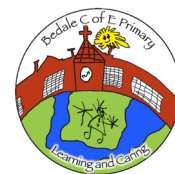


# Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 31st March 2017

## Dates for your Diary

### **Tues 4th April**

Key Steps  
Gymnastics  
Competition  
Mowbray School

### **Wed 5th April**

Easter Service  
St Gregory's  
Church: 2.00 pm

### **Fri 7th April**

School Closes for  
Easter—3.15 pm

### **Mon 24th**

#### **April**

School closed  
Training Day

### **Tues 25th April**

School re-opens

### **Mon 1st May**

School Closed—  
May Day Bank  
Holiday

### **Thurs 4th May**

FSG Film Club  
3.15—5.15 pm

### **Mon 8th—Fri**

#### **12th May**

KS2 SATs Week

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have many reasons to celebrate this week!

### **Debating Competition:**

On Friday 17th March six year 6 competitors took part in an annual primary school debating competition. They travelled to the Northallerton council chambers where they went head to head with four other local schools. Successfully they won and in June will be going through to the finals. All thanks to: Harry Collins-Smith, Mason Emmett-Doyle, Gabriel Wilkinson, Mia Brown, Michaela Lowry and Evie Harry for making our school the lucky winners. Thank you also to Mr Collins, for making this opportunity possible!



Evie Harry & Michaela Lowry

**Cross Country Success:** We had four pupils who represented our school at the finals in Dalby Forest. A very challenging course. Well done to Archie Butterworth, Jessica Pattison, Imogen Pattison and Ellie-May Mullen for their achievements.

**Gifted & Talented Maths Day:** On Tuesday 21st February our school welcomed a number of budding mathematicians to work alongside some of our Year Six pupils. Throughout the day this group of students explored a range of maths concepts, designed to extend their understanding and work on maths beyond the Key Stage Two National Curriculum. They were required to show resilience and perseverance, as well as good communication skills and team-work, in order to complete the tasks set; these skills were seen in abundance as they designed packaging for drinks and stock cubes, solved probability problems and enjoyed number games. Taking part in the days activities, from Bedale Primary were: Liam Draper, Lily Howard, Michaela Lowry, Dan Miles, James Rodger, Charlie Clark, Theo Barry, Lois Walmsley, Evie Harry, Evie Kingdon, Ellie Kaye MacArthur and Amelia Hamilton.

I am sure you will agree the above outlines some wonderful achievements over the past fortnight of our pupils in school. In addition, I must mention Isobel Allinson's achievements in karate out of school. At a recent competition she was awarded gold in an individual event, gold in a team event and silver in a paired event. Well done Isobel!

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

### Y5/6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO EDINBURGH

On Thursday 23rd March a group of very excited children gathered noisily, ready to set off on our long awaited trip to Edinburgh. After piling on the bus and having a quick head count, we headed off to our first stop, Housestead Fort in Northumberland. As it had been very wet the previous few days we had to scramble, slip and slide to see the ruins. A few of us slipped over ..... I was the first—it was very funny!

Then with lunches eagerly consumed, we travelled onward to Edinburgh to the Royal Yacht Britannia. It was an extraordinary sight and was enjoyed by all of us. I particularly loved the palatial dining room with all its fancy table wear. Later that evening, after a delicious meal at the Hard Rock Café, we headed to the cinema to watch Beauty and the Beast in 3D. It was brilliant and lots of us kept singing the songs the rest of the time in Edinburgh.

The next morning, we had to be up early ready to head to the Castle. We got to see the Scottish crown jewels, the prisons and lots of other parts to the Castle. After we had finished we went to the unique Camera Obscura; this was one of our favourite attractions. We all had fun in the mirror maze and all loved the attractions. We were all feeling hungry by now so we headed to the Story Telling Centre to munch, whilst we listened to traditional and funny tales. With batteries recharged, we marched to Dynamic Earth. The attraction lived up to its name as it was pretty dynamic! Our favourite bit was the 4D cinema. Next we went to the Lord of the Dance, which had dazzling dances and jazzy costumes. By the time it was over we were tired and ready for bed.

