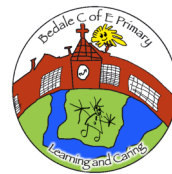


# Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 28th April 2017

## Dates for your Diary

**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

**Mon 15th—Fri  
19th May**  
Y2 SATs Week

**Mon 15th May**  
Y5/6  
Kwik Cricket

**Thurs 18th  
May**  
Y3/4  
DRAX Cricket

**Fri 19th—  
Thurs 26th  
May**  
Book Fair in  
School

**Wed 24th May**  
FSG Fun Run  
3.15—5.00 pm

**Fri 26th May**  
Non Uniform  
Day

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all had a good Easter break.

We have had a lovely first week back at school. The summer term is always my favourite and always a very busy one! I do hope the children will thoroughly enjoy all the experiences the staff have planned for them.

In the weeks that lie ahead some year groups will be focusing on looking at careers, others the development of a garden on the key stage two field and some of the older pupils on the debate centred around the Curlew sculpture, planned for the new roundabout on the edge of Bedale.

Please see our website for details of the topics your child will be learning about over the forthcoming weeks.

I have listed important dates on the back of this newsletter, events we have planned in the summer term. I know it is not always easy to get time off work at the last moment so hopefully this will help you plan ahead.

Can I also take this opportunity to draw your attention to our term dates. We have a training day on Monday 5th June and we do not break up until Tuesday 25th July. These dates are different to Bedale High School, for those of you who have children in both schools.

## Government Tests

These will take place on the following dates:

Year 1 Phonics Test: week commencing Monday 12th June

Year 2 Tests: week commencing Monday 15th May

Year 6 Tests: week commencing Monday 8th May

It is important that your children are in school on the above dates (unless seriously ill of course)

Mrs Turnbull  
Headteacher

## UNIFORM

Thank you for sending your children back to school looking as smart as ever. It is always fantastic when leading assemblies on a Monday morning to see them sitting there looking so very smart. I think it really does contribute to maintaining our high standards.

In the summer our girls are very welcome to wear blue checked summer dresses and cardigans. Please continue to support us in not allowing your child/children to wear trainers or jewellery to school.

Thank you.



## READING

As you may be aware one of our key areas to develop in school is reading, our aim being to achieve standards well above the national average (as in both writing and maths). We have all been working hard to achieve this over the year. Mrs Foster, as our English subject leader, has organised many events to try to promote a love of reading.

Last term we had an author visit (I hope you heard about his visit as Saviour Pirotta did seem to generate a great deal of excitement amongst the children), our poetry presentations and reading competitions.

In addition, I was delighted to take a group of pupils to the White Rose Bookshop in Thirsk. These children were selected by their class teachers for working particularly hard with their reading over the last term.

Congratulations to the following children:

**Year 2** - Levi Muldowney, Sienna Stockdale, Bailey Kent and Alicia Price

**Year 3** - Bailey Ann Gaskell, Ben Croft, Rosie Thornton-Grace, Jack Hannington, Jack Bowes, Ellen Gibb, Graham Figg and Coco Oldham

**Year 4** - Harry Lancaster, Gracie Gilberthorpe, Oliver Schofield and Katriel Enriquez

**Year 5** - Jack Sygrove, Darcey Gill, Ellie May Mullen and Theo Bilby

**Year 6** - Liam Porter, Bradley Johnson, Jennifer Fawcett and Tara Patchett



It was a pleasure to take them. When at the book shop, each child had the opportunity to select a book of their choice to read over the holidays and then return it to school to go in our library. I hope they enjoyed the choices they made.

It was a lovely visit made even more special by the kind owners of the bookshop who also provided us with juice and delicious little treats to eat and various other goodies to bring back to school.

It is something I look forward to repeating in July with another group of pupils, so come on children get reading!



This half term we are thinking about the jobs we would like to do when we grow up.

We have lots of visitors coming in to share their occupation with us e.g. a shoe designer, a firefighter, a painter, a policeman, a soldier and others.

We are also going to be doing outdoor PE when the weather warms up.  
Further information to follow in a separate letter.

## Reception News

## Year 1/2 News

Well what a busy first week back we have! The children (and staff) all had a fantastic day on Wednesday dressed up as Pirates, making biscuits, learning a sea shanty dance and finding the hidden treasure! They then produced some lovely diary entries all about 'The day in the life of a Pirate' the following day.

Over the next few weeks the children will learn more about famous pirates such as James Cook and all about life at sea. If you have any pirate books at home that might help us in class then feel free to bring them in!

Just a quick reminder- Year 2 will be starting Forest Schools this term, so don't forget your wellies!

Mr Boulton's class- 03.05.17 and 17.05.17

Mrs Lucas' class- 10.05.17 and 24.05.17



Our new topic is The Vikings and we have started to use lots of non fiction texts to find out information.

## Year 3/4 News



If you have any books or information that we could borrow, we would be very grateful.

In the 2nd half term we will be having an afternoon of boat making and you will be invited to work alongside your child in class (date to follow).

Some pupils in years 3 and 4 will be swimming every Friday. These sessions are aimed at increasing children's confidence in the water supporting their ability to enable them to swim 25m unaided.

## Year 5/6 News

We hope you all had a lovely rest over the Easter holiday; the children have come back refreshed and have settled quickly in to the new term.

We have lots of interesting opportunities arranged such as a talk on Italy and The Romans, a science workshop, the annual park visit and of course, the much loved Fun Run.

Thank you so much for all the support you have given the children over the holidays with their homework.



### **USEFUL DATES FOR THIS TERM**

FSG Film Club	Thursday 4th May	3:15pm-5:15pm
<b>**Please note, pupils must be signed up for the film club by no later than 4:00pm on Wednesday 3rd May. We are unable to accept any requests after this time.</b>		
FSG Fun Run	Wednesday 24th May	3:15pm-5:00pm
Non Uniform Day	Friday 26th May	
KS2 visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park (funded by our FSG)	Friday 9th June	
EYFS/KS1 Yorkshire Sculpture Park (funded by our FSG)	Thursday 15th June	
FSG Summer Fair	Saturday 1st July	1:30pm-4:00pm
Y6 Leavers Service at Ripon Cathedral	Tuesday 4th July	
School reports sent home	Friday 7th July	
Bedale High School Y6 Transition Days	Monday 10th July Wednesday 12th July Friday 14th July	
FSG Disco	Thursday 13th July	
EYFS/KS1	5:00pm-6:15pm	
KS2	6:30pm-7:45pm	
KS2 (Y3-Y6) Sports Day	Monday 17th July	1:30pm-3:15pm
Visit to new classes	Tuesday 18th July	
EYFS/KS1 (Y1-Y2) Sports Day	Wednesday 19th July	2:00pm-3:15pm
Y6 Leavers Assembly	Friday 21st July	2:00pm-3:00pm
Whole School Picnic	Monday 24th July	
Break up for summer	Tuesday 25th July	1:30pm

### **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance at our school continues to be very good indeed—96.3% for all school in the Spring term.

We are still aiming to reach our target of 97% by the end of the Summer term.  
Congratulations to Miss Woods' class for best attendance at 97.2%.