the attendance and lates for each year group this term so far.

Year Group	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	98.1%	97.1%	95.3%	98.1%	97%	94%	96.1%
Lates	6	1	0	4	0	1	2

Please be reminded that school starts at 9.00am. The below table shows how much education could be missed for children that are repeatedly late to school.



Minutes late per day:	Equivalent of Missing:
5 minutes	3.4 school days a year
10 minutes	6.9 school days a year
15 minutes	10.3 school days a year
20 minutes	13.8 school days a year
30 minutes	20.7 school days a year

Did you know?

Children who reached the expected standards at the end of KS2 have less than five days off school a year during their whole time at primary school.

Did you know?

90% school attendance seems good, right?
No, the Department of Education (DfE) classes 90% and less as **persistently absent**.

BEDALE LITTER PICK

The next scheduled litter pick is on Sunday 18th February. The meeting point is outside House and Home on the high street at 9am. We hope to see lots of you there.

Further litter picks are already scheduled, please see the upcoming dates below.

- Sunday 17th March
- Sunday 21st April
- Sunday 19th May
- Sunday 16th June
- Sunday 21st July
- Sun 18th August



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 Chinese culture. We found China and England on a map, and thought about how we could travel to China.

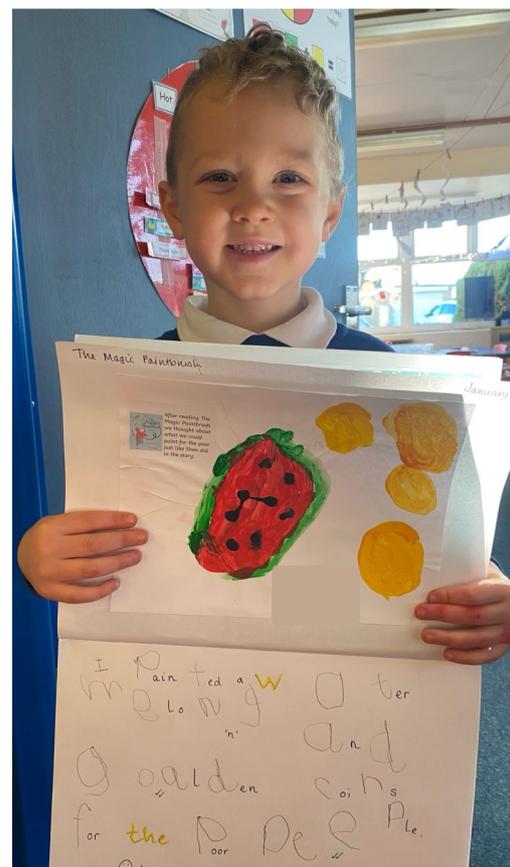
After looking at England on a map and talking about it being an island, the children drew their own islands; we were so impressed with their drawings. They thought carefully about what they needed on their island.

Following on from our work on The

Magic Paintbrush, the children 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 Wednesday.

On Thursday 1st February we are celebrating the Chinese culture. We are going to be wearing gold and red, as they are the Chinese lucky colours. We will also be having our writing workshop and Chinese event on this day at 2.45pm. A sign up sheet is now on Google Classroom for this event. Thank you so 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 ONE NEWS

Year One have loved starting their new unit 'What a Wonderful World'. In English we have explored the story Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson. Sadly, we had some lovely little puppets to match our story but they have gone missing! The children have all written a fantastic lost poster using adjectives and the conjunction 'and' to join their sentences in hope that someone can help find them.

Last week the children had a fantastic visit from Aquatic Finatic, where the Guy and Kim brought some amazing animals that the children were lucky enough to stroke or if they were brave enough to hold! They brought animals from each animal group including an owl, a fighting fish, an owl, a bearded dragon and a rabbit. The children had the best day!

A reminder that our outdoor P.E. session is a Monday. Please send your child to school with black or navy jogging bottoms/ leggings, a hoodie or zip up jacket, white t-shirt and a pair of outdoor trainers. Swimming is on Friday; please ensure all items, including their swim bags are name labelled.



