

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 21st September 2018

Dates for your Diary

27th September

Y6 Author
Afternoon,
Tennants, Leyburn

FSG Film Club
3.15—5.15 pm
(Y1-Y6)

Mon 1st Oct

Y6 Visit to Reeth
Y2 Reading
Workshop
2.15 pm

Tues 2nd Oct

Y5 Visit to Reeth

Thurs 11th Oct

EYFS Phonics
Afternoon and
Harvest Songs
from 2.00 pm

Harvest Festival at
St Gregory's
Church
6.00 pm

Thurs 18th Oct

Y3/4 Maths
Workshop
2.30 pm

Mon 22nd & Tues 23rd Oct

Parental
Consultation
Evenings

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had such a wonderful start to the term. The children seem incredibly settled and happy in their new classes, and their behaviour and attitude to new challenges has been superb. It has been lovely to see some of the older children taking our younger children under their wings too.

Our new lunches seem to be going down very well. Some quotes from our pupils include:

"I like being able to choose all the fillings for my jacket potatoes" Isla

"My favourite bit is the main food and the salad bar" Oscar

"You get more choice" Ben

"I like the salad bar because it has got all healthy foods" Coco

On the back of our newsletter is a list of Friends Support Group events which we have organised for the forthcoming year. The first event, a film club, will be held on Thursday 27th September. This is open to pupils in Year 1-6 (not pupils in EYFS). Letters sent out today must be returned by no later than Wednesday 26th September so that registers can be produced for safety reasons. Requests received after this date will not be taken. Due to the number of children that attend, collection after the film club will be from the back playground and NOT the front entrance as follows:

Y1/Y2: Collect from outside Mrs Hall/Mrs Lucas' Classroom

Y3/Y4: Collect from outside Mrs Brown's Classroom

Y5/Y6 : Collect from outside Mrs Durham/Mrs Hopps' Classroom

If you are a parent of a Year 6 pupil please be aware that open evenings for secondary schools begin this week. If you need any additional information please feel free to contact our office. Bedale High school's open evening is on Thursday 4th October from 6.00 pm.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

We are extremely fortunate to have an active Friends Support Group, made up of parents and grandparents etc. This group run our events such as the school disco, Christmas and summer fairs, film clubs. They not only provide fun events for our pupils but also raise a substantial amount of money which allows us to pay for additional treats and resources for the benefit of our pupils.



You may not be terribly keen to attend their meetings, but they are always looking for helpers to man stalls, set up drink stations etc. If you could spare a little time to help at any of the events on the back page of the newsletter please pop into the office and let us know.

LOST

A black leather jacket (aged 9-10 River Island) has been lost. If you see it please return to the school office.

Please can parents also ensure that all uniform is clearly named. Our lost property box is already starting to fill up! Thank you.

POLITE REQUEST FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

As we now have 355 pupils on roll I am sure you will appreciate it is not possible for our small admin team to take daily messages to individual pupils about arrangements for collection at home time. This also causes disruption to pupils in lessons. If you are able to ensure your child comes to school with everything they need for the day, including packed lunches, this will also be greatly appreciated as the admin team cannot be leaving the front desk to deliver personal items. In addition if your child is being collected by someone who is on their authorisation to collect from, you do not need to inform us daily of that.

Children should be leaving PE kit in school all week and therefore there should not be the need for PE kits/footwear to be delivered to them during the school day. As you will appreciate we need to have a member of the admin team on the front desk at all times from a safety point of view, to deal with any children that require first aid etc.

Reception News

We are so proud of the Early Years children and the way they are settling into school. Lunchtimes are going well. They are trying lots of new food and many of them are selecting produce from the fresh salad bar every day too.

Playtimes have been fun with the children playing games on the yard and mixing with new friends. They like the different activities both indoors and out and the staff have had lots of chocolate cake baked for them in the mud kitchen!

The children use lots of boxes and cartons in the making area. If you have some which you think will be suitable then please send them into school at any time.

Forest schools and PE will be starting in October. Further information to follow.

The children are now very settled into their new classes and have been working hard these last two weeks.

Year 1/2 News

Please remember to read at home with your child as often as possible and record it in their reading diaries. This will help them to move around their class reading rainbow and win merits and sticker rewards! Weekly homework and spellings should now be coming home with your child. Please help them to learn and complete these jobs.

Reading



We will be holding a reading workshop for Year 2 parents on the afternoon of Monday 1st October (see separate letter for details). It will be lovely to see lots of you there.

Year 3/4 News

The children have been working extremely hard writing instructions on how to be an effective learner. Next, we will be looking at fiction writing and describing characters and settings using exciting adjectives.

There are still some children who are forgetting to bring PE kits in on a Monday so just a reminder to make sure they have both indoor and outdoor clothing. We are having some sessions over at Bedale High as well as in school.

We continue to learn about life during World War II and would love to hear of any stories or experiences that anyone may have. Some children have been excited to tell us about their visits to Eden Camp over the Summer with their family and shared photos from the day.



Finally, thank you for all of the comments in the reading diaries. It really is fantastic to see the range of books that the children are reading.

We enjoyed having a chef from Mellor's Catering come in to school on Monday to demonstrate some Indian cuisine and talk about the history of curries and spices from Asia. We will be working more on this topic over the next few weeks.

Year 5/6 News

Some of our Year Six pupils completed their Bikeability training successfully, learning about how to stay safe on the roads. Well done to those who took part.

All classes have now taken part in sessions at Bedale High School this year with Miss Temple who has taken over from Mr Burgess in taking our PE sessions there this year. Hopefully soon the sports hall refurbishment will be complete and we can all begin our gymnastics sessions.



FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP EVENTS 2018-19



Thursday 23rd September	Film Club—3.15-5.15 pm
Thursday 8th November	Disco (EYFS & KS1) 5.00—6.15 pm Disco (KS2) 6.30—7.45 pm
Friday 30th November	Christmas Fair 2.00—4.00 pm
Thursday 24th January	Film Club
Thursday 7th February	Disco (EYFS & KS1) 5.00—6.15 pm Disco (KS2) 6.30—7.45 pm
Thursday 14th March	Film Club
Wednesday 10th April	Chocolate Bingo Night
Thursday 23rd May	Fun Run
Thursday 13th June	Film Club
Saturday 29th June	Summer Fair
Thursday 11th July	Disco (EYFS & KS1) 5.00—6.15 pm Disco (KS2) 6.30—7.45 pm

CAR PARKING—FIRBY ROAD AND BENKHILL DRIVE

Please can we ask parents/carers to be considerate when parking your car before and after school when dropping off/picking up. Please be considerate for residents in the area and not block their driveways. Please also DO NOT PARK ON OR OPPOSITE the yellow 'Keep Clear' road markings. In addition please do not park near junctions as this blocks the view of cars trying to exit from them.