

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 22nd September 2017

Dates for your Diary

Sat 23rd Sept

FSG Car Book
Bedale Park

Helpers Required

Mon 25th Sept

FSG Annual
General
Meeting 3.30 pm
All welcome

Wed 27th Sept

Y3/4 Reading
Afternoon
2.30 pm (school hall)

Thurs 28th Sept

FSG Film Club
3.15—5.15 pm
(Y1-Y6)

Friday 29th Sept

Internet
Awareness
Assembly for KS2
MP Rishi Sunak at-
tending (pupils only)

Wed 4th & Thurs

5th Oct

Parents Evening for
Mrs Lucas' class

Thurs 5th Oct

Phonics Workshop for
Y1 parents (school
hall) 2.15 pm

Dear Parents/Carers

I have been delighted to walk round school the past couple of weeks and see how hard the children are working. I have been so impressed with their attitudes to learning, manners and behaviour. Our EYFS pupils have settled in so well, working independently already. They are also coping very well with our busy lunch hall.

What a wonderful start to the school year. All the teachers have big smiles on their faces.

We have had a busy and exciting week with Gervase Phinn visiting school. He really is a charismatic character, and has inspired us all. I hope you have heard all about it from your child(ren). We have lots of budding poets and writers in school, and I am sure you will look forward to seeing their work on open evenings.

This term our open evenings take place on:

Monday 16th October—3.30—6.00 pm

Tuesday 17th October—3.30—6.00 pm

Please note due to Mrs Lucas commencing maternity leave her open evening will take place on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th October. Please watch out for a timetable in your child's class where you can sign up to make an appointment.

Bedale High School is holding an open evening on Thursday 5th October at 6.00 pm. I think it would be a good idea for Year 6 parents to attend and perhaps also beneficial for parents of Year 5, so you are able to make an informed choice on your child's secondary education.

The FSG film club will begin on Thursday 28th September for Y1-Y6 pupils. Please can I politely remind you to return slips the day before if your child is attending so we can make up the registers and ensure all pupils are accounted for. In addition please can I remind you to collect your child from the back playground after the film.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

SAFEGUARDING

On Friday 29th September, we are lucky enough to have a company called Parent Zone deliver an assembly to pupils in Year 3,4,5 and 6 on internet awareness on behalf of Google. These assemblies highlight issues of internet use/awareness in a way that is both educational and entertaining including the use of passwords, protecting digital profiles, the dangers of oversharing images and the importance of being kind on-line. We continue to work hard to ensure children know how to keep themselves safe.

On a similar theme, over the past two weeks some of our Year 6 pupils have taken part in Bikeability which promotes keeping our pupils safe on the road.

“Over the last two weeks some of the year six pupils have taken part in the Bikeability Cycling course, led by different instructors from NYCC. The children initially were taught on the playground but then went onto Firby Road to practise road safety on their bikes. We really enjoyed the experience and have learnt many more valuable road safety skills as well as becoming more confident on the roads with other traffic around us! The instructors were really helpful as well, they made us confident on the road and at the end gave written feedback on things we needed to improve on. A great experience”!

By Isla and Darcey

In addition, at the start of the school year we revisit our safeguarding arrangements and Bedale CofE Primary School is committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all children in school. All North Yorkshire schools, including Bedale CofE Primary School, follow the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board procedures. The school will, in most circumstances, endeavour to discuss all concerns with parents about their child. However, there may be exceptional circumstances when the school will discuss concerns with Social Care and/or the Police without parental knowledge (in accordance with Child Protection procedures). The school will, of course, always aim to maintain a positive relationship with all parents. The school's child protection policy is available on the policy section of the school website. For information our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Turnbull and our designated deputy safeguarding leads are Mrs Ball and Mrs Pritchard-Jenkins.

CAR PARKING—FIRBY ROAD AND BENKHILL DRIVE

Please can we ask parents/carers to be considerate when parking your car before and after school when dropping off/picking up. We have had several complaints from residents whose drive ways have been blocked by parked cars. Please also DO NOT PARK ON OR OPPOSITE the yellow 'Keep Clear' road markings. In addition please do not park near junctions as this blocks the view of cars trying to exit from them.

We are having a wonderful time in Early Years exploring all of the new things which school has to offer. The children have settled beautifully and we would like to thank you for getting them here on time with everything they need. They have been so enthusiastic learning about giants and we are going to be growing our own beans very soon. A few useful bits of information to share:

Reception News

12th October Phonics workshop for parents (letter to follow)

Forest Schools starts 29th September (letter to follow)

A keyring/tag attached to their reading folder helps them to identify it quickly

Year 1/2 News

Well done on a fantastic start to the school year. We have loved reading the school diaries to see how much you have all been reading at home. This is great as we can see people moving up the reading rainbow. Thank you to all the Year 2 parents who attended the maths workshop, it was lovely to see so many of you in school working with the children.

We are looking forward to our animal day on Tuesday 3rd October where your child can dress up as their favourite animal. We can't wait to start writing our riddles! We hope to enter the 'Little Riddlers' competition with the finished products.

Also that week there is the Year 1 Phonic workshop on Thursday 5th October please send back your slip if you will be attending. Thank you for your continued support.

In years 3 and 4, we are working on non-fiction texts and are beginning to write a report on penguins or polar bears. We are really focusing on our handwriting and making sure our writing is cursive and joined correctly.

Year 3/4 News

During our topic sessions, we have used maps to locate places around the United Kingdom. We have been very impressed with how well the children are using their reading diaries and how quickly they are moving along our reading race track. It is lovely to see what they have been reading at home!

On Wednesday 27th, our reading workshop for parents will take place at 2.30pm. We hope to see you there.

Year 5/6 News

We've made a super start in Years Five and Six and are looking forward to the challenges ahead of us. Our Year Six pupils especially are settling into their various roles as house captains, sports captains, recycling monitors and many more.

Our first parent workshop of the year was held this afternoon (Friday 22nd) which will hopefully help with supporting reading at home. Remember we also have our YouTube videos to support with homework if you need a nudge in the right direction.



ATTENDANCE

Over the past three years our attendance at Bedale Primary School has been consistently good—at over 96% and we hope to continue to keep it that way.

Thank you to all parents and carers for working with us to achieve such a high standard. We have much to celebrate already this year.

Our attendance for the first 3 weeks of the autumn term is as follows:

Year Group	Attendance	No of Lates Recorded
Rec	99.0%	9
Y1	97.2%	7
Y2	98.4%	3
Y3	96.5%	3
Y4	98.4%	3
Y5	97.6%	6
Y6	97.6%	2



We have been really impressed with those few children that had low attendance last year who have significantly improved it already.

LATENESS

Lateness has also improved considerably over the last six months. Thank you to both pupils and parents who have worked hard to improve all of the above.

Only 1.8% of our pupils have been late to school. What a fantastic start!

Just remember.....being late adds up to loss of learning:

5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days lost each year

10 minutes late adds up to 6 days lost each year

15 minutes late adds up to 10 days lost each year

20 minutes late adds up to 13 days lost each year

30 minutes late adds up to 19 days lost each year