

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 5th October 2018

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 11th Oct

EYFS Phonics
Afternoon and
Harvest Songs
from 2.00 pm

Harvest Festival at
St Gregory's
Church
6.00 pm

Friday 12th Oct

Y1 Phonics
Workshop
2.15 pm

Thurs 18th Oct

Y3/4 Maths
Workshop
2.30 pm

Mon 22nd & Tues 23rd Oct

Parental
Consultation
Evenings

Friday 26th Oct

School closes for
half term at
3.15 pm

Mon 5th Nov

School Re-opens
at 8.55 am

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been lovely to see so many parents attending the workshops put on by our teams of teachers over the past two weeks. I do hope you find these valuable. Early Years and Year 1 parents it's your turn next week!

Our Harvest Festival is rapidly approaching and children in years 1-6 will be participating in the annual service on Thursday 11th October, 6.00 pm at St Gregory's.

Please can pupils be at church no earlier than 5.45pm and can an adult be present to collect them from church if you are not staying. We expect the service to last about 45 minutes. All parent/carers are welcome to attend the service and we hope to see lots of you there.

We will be making harvest offerings to the local food bank and if you would like to contribute, please send into school by Wednesday 10th October. Suitable foods are: tinned produce, dried pasta, rice/noodles, pasta sauce, jams/spreads, cereal, biscuits.

Library—Some of our Year 6 pupils are already taking their new roles and responsibilities very seriously. I have been particularly impressed by our librarians, Sophie, Katriel, Molly and Stan. The library has never looked better.

Over the past week, our senior leadership team, Mrs Ball, Mrs Foster and Mrs Jenkins have been talking to pupils to get their views on our school. It is always extremely valuable to get feedback from the children—who tell it as it is! We are particularly delighted with the following feedback:-

Year 3: "Our school is fun and caring"
"We are relaxed, but we work hard"
"Teachers are always looking after us"
"Teachers sort everything out"

Year 5 & 6: "Enthusiastic staff say come on you can do it"
"Lessons are challenging but fun at the same time"

And finally, congratulations to Mr & Mrs Harding who are expecting twins in the Spring! They will be kept very busy!

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

SCHOOL COUNCIL

After voting in classes, we have now elected our brand new school council for 2018 – 2019 and we are excited to begin our year!

Our job is to help to improve our school by answering suggestions made by our peers. We also like to raise money for charities that we feel strongly about. We have already met to discuss which charities we would like to support during this first half term. If anyone has any suggestions, please let your class councillors know or pop it in the suggestion box in the hall.

HEADLICE

Unfortunately, this is an ongoing problem and something that can only be prevented if all parents check their children's hair regularly. It is crucial you tie your child's hair up if it is long as this prevents the headlice spreading.

As when I was at school, schools are no longer able to send pupils home from school if they have headlice and there are no longer school nurses who come into school to check children's hair. Therefore it is of paramount importance parents check their child's hair regularly.

I would strongly recommend you treat hair and retreat a couple of weeks later just in case any new eggs hatch!

OPEN EVENINGS REMINDER

On Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd October there will be the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and an opportunity to discuss strengths and also areas to focus on academically. Please sign up on the registers on your child's classroom door (Mr Holmes register is on Miss Woods' door).

Reception News

The pupils had a visit from Farmer Mark with his tractor last week. He told them all about harvesting crops and farming the land.



We have also had a great time with Mellors our catering company. They came in and showed the children a selection of fruit and vegetables and let them taste some as they prepared food.

The children have behaved beautifully with our visitors and asked lots of interesting questions and listened to the answers.

Please keep bringing boxes and tubs for the making area. The children have really enjoyed them. We look forward to seeing you at our Phonics workshop and Harvest sing on Thursday 11th October. The sign up sheets are in our classrooms.



Thank you to all the parents who attended our Y2 reading workshop. We hope you found it informative, if you have any further questions, please feel free to ask.

Year 1/2 News

Over the last few weeks we have been working towards the harvest festival and learnt about the role of bread in diets around the world.

In English, we have learnt all about chapatti and written different types of sentences: questions, statements and commands. We have also welcomed a visitor from our new caterers; we were shown how to make bread.

We look forward to sharing our retelling of The Little Red Hen with you at our harvest festival.

Year 3/4 News

This week, we had an exciting start to our Fairtrade topic by having it introduced by our new catering team, Mellors. The children and adults learnt some banana facts and how to make cinder toffee. While this was going on, the chef made us a delicious Mozambican curry that we were all fortunate enough to try.



As we are just about over the half way mark of the half term, we have started to see some excellent air shelters come in. Don't panic! You still have a few more weeks.

Harvest festival is approaching us once again next week, so if you have any kind donations available, can you please send in with your child for their class's collection.

We've been out and about in Years Five and Six this year with our two days out up in the heart of Swaledale on Monday (Y6) and Tuesday (Y5) to study the River Swale and its features as part of our geography topic.

Year 5/6 News

While the Year Sixes had to brave the cold, the Year Fives battled the wind but both groups enjoyed their visits and got to see some of the river features they've been learning about first-hand.

We carried out various fieldwork tasks which we will be following up in the coming weeks. Thank you to our helpers who gave up their time to help supervise on the visit as well. We are now busy preparing to lead the Harvest Festival celebrations in church next week.

YEAR 6 MOBILE PHONES

On Monday 22nd October PCSO Heather Lees is coming into school to speak to all our Year 6 pupils about phone/ internet safety. As many of our pupils appear to have mobile phones already I feel this is very important.

Parents please can I encourage you to check your child's phone regularly to ensure no unkind messages are being sent. If any parents have any concerns Heather will be available to answer any questions from 3.00 pm onwards.

CAR PARKING—FIRBY ROAD AND BENKHILL DRIVE

During this week PCSO Heather Lees and other officers have been monitoring the parking before and after school and have seen many incidents of illegal parking by parents.

Please can we ask you to be considerate when parking your car on Firby Road before and after school when dropping off/picking up. Please **DO NOT PARK ON THE BROW OF THE HILL** or on double yellow lines. In addition please do not park near junctions as this blocks the view of cars trying to exit from them as is stated in the highway code. This is for the safety of the children in our school, which I am sure you can appreciate. The Council have been informed of this and will continue to monitor the situation along with the police. Thank you.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Wednesday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. The EMS staff will be wearing yellow and fundraising for Young Minds #HelloYellow. There will be a cake stall at playtime and children can buy a cake or biscuit. All money raised will go to Young Minds to help children to be supported and empowered whatever the challenges they face. helloyellow@youngmindsorg

APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

The application window is now open to apply for a primary place for September 2019. The information you need to apply for a primary school place is available at:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions. You will need to:-

- Create an account via the parent portal. You will then receive a verification email
- Log back into your account to add your child and your school preference
- Remember to review and submit your application, you will then receive an email acknowledgement to confirm they have received your application.

Further details are available from the school office.