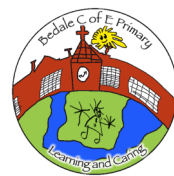


Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 28th 12th May 2017

Dates for your Diary

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

Mon 15th May
Y5/6
Kwik Cricket

Wed 17th May
FSG Meeting
6:00pm

Thur 18th May
Y3/4
DRAX Cricket

**Fri 19th—
Thur 25th May**
Book Fair in
School

Wed 24th May
FSG Fun Run
3.15—5.00 pm

Fri 26th May
Non Uniform
Day

Fri 9th June
KS2 Visit to
Yorkshire
Sculpture Park

Thur 15th June
EYFS/KS1
Visit to
Yorkshire
Sculpture Park

Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to start this week's newsletter by sharing good news about our children's excellent behaviour and attitudes to learning. It has been exceptional over the last few weeks and I must congratulate them all. Out of 346 pupils we have only had a handful of pupils missing their lunch time break in the behaviour room. I think this speaks volumes and reflects what polite and hardworking children we have in our school. Thank you also to you for working with us and supporting school. It really is a team effort and one which is paying off.

Last week Mr Rawdin, the new Headteacher of Bedale High School, came to visit our school and meet the year 6 pupils. I know they were very excited about his talk. He commented on the wonderful atmosphere in school. In addition, our school advisor visited us. She spent some time in our Early Years provision and was so impressed by our enthusiastic and independent children. She also visited Mr Holmes' class and commented on their excellent attitudes to learning. Well done to all those involved (and the staff too!).

This week has been national testing week for year 6. They have worked in such a focused way all year and put in so much effort, I know they will all have done their very best. You may have some very tired children tonight if your son or daughter is in year 6.

The next two weeks will be the turn of our year 2 children. We will endeavour to make it as stress free as possible. Please support your children with early nights and lots of good food!!

Liz Turnbull
Headteacher

UNIFORM



Thank you, thank you, thank you! We are looking extremely smart. I have even had some children knocking on my door to apologise for having trainers on (as their school shoes had split) until the weekend when they were getting new shoes!

ATTENDANCE

We recognise the importance of full attendance and we aim to ensure that all pupils achieve and maintain high standards of attendance.



Regular attendance is a prerequisite to a good education and therefore is a priority for the school. We are committed to providing a full and efficient educational experience for all pupils. Our whole school target is 97% and we are hoping to achieve this at the end of the summer term.

Attendance Figures for the last fortnight

Year Group	Attendance	No of Pupils Late
Rec	98.3%	5
Y1	97.8%	2
Y2	96.5%	4
Y3	97.3%	8
Y4	98.5%	2
Y5	97.4%	2
Y6	96.0%	1

Persistent absence is when a pupils attendance falls below 90%. In the case of this, school will no longer authorise any periods of absence, including illness, without suitable evidence.

This can be in the form of a medical appointment card or a prescription label.

For further information, please contact the school office.

TRANSITION MEETINGS

We will be holding some transition meetings for parents later in the summer term. These will take place on:

Tuesday 11th July at 3:30pm for Y4 pupils moving in to Y5.

Monday 17th July at 3:30pm for EYFS pupils moving in to Y1.

Wednesday 19th July at 3:30pm for Y2 pupils moving in to Y3.

I hope you are able to attend and that you find the information useful.



We have been learning about different occupations this half term. We enjoyed designing shoes after Sophia's mum visited us. Then we had our own talent show after Mr Kirby came with his guitar.

Reception News

This week we have been learning about the armed forces and Harrison's daddy came to see us. He's a pilot and brought an inflatable boat and his special clothing with him.

The children have all been so polite and interested and are learning lots of new things!

Year 1/2 News

We are continuing to enjoy our topic of shipwrecked. Last week we wrote an information leaflet about parrots to help Pete the pirate look after his pet. This week we have been stranded on a desert island and we have written a message in a bottle which we are hoping that somebody reads soon so that we can come home!



Please see separate letter about our exciting Y1/2 trip to Hartlepool



We are working hard in our writing improving a version of 'The Three Little Pigs' and writing a diary, imagining that we are one of the pigs.

Year 3/4 News

In science we are learning about forces and magnets and are going to have a science day next week.

After half term, we will be having a week thinking about careers. If anyone would be willing to come and talk to the children, please let your child's class teacher know.

Year 5/6 News

We certainly have had a very busy couple of weeks. The children have worked incredibly hard in the classroom and whilst doing tests; we have been so proud of their attitude, work ethic and behaviour.

Over the rest of the term we have some very exciting things organised for the children, starting with a talk on Italy and The Romans. The Roman topic is proving to be very inspiring and the children have shared many interesting stories and facts already; we are certainly looking forward to hearing about the research the children have been doing for homework.

We also have a planned visit from scientists at St James' University Hospital, Leeds.

For information, we have PCSO Heather MacPherson in school on Tuesday 16th May to discuss appropriate use of social media and texting.



SCHOOL TERM DATES 2017/18

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Autumn Term:

Monday 4 th September	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 5 th September	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 20 th October	School closes for ½ term at 3.15 pm
Monday 30 th October	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 22 nd December	School closes for Christmas

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Spring Term:

Monday 8 th January	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 9 th January	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 9 th February	School closes for ½ term at 3.15 pm
Monday 19 th February	School opens 8.55 am
Thursday 29 th March	School closes for Easter at 3.15 pm

Summer Term:

Monday 16 th April	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 17 th April	School opens 8.55 am
Monday 7 th May	School closed. May Day holiday
Friday 25 th May	School closes for ½ term at 3.15 pm
Monday 4 th June	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 20 th July	School closes for Summer at 3.15 pm
Monday 23 rd July	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 24 th July	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>

OUT OF SCHOOL

Life In God Hope in Tomorrow (LIGHT CHURCH)

David and Goliath

Saturday 13th May 2:00pm-4:00pm Chantry Hall

Come along and think about the story of David and Goliath; making things, singing,
hearing the story and sharing food together.

We are also going to help Sally and David celebrate their wedding.