YEAR TWO NEWS

What a fantastic second week back!

The children have been working so hard. In science, we have been learning all about everyday materials and exploring if the same object can be made from different materials. We explored the classroom for objects and sorted them into the different materials whilst discussing the materials properties. In music, we are learning about famous composers from the Baroque era and learning to sing 'London's Burning'. Ask your child for an interesting fact about the composer Bach. In English, the children have been working incredibly hard on their news report for 'The Great Fire of London' and learning to write in the present tense.

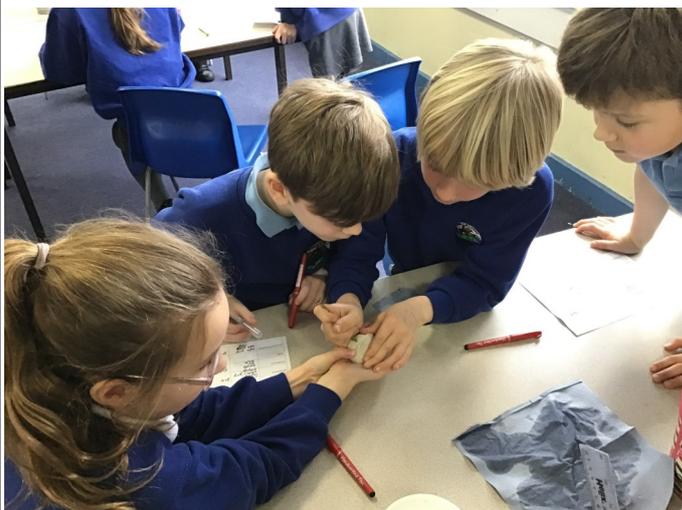
The children will be using their reports they have written in their homework this week; we can't wait to see your news reports come to life!

Please remember PE is outside, so please make sure the children are wrapped up warm and wearing the appropriate clothing.



YEAR THREE NEWS

Year 3 have been digging into the past with their new history learning about the Stone Age. In writing, they have explored the story Stone Age Boy and have written beautiful setting descriptions based on a Stone Age camp.



In Science, they became rock detectives and had a great time testing the properties of different rocks. They found out about how dense, porous and durable different rocks were and could group the rocks together using these properties. Whilst your out and about why not see what kinds of rocks you can find.

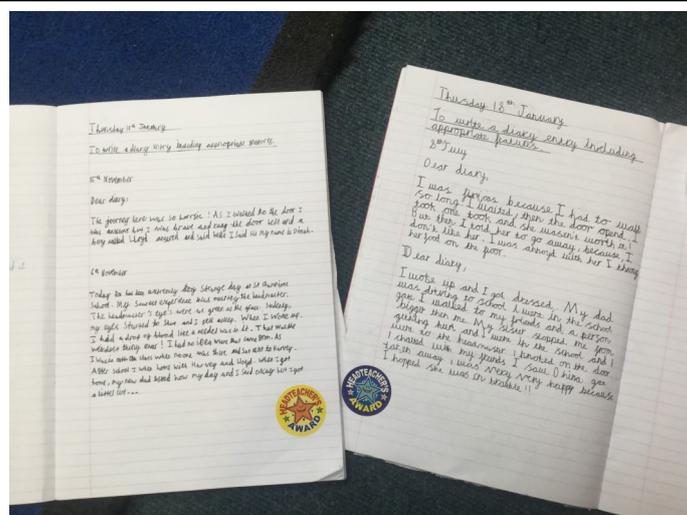
We had a messy, but fun, time in Art pretending to be Stone Age cave painters. Using our hands, mud (brown paint) and charcoal to create hand prints in the style of the earliest artists.



YEAR FOUR NEWS

Year 4 have had a lovely first two weeks back at school after Christmas. We really enjoyed hearing about everyone's holiday festivities, and seeing how much the children seem to have grown and matured coming into the new year!