In the morning we packed and then off we went to the National History Museum. My favourite part was seeing the sheep called Dolly. To sum up, the whole Edinburgh trip was an amazing experience; I can't wait to go again. Also thank you to all the adults who accompanied us for giving up some of their weekend.

Ella-Grace Foster

### LATENESS

Recently we have had a number of pupils who are consistently late to school. It is crucial that your child arrives on time for the start of the day at 8.55 am. Lessons begin swiftly and it causes disruption to a whole classes learning if some pupils arrive late and do not know what they are doing in lessons.



On Monday we had five pupils unaccounted for. Clearly we need to make sure that all pupils are safe and accounted for. Therefore, please can I remind you to always ring and leave a message on the school absence line before 8.45 am if your child is off poorly or is late into school for some unforeseen reason.



We are learning about the Easter story and Easter traditions. The children have been talking about how they celebrate Easter at home and what kind of traditions you have. We are going to the church for our Easter service next week and would love you to join us.

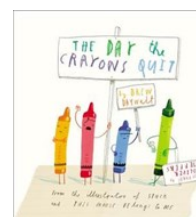
## Reception News

Thank you for continuing to send boxes and tubs for our making area.

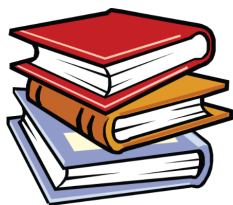
Outdoor PE after the Easter holidays. Information letter to follow. After the holidays we are looking at different occupations. If you have an occupation you would like to talk to the children about please pop in and let us know!

## Year 1/2 News

This week Year 1 and 2 have been doing work around the book, 'The Day the Crayons Quit!' We really enjoyed writing our own descriptive pieces about when the magic crayon took us into a picture of a fairground. We thought about all the things we would be able to see, hear and smell and used this in our writing.



We have also been looking at the Easter story and we have been enjoying learning songs ready for the Easter service next week. Well done to all of the year 1 and 2 children for working very hard throughout the Spring term.



We are busy preparing for our Easter Service and would love to see some of you at the church.

## Year 3/4 News

We have really enjoyed our topic of 'Awesome Authors' and are writing our own story based on 'The Magic Finger' by Roald Dahl.

Both year 3 and year 4 have had some taster cricket sessions where some of the children showed some real potential for the sport.

Our topic next term will be 'Vikings'. If you have any information or resources that we could use in school we would be very grateful.

## Year 5/6 News

While some of the Year 5 and 6 children were away, we produced some super adverts for our Wallace and Gromit-inspired contraptions. You can listen to these by visiting our school blog via the website. Don't forget there's also our YouTube videos to help explain the weekly homework task too.



## **OPERATION ENCOMPASS**

Our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new project that will run jointly between all schools, academies and colleges in York and North Yorkshire Police.



This new project, Operation Encompass, has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of normal school hours and that might have had an impact on a child attending our premises the following day. This information will be shared at the earliest opportunity between Monday to Friday and when an incident occurs on weekend the school will be notified on the Monday by the police.

A nominated member of school staff, known as a key adult, will receive the information from the police. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that our school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. Information will be shared where it is identified that a child or young person was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident.

Operation Encompass has already proved to be very effective in providing appropriate support to children.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our children and we believe this initiative is going to be extremely beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

## **REMINDER TO PARK SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY**

Please could we ask parents to be respectful when parking their cars when picking up and dropping off from school. We have had several complaints from local residents whose driveways are being blocked by parents/carers cars. Also please do not park on the pavement even if only half on. Children are taught that the pavement is a safe place to be. It also makes it difficult for those with buggies to get past. In addition, do not park where there are restrictions i.e. single yellow lines, double yellow lines and school keep clear zig zags. These restrictions are deliberately placed to allow safe crossing of the road by pedestrians. Thank you