

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 10th February 2017

Dates for your Diary

Fri 17th Feb

School closes for half term

Mon 27th Feb

School re-opens

Friday 3rd

March

KS2 Poetry Competition

Monday 6th

March

Parental Consultation Meetings

KS1/EYFS Author Visit

Tuesday 7th

March

Parental Consultation Meetings

KS2 Author Visit

Thurs 9th

March

Cross Country Event

Catterick Racecourse

FSG Film Club
3.15—5.15 pm

Dear Parents/Carers

Super news

We now have our new school website up and running, thanks to a great deal of hard work from Mr Hartley-Haw. We are very pleased with the layout and hope you find it easy to navigate and get the correct information.

If you have not had chance to take a look please do so at:

www.bedaleprimaryschool.co.uk

It has been wonderful to have some feedback from parents about how useful Mr Hartley-Haw's You-Tube videos have been to help support bar modelling for problem solving. There are more videos added weekly, including some next week to support Y3/4 homework. Follow the link on our website homepage.

Parental open evenings will be held on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th March. This is a really good opportunity for you to not only come and talk to your child's class teacher, but also to find out how your child is progressing this year in reading, writing and maths. Please sign up for an appointment on the timetable displayed in your child's classroom. As most of you will be aware some of the children will be taking external tests as follows:

- Year 1 Phonics tests: week commencing 12th June 2017
- Year 2 SATS (reading and maths): week commencing 15th May 2017
- Year 6 SATS (reading, maths and GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling)) - week commencing Monday 8th May 2017

The above tests have to be taken on dates that have been specified by the Government. Your child's class teacher will give you more information on the above at the open evenings, if you were unable to attend our workshops that have been held over the last half term.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

PARKING

Please may we just remind all parents not to park on the road, in front of the school gates as this causes added congestion.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

I am pleased to see the children all looking so very smart in their uniforms at the moment. Many thanks for this. As usual, our lost property box is extremely full. Can I politely remind you to keep putting your child/children(s) names in their uniform as this makes it so much easier for the staff to track it down when it goes astray.



Reminder regarding shoes: Black school shoes please, NO TRAINERS

It is particularly cold at the moment and we do have some children coming to school without coats. The children are outside at lunchtime for approximately half an hour so they really do need coats.

HOLIDAYS

I am sure you are all aware that I am only allowed to authorise holidays in term time in very exceptional circumstances such as family bereavement, or if you are a forces family with parents who sometimes get posted away. Otherwise holiday in term time is marked as unauthorised. More details about this can be found on our school website at www.bedaleprimaryschool.co.uk

FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

Thank you to all of those who helped at the recent disco, staff parents and children.

Our next events include:

Film Club—9th March 2017

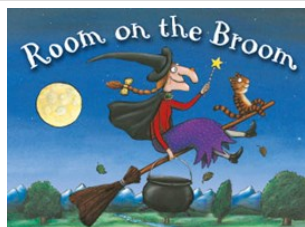
Music Concert—29th March 2017

Film Club—4th May 2017

Parents Pamper Night—11th May 2017

Fun Run—24th May 2017

Summer Fair—1st July 2017



The children have really enjoyed 'The Room on the Broom'. They have written spells, made potions, role played the story and spent time working on rhyming words.

Reception News

Thank you for all the work you have put in with the high frequency word bookmarks—every child has made progress and they should be very proud of themselves.

After the holidays we are learning about friendship and intolerance, then focussing on the Easter story.

We hope you all have a lovely half term break.

Year 1/2 News

We have been looking at the book 'Meerkat Mail'. Last week the children worked very hard on finding facts about meerkats and recording them in a fact file. This week the children have been following Sunny's journey to Thorpe Perrow. We have helped him to write a letter back to his family in the Kalahari Desert. I wonder what he will get up to next week...



Please make sure that all homework is returned each Thursday and PE kits are in school on a Monday for the week.

Thank you for your continued support with reading and maths targets at home.

Thank you to everybody that was able to attend the maths workshop. We hope you found it useful.

Year 3/4 News

France has been our focus over the last few weeks and the children have made their own reports about what life is like there. We learnt to sketch the Eiffel Tower and some of us have even had a go at constructing it out of straws.



Remember over half term to enjoy some books and write about it in the diary together. We love to hear about what the children are reading about at home.

Year 5/6 News

Our girls football team have been in action again up at Leyburn, finishing fourth in the area finals. Well done girls!

In class, we've been learning about Neil Armstrong and the first missions to the moon as part of our Space topic. We've also been preparing for the visit of another artist, Steve Tomlinson, who is coming to work with the children next week on some art, based on the history of Bedale.

Thank you to all the parents who came to our SATs talk on Monday. For anyone who missed this, or would just like a recap, the presentation is available on our newly-revamped website at: <http://www.bedaleprimaryschool.co.uk/parents-2/sats-information>

OUT OF SCHOOL/

Life In God Hope in Tomorrow (LIGHT)

This will take place on Saturday 11th February between 2.00 pm—4.00 pm in Chantry Hall.

Come along and think about the ways that god loves us; making things, singing, Bible stories and sharing food together.

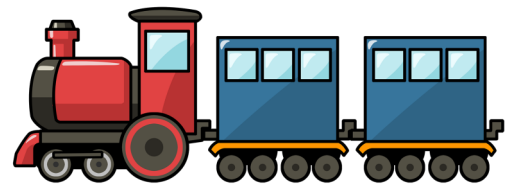
All children and families welcome.

For more information please contact: Rev'd Stephen Handscombe
Curate@bedale.church

Wensleydale Railway—Rail Racers

A club for children aged 4-11

Membership of the club is open to all children of primary school age on completion of an application form and payment of an annual subscription of £10.00. Details can be found on the website



www.wensleydalerail.com

The next event is on Saturday 25th February meeting at Leeming Bar Station at 1.30 pm. Free parking and free train travel for members and their parents to Bedale Station, where there will be the opportunity to see inside the signal box and meet the signaller amongst other signal related activities.