



Newsletter Date: 8th December 2017

Dates for your Diary

Sun 10th Dec

Toy Service at St
Gregory's Church
10.00 am

Tues 12th Dec

EYFS Christmas
Production
2.00 pm & 6.00 pm

Thurs 14th Dec

Year 1 Christmas
Production
2.00 pm & 6.00 pm

Friday 15th Dec

Christmas Lunch and
Jumper Day
Year 2 Christmas Sing
Along for
Parents—2.30 pm

Mon 18th Dec

EYFS & Year 1
Christmas
Parties

Tues 19th Dec

Y2 & Y3 Christmas
parties

Wed 20th Dec

Y4 Christmas Party
Carol Service—St
Gregory's 10.00 am

Thurs 21st Dec

Y5/6 Christmas
Party

Dear Parents/Carers

A huge thank you to you all for making our Christmas Fair such a success last week. I don't think I have seen the hall so busy for a long while. There was a fantastic range of stalls and I know our Year 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed helping out.

We managed to raise a fantastic sum of £1738.00. This money will go towards paying for a pantomime for all the children in January. Treats like these help us to keep our curriculum, and the children's learning, both exciting and memorable.

Particular thanks to our FSG members and parent helpers who helped tidy up afterwards, we could not have done it without you!

Rehearsals are now underway in EYFS and Year 1 for our Christmas production 'It's a Baby' and our Year 2 Sing Along, I am looking forward to seeing the children in action next week—Christmas certainly is one of my favourite times of year in primary school. Having seen all the excited faces in Collective Worship on Monday, with Elf Day in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 I think it is the children's favourite time of year too. Lots of grown up elves too!

E-Safety/Safeguarding

PCSO Heather Lees will be coming into school during the last week to talk to our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils about use of mobile phones. Please can I also remind parents not to use mobiles on the school site.

In addition, I would like to thank you for staying in classrooms during morning work and not going into the cloakrooms. If children need any help please ask one of the teaching assistants.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

ASSESSMENT TESTS

Children worked very hard on their assessments. We have used these assessments to give the children feedback which is then used to help them know where they need to focus next, supported by teachers and teaching assistants, so that they do their very best.

We will be holding a drop in parent feedback session on Tuesday 16th January, for anyone who would like to see their child's class teacher regarding assessment feedback. More details will follow in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Tuesday 12th December—EYFS Production of 'It's a Baby' 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm

Thursday 14th December—Year 1 Production of 'It's a Baby' 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm

Friday 15th December—Y2 A-Z Christmas Sing Along for Parents—2.30 pm

Friday 15th December—Christmas Lunch

Monday 18th December—EYFS Christmas party (AM) Year 1 Christmas Party (PM)

Tuesday 19th December—Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Party (PM)

Wednesday 20th December—Y4 Christmas Party (PM)

Wednesday 20th December—Christmas Carol Service—St Gregory's Church—10.00 am

Thursday 21st December—Year 5/6 Christmas Party (PM)

LATENESS

Please can we politely remind parents that children need to be in school for registration at 8.55 am. Pupils who arrive late miss important parts of lesson and also disrupt the rest of the class working. Thank you.

Well done to the following pupils who sung beautifully at the Bedale Christmas Festival last Saturday. They are:

Coco O

Maisie M

Ella K

Walter O

Maddie M

Keira R

Imogen P

Amber W

Evie G

Georgia P

Phoebe H

Katriel E

Libby L



ST GREGORY'S CHURCH—TOY SERVICE

There will be a Toy Service at St Gregory's Church on Sunday 10th December at 10.00 am to which everyone is invited. Some of our EYFS pupils will be singing songs at this service.



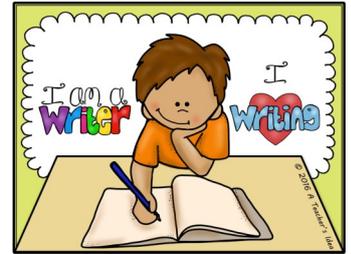
We have had a lovely week learning the Christmas story. We started the week with a fabulous elf day. The children received a letter from Father Christmas asking for help and they got very busy. They made and wrapped Christmas gifts, sang songs, dressed the Christmas tree and many other elflike activities.

Reception News

We are looking forward to our nativity production next week of It's a Baby! We anticipate it will last approximately 40 minutes. It will be lovely to see you all there.

Year 1/2 News

A huge congratulations to our riddle writers. What a fantastic achievement that some of our riddles will be published! We have had such a busy time this week. Elf day was a huge success and everyone looked outstanding in their costumes. We have also visited the church to look at the very special tableau of the Christmas story. We did some great activities and we even got to talk to some of the characters and learn more about the story.



There is a lot going on in the next two weeks, please see the Christmas events section of the newsletter. We are very excited for this Christmas period!



The children all worked extremely hard last week on completing their assessments.

Year 3/4 News

Alongside this, we all had a go at making some different foods from around the world. This linked in to our topic work and we have also been developing our drawing skills by learning new techniques.

Our Christmas party letters will be coming home soon with a request to bring in some party food for that day.

Year 5/6 News

We all enjoyed our Mayan food-tasting session on Monday this week, learning about the types of food that the ancient Mayan people ate and comparing them with modern day versions. We're glad that we don't need to be rich and powerful anymore just to be able to afford chocolate like they did!



We have also been continuing with our science work, building our own versions of a skeleton as we explore what makes our bodies work the way they do. On Friday we will be having our second house tournament of the year, with Chantry hoping to add Tag Rugby to their Handball title earlier in the year.

The Friends Support Group calls out for votes to bag a share of Tesco's bag fund
The Friends Support Group is bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the
Tesco Bags of Help initiative.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme, which sees grants of up to £4,000, up to £2,000 and £1,000 raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores awarded to local community projects.

Three groups in every Tesco region have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant.

The Friends Support Groups is one of the groups on the shortlist.

Monies granted will be utilised to fund the next phase of our Spiritual Garden Project. Voting is open in Tesco stores listed below throughout January and February. Customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop.

Stores involved include:

- Bedale Market Place Express
- Northallerton East Road Superstore
- Thirsk Superstore

Tesco's Bags of Help project has already delivered over £40 million to 9,700 projects up and down the UK. Tesco customers get the chance to vote for three different groups every time they shop. Every other month, when votes are collected, three groups in each of Tesco's regions will be awarded funding.

We hope you will support us and cast your vote for Bedale Primary School Friends Support Group!

Thank you