We have been very busy learning about our new Science topic of electricity! The children impressed us with their knowledge of battery vs mains appliances and we have begun building circuits in preparation for creating our steady hand games in a couple of weeks... which we have designed already! A reminder of our electrical showcase date which is on 8th February at 3pm.



We have also been learning how to duck and jump in dodgeball, the children have been absolutely brilliant at this. They have also written a fantastic diary entry this week as one of the characters from The Demon Headmaster. Thank you everyone for working so hard! Also, a reminder that PE kits need to be in school all week, as well as swimming kits on a Friday. Please ensure that your children are coming in for IDL or Reading Plus at 8.45am if they have been previously.

YEAR FIVE NEWS

Welcome back Year 5!

In the past week, we have enjoyed settling back into a routine and starting new topics in our lessons!

In PE, we have started gymnastics and netball. In gymnastics, we have looked at counterbalances - we have had to use a partner to balance ourselves using different body parts. We increased the difficulty of this by using different levels, where one person had to be nearer the ground and



the other person was stood or kneeling.

In history, we have started to look at different Ancient Civilisations and when they existed in time. This links to our English work – where we have started to look at the daily life of people who lived in the Ancient Sumer Civilisation.

Why not ask us what we know about their lives?



YEAR SIX NEWS

Welcome back to Year 6! We are off to a fantastic start in 2024!

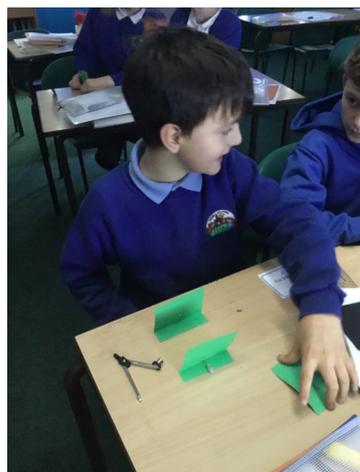
In PE, we have been enjoying hockey and dance, specifically, The Samba. It's great to see our teamwork and coordination improving as we play and engage in these energetic sports. In computing, we are explored use of 3D modelling and

created our own 3D maze models using TinkerCad. The possibilities are endless, and we can't wait to improve and showcase our creativity!

Our art lessons have been filled with inspiration from the likes of Van Gogh and, local artist, JMW Turner. We have been studying their techniques before we dive into our own watercolor paintings. The classroom is soon to be adorned with beautiful and imaginative artwork!

In English, we have been analysing mystery narratives and exploring the elements that make them thrilling. Our goal is to write our own captivating mystery stories. We are honing our writing skills and letting our imagination run free.

Science lessons have been a treat as well. We have been learning about light and recently proved, just like scientists, that light travels in a straight line.





SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners are charged at £2.50 per day. Accounts should always be credited **in advance** of dinners being taken. Overall there are currently 26 accounts with debit balances totalling over £290. **Can any debit**

balances please be cleared ASAP with additional funds added in readiness for dinners being taken.

If you think you should be entitled to free school meals due to your circumstances, you can apply for these online at:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

CASHLESS SCHOOL

Please be reminded that we are now a cashless school. Due to the bank closing in Bedale and the bank in Northallerton and Richmond also due to close soon, there is no bank for us to be able to pay any monies into.

ParentPay is very easy to use and all families have been given registration details for this. If you need a reminder of the registration details, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you have forgotten your password, you can follow the 'forgotten password' link on the sign in page. The admin team are always happy to help with any questions you may have about the system. Thank you for your support with this.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes for children in year 5 and above will be starting from Monday 5th February at 5.30pm. These will be held in the Old Grammar School (next to the entrance of St Gregory's Church). If you would be interested in your child attending these classes, please contact the Rector—Simon by e-mailing samoor@bedale.church (or feel free to just come along and join the first session).



GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT

There are several Governor vacancies within school. If you or anyone you know may be interested in becoming part of our Governing Body, please contact school and speak to Mrs Pennock for further information. Thank you.

