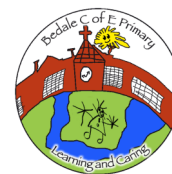


Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 24th May 2019

Dates for your Diary

Mon 3rd June

School Closed
Training day

Tues 4th June

School reopens

Tues 4th June

Mrs White &
Mrs Pike's Class
trip to
Hartlepool

Wed 5th June

Mrs Hall & Miss
Jefferson's class
trip to
Hartlepool

EYFS Visit to Big
Sheep Little Cow

Thurs 6th June

Whole School
class
Photographs

Mon 10th June

Y1/2 Phonics
Screening Week

Wed 12th June

FSG Film
Club—3.15—
5.15 pm

Dear Parents/ Carers

I think this has probably been the shortest half term I have ever known, in all my years of teaching! It is always a very different half term with our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils completing their SATs tests. We try to ensure our children are looked after as carefully as possible and are not made to feel stressed. Both year groups seemed to have smiled their way through the whole experience being wonderfully composed, positive and determined. I have had several parents catch me on the gate to say how much their children have actually enjoyed taking their SATs!

The Year 6 papers have now all been collected. They are marked externally and returned to us at the beginning of July. Our Year 2 teachers mark the Year 2 papers and use a combination of the children's results plus a teacher assessment to make a judgement on the pupils' achievement at the end of the year. I am very grateful to all the staff for supporting our pupils so well through the past two weeks and was also delighted to have such positive feedback about the Year 6 treat visit to the Park, from both children and staff.

We have been lucky to be able to book Mr Jonathan Procter for outdoor sporting activities for the Year 3/4 and Year 1/2 pupils for the summer term. Jonathan (or JP as the children know him) is one of the organisers of the Yorkshire Warrior event which takes place in Ripley every April and September. He has been putting the children through their paces with circuits, fitness activities and team building skills. He is very impressed with the Bedale children and has praised their stamina and perseverance; he is hoping the KS2 children may take part in the Junior Yorkshire Warrior in Ripley in September.

You will have received a letter last week regarding a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for school, with our local Co-op allowing us to run stalls on their premises throughout the month of June. A huge thank you to all those parents (and also staff) who have offered to give up a few hours to help us. I am hoping more of you will be able to contribute to this opportunity. Please contact the office to let them know if you and your child could 'man' a stall. All willing grandparents too!

Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

HEADLICE

Unfortunately there seems to be a little bit of an epidemic of headlice in school again at the moment. A leaflet has gone home with all children today which I am sure you will find useful.

It is imperative that children with headlice are treated as soon as it is detected, and again 7-10 days later. All cases of headlice must be reported to school. Please use half term as an opportunity to get rid of headlice to stop them spreading when we return to school.

If you would like any further information then please contact the school office.



SUN SAFETY

As the weather is getting warmer, and hopefully will stay that way! please can we remind parents to ensure sun-screen is applied to pupils before school. In addition, if possible please send them to school with a sun hat and ensure they have a named water bottle every day. Thank you.



ENGLISH HUB

On Monday we had 22 visiting head teachers and senior leaders from schools in North Yorkshire. They visited several classrooms in our school to watch children learn and teachers teach. I am so proud of all the positive feedback I have had from my colleagues.

FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

As you are aware the FSG have been given the whole of June 2019 to raise funds for our school at the Co-op in Bedale. Throughout the month they are hoping to have raffles, cake stalls, Penny Wars, lucky dips and much more. In order for these fundraising events to be a success they are looking for donations of cakes, books, tombola prizes. Cakes will be needed on the following dates when they plan to have a cake stall in the Co-op.

1st, 6th, 15th, 20th and 29th June 2019

Cakes for the 1st June can be taken straight to the co-op on the day. Otherwise please bring donations to school. Many thanks for your continued support.

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

During the summer term our uniform suppliers get extremely busy. We will be placing orders fortnightly at school. However, you can also order online at <https://studentuniform.co.uk/beps152>.



Please note the last date for ordering, for guaranteed delivery before we break up for **summer is Friday 7th June 2019.**

Reception News

What a great week we have had learning all about London. We have been out in our open top bus on the yard and have seen all of the sights. We have built some of the key buildings from London and have found out all about what happened when the bakery caught fire in Pudding Lane in 1666.



Little reminders please:

- Sun cream to be applied before school on sunny days
- outdoor PE shoes to be in PE bags every week please
- all children to bring a named water bottle each day

We had lots of adult visitors to school on Monday from other schools. Our children behaved beautifully and really impressed them with their fantastic work. We felt very proud.



What a short, but busy half term we have had! The children have all worked very hard, especially the year 2 children who have all completed their end of year SAT's. We are extremely proud of them all.

Year 1/2 News

Both the Year 1 and Year 2 children have enjoyed their Forest School sessions this half term thinking about suitable materials to build dens with.

We are all ready to launch our new topic 'Shipwrecked' after the holidays looking at life at sea for sailors and then learning about Pirates! We are very much looking forward to launching our topic with our visit to Hartlepool on the first few days back (don't forget your packed lunches!).

We are hoping that the children really enjoy the topic and are going to have a boat making day and Pirate day over the next half term (more information to follow)...so lots to look forward to!!

Year 3/4 News

It has been a short but busy half term with lots of exciting events happening!



We have all had a go at being journalists, looking closely at features of newspaper reports, coