

# Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 20th October 2017

## Dates for your Diary

### Mon 30th Oct

School Re-opens  
8.55 am

Judo Taster Sessions  
for Year 3 and 4

FSG Meeting  
3.30 pm

### Tues 31st Oct

Judo Taster Session  
for Year 1 and 2

### Wed 8th Nov

KS1 and KS2 Fire  
Safety Talk

### Thursday 9th Nov

FSG Disco  
EYFS, Y1 & Y2  
5.00 pm—6.15 pm  
Y3-Y6  
6.30—7.45 pm

### Friday 10th Nov

EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3 &  
Y4 Influenza Vaccine

### Sun 12th Nov

Remembrance  
Service at St  
Gregory's Church  
10.00 am

Dear Parents/ Carers

Unbelievably we seem to have arrived at the half term holiday and I for one do not know where the last seven weeks have gone.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who supported us at our harvest events: the Harvest Festival in St Gregory's Church, our EYFS Harvest Festival celebration in the school hall and also our fantastic scarecrow trail and quiz afternoon, superbly ran by our School Council and Miss Hutton.

It always gives me great pride to see how well the children read and perform when in front of a large audience (especially our youngest children who have only been in school a few weeks). Performing arts is a very important part of our school curriculum and each child has the opportunity to perform in front of an audience annually, whatever year group they are in. It is our belief that this enables them to build up their self esteem and confidence, both qualities needed later in life.

On the theme of pride we now must share with you our footballing success from last week at the cluster tournament held on Dobson's Field. We took 16 boys to play against 6 other schools in the Cluster. The final result was a Bedale victory! You can see a full report of the match on our Schools' Facebook Page.

We will keep you posted on any news on Baby Lucas. We were very sorry to see Mrs Lucas leave last Friday, but pleased she will be returning in July 2018.

Wishing you a very happy half term.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

## **PARENTAL CONSULTATION EVENINGS**

If any parents were unable to attend our open evenings this week please do not hesitate to get in touch with the office who will make an appointment with your child's class teacher for after the half term holiday.

Similarly please get in touch if you need any additional information on your child's progress or well being.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Our Scarecrow event was a huge success. We raised a fantastic £90.00 from the cake stall which will go to the RSPCA which the children voted for.

Scarecrow Winners were:

- Joint first place Y1 Tiger and Y2 Zookeeper
- Runner up Miss Hutton's Class— Captain Underpants.

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes.

The quiz winner was Phoebe Haw who got 14 out of 14 - well done to everyone who took part!

## **ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL 2018**

For any parents of prospective pupils that are due to start school in September 2018. The application process is now open and this can be done on-line at:

[www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The deadline for applying is 15th January 2018

## **STAYING SAFE**

Following our special assembly 'Internet Legends' run by Google and ParentZone at the end of September, please will you remind your children:

- Respect each other—be kind
- Protect your own stuff
- Think carefully before you share anything
- Check things are as real as they appear.

I am sure you all appreciated the giant foam hands the Key Stage children brought home!

Year Six have also had the opportunity to attend Crucial Crew this week where they have had numerous workshops on keeping themselves safe. Some of those are particularly pertinent with the clocks going back at the end of the holiday and with Bonfire Night approaching.



## Reception News

We have really enjoyed celebrating Harvest. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the Harvest sing in the hall. The children performed beautifully and were so enthusiastic. Yesterday we read The Little Red Hen and baked bread rolls which looked delicious. It was lovely to see families at the Phonics workshop and at parents evening. We cannot believe how quickly the first half term has flown and are proud of the way the children have settled and made such good progress.

Next half term we are thinking about autumn and the children brought home a bag on Tuesday to collect autumn items in over the half term. We are looking forward to sharing those when we get back.

## Year 1/2 News

What a wonderful start to the year! We have loved our Animal Kingdom topic and have learnt lots of new facts about lots of different animals. Last week we enjoyed making our scarecrow and sharing them at the event on Thursday.



We are looking forward to continuing our topic after the half term holiday and we are very excited about going on a Bear hunt! The Judo man is coming into school the first week back to demonstrate Judo so the children will need their PE kits in school from the start of the week. We hope you have a lovely half term.

This week we have been looking at letters and how they are organised. As we enjoyed the visit from Gervase Phinn so much, we decided to write him a letter to say thank you. Fingers crossed we get a reply soon! In our Science work, we have been sorting and classifying living things using a sorting tree. The children had to think carefully when creating questions to separate creatures, e.g. Does it have wings? Does it have 8 legs?

## Year 3/4 News

Over half term, it would be really useful if you could work with your child on their current times table target. Have a lovely holiday!

## Year 5/6 News

Well done to our Year 5/6 football team who triumphed in our cluster event recently. You can read the full report on our school blog or Facebook page.

In school, we have been busy completing our scarecrow-themed work by writing some excellent instructions. We have also been learning more about seeds in our Science work and have done some super sketching work as well in our art lessons.



We have just held our first house sports tournament of 2017/18 with Chantry winning at handball. Well done! Everyone played with a super attitude and enjoyed the afternoon. Our Year 6 really enjoyed their visit to Crucial Crew on Tuesday, where they learned about staying safe in the home and community through a variety of activities and workshops. We hope you have a good half-term.

## ATTENDANCE

We have had a fantastic start to the school year! We currently have 208 pupils on 100% attendance and our whole school percentage is currently 97.4%. We are very proud of all our children (and parents/carers) who consistently help us to achieve such high standards.

Keep it up!

### **Attendance figures for the first half of the autumn term**

Year Group	Attendance	No of Lates Recorded
Rec	98.5%	18
Y1	96.5%	19
Y2	97.5%	17
Y3	97.2%	16
Y4	96.6%	12
Y5	98.6%	20
Y6	97.0%	12

## LOOKING FORWARD

Next term is always incredibly busy so I thought it might be helpful if you had some key dates well ahead. Obviously we will send out more details nearer the time.

Monday 30th Oct	FSG Meeting—3.30 pm
Wednesday 8th Nov	KS1 and KS2 Fire Safety Talk
Thursday 9th Nov	FSG Disco—EYFS, Y1, Y2 5.00—6.15 pm Y3-4 6.30—7.45 pm
Friday 10th Nov	EYFS—Year 4 Influenza Vaccine
Friday 10th Nov	Military Kids Remembrance Service—Ripon Cathedral—12.15 pm
Sunday 12th Nov	Remembrance Service St Gregory's Church 10.45 am
Tuesday 14th Nov	Rising 5s Stay & Play Session—9.30—10.30 am
Tuesday 14th Nov	Rising 5s Open Evening for parents 6.00—7.00 pm
Thursday 23rd Nov	Individual Photographs in school
Friday 1st Dec	FSG Christmas Fayre
Monday 4th Dec	EYFS and Year 1, Year 2 Elf Day
Sunday 10th Dec	Toy Service at St Gregory's Church—10.00 am
Tuesday 12th Dec	EYFS Christmas Production—2.00 pm and 6.00 pm
Thursday 14th Dec	Year 1 Christmas Production—2.00 pm and 6.00 pm
Friday 15th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Songs for parents in the school hall—2.30 pm
Monday 18th Dec	EYFS Christmas Party
Monday 18th Dec	Year 1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19th Dec	Year 3 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20th Dec	Year 4 Christmas Party
Thursday 21st Dec	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party
Thursday 21st Dec	House Winners Treat
Friday 22nd Dec	School closes for Christmas at 3.15 pm