

# Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 26th January 2018

## Dates for your Diary

### Tues 30th Jan

Y2 Reading  
Workshop  
2.15—3.15 pm

### Thurs 1st Feb

Cluster TAG Rugby  
Event

### Tues 6th Feb

Y3/4 Maths  
Workshop  
2.30—3.15 pm

Y6 SATS talk to  
parents—5.30 pm

### Thurs 8th Feb

FSG Disco  
EYFS/Y1/Y2  
5.00—6.15 PM

Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6  
6.30—7.45 pm

### Fri 9th Feb

Non-Uniform Day  
School closes for  
half term at 3.15 pm

### Mon 19th Feb

School Re-opens  
8.55 am

### Wed 21st Feb

Y5/6 Maths  
Workshop  
2.00 —3.00 pm

Dear Parents/Carers

As I am sure you will be aware, we had a visit by HMI last week and I am eagerly awaiting the report on our school. I will get it out to you as soon as I am able.

This week I have been spending some time dropping into classes to observe the children learning and I have to say I have been mightily impressed. Their attitudes, resilience, listening skills and behaviour have impressed me, from our EYFS pupils all the way through to our Year six children. I must also comment how well our school reading diaries are being used. They provide an excellent link between home and school. It is clear to see how hard mums and dads are working too—many thanks.

On Monday I am meeting our School Council, along with our Head Boy, Head Girl, Mrs Pennock and Mr Hartley-Haw. They have a few suggestions they would like to make and I am looking forward to hearing them.

The recent parental workshops have been extremely well attended as always and I do hope you found them useful.

Finally, Isobel A in Year 5 recently competed in the English Karate Federation National Championships Kya Grade at Leicester where she came first! Well done Isobel what a fantastic achievement! Alfie W also competed which was his first ever big competition. A massive well done to both of you. Hard work in sports certainly pays off!

Mrs Turnbull  
Head Teacher

**YOUNG VOICES CONCERT**  
**15TH JANUARY 2018—SHEFFIELD ARENA**

**YOUNG  
VoICES**



On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January, Bedale Primary School Choir had an amazing experience attending the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena. Mrs Harland has been working hard with the choir since September in preparation for the event. Twenty nine Bedale Primary School children made up part of the 5000 strong Young Voices Choir led by David Lawrence, a renowned conductor. Many families also came along as fantastic support for the evening performance, which was much appreciated by all.

The children also had the privilege of hearing and singing with other professional musicians. Natalie William's wrote a fantastic song, especially for the occasion, which is due to be released as a single. There was also an acapella group called 'The M4gnets', a young solo singer called Alfie Sheard and an amazing dance group called Urban Strides. All in all, it was an amazing experience for all involved and the children represented the school extremely well.

This week the choir visited Benkhill Lodge and The Millings to sing some of the songs to the residents, which they thoroughly enjoyed!

**SNOW PLAN**

In the event of school being closed due to adverse weather we will inform all parents via the text message service. We will also endeavour to update our website to reflect this.

If you do not receive a text message informing you that school is closed, please assume it is open.

With regard to gritting, we do our best but playground and pathways on the main school site have to be a priority. When it does snow, we do allow the children to play in it so please ensure they have additional waterproof footwear (i.e. wellies) and coats.

**Reception News**

What a busy time we have had with the aliens. We were glad to get our pants back!

To celebrate all things space and alien, we are going to be having a family space picnic. The children are busy making and writing invitations which will come home to you next week. They are going to prepare the food to share with you and sing you a song.

Please can we remind families to provide a drink bottle each day for their child.



## Year 1/2 News

What a week! On Friday we enjoyed watching the Peter Pan Pantomime and we have been using it to do work in English this week. We have been writing a review for the school website blog. We will choose a winner and their writing will be posted there, so watch this space.

We have enjoyed starting our topic of Castles and we have had a visit from Mrs Hobson who works at Richmond castle. We learned lots of new facts and it really got us excited about our topic and school trip. We have booked our school trip to visit Bolton Castle on Wednesday 21st February (Year 2) and Thursday 22nd February (Year 1). A letter went home this week about it with more details.

Thanks to all the parents who came to the Year 1 Maths afternoon; it was lovely to see you all there. Additionally, Year 2 have their reading workshop on Tues 30<sup>th</sup> January at 2.15pm.

## Year 3/4 News

What an exciting start to the year we have had! We all enjoyed being explorers on our Egyptian Day when we: crawled through tunnels, learnt about mummification, made jewellery fit for the Gods, cracked a hieroglyphic code and generally started our topic with a bang! We can't wait to learn more about this fascinating period of history and look forward to being inundated with remarkable pyramids (some have already arrived!) But that was only the beginning of the week. We have all also enjoyed enhanced PE lessons with the guidance of Mr Burgess at Bedale High School and the gymnastics expertise of Miss Richmond from Rhythm and Shoes Dance School.

Our week culminated in the fantastic pantomime - what a wonderful show. We were all delighted by Mrs Sawyer's cameo role! Tears of laughter were seen in many of the children's eyes and they continue to relive their favourite moments.

## Year 5/6 News

We've been having fun learning about playscripts following the Peter Pan performance last week. In our classes we've read, rehearsed and made our own scripts for various scenes from the show. We've also been learning more about maps and using them to find out what makes Whitby a popular tourist attraction as we continue to develop our geography skills.

Our cricket sessions have been continuing over the last couple of weeks and we've already seen some great improvement in our skills that hopefully will come in useful during the tournaments later in the spring. On Thursday next week, a squad of tag rugby players will be heading to Wensleydale Rugby Club in Leyburn (weather permitting) for a tournament, which we hope to be able to bring you good news from.

Finally, on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, we are holding a SATs information talk for parents of Y6 pupils as May draws ever closer. This will start at 5:30pm.

### **DISCO**

On Thursday 8th February it is our Spring disco. The EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 disco will take place between 5.00—6.15 pm and the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (KS2) will take place between 6.30—7.45 pm.

We have decided to make a few changes to our KS2 disco and have children attend without parents in all Year groups from Year 3-Year 6. Children will need to bring money for entrance and refreshments. Children will be collected after the disco at 7.45 pm from the back playground (as with the film club) as follows:

Year 3/4—Miss Hutton's Classroom Door

Year 5/6—Mrs Hopps/Mrs White/Mrs Pike's Class room door

If any parents would like to come to help man our stalls at the disco please contact Rachel Read from the Friends Support Group on 07811146241.

### **DROP IN**

I hope those parents who dropped in to see their child's class teacher last week found it a valuable meeting. This evening was not particularly well attended but I am hoping this means that you as parents feel well informed about your child's progress.

If anyone needs more information please feel free to contact the office to book in a meeting with your child's class teacher.

### **LATENESS**

Thank you—we have seen a huge improvement here in the new year. We really do need pupils in for the start of the day, as our lessons begin at 9.00 am prompt. If pupils miss the first ten/fifteen minutes of the day they miss the input of the lesson and therefore will be unsure how to do their work. It also takes valuable teaching time away from other pupils as teachers have to explain things again.

### **ROBINWOOD**

Reminder. For those pupils attending the residential visit to Robinwood. Full payment must be received by no later than Friday 20th April 2018. Payment can be made via Parentpay. We still have some spaces available. Please contact the school office for further information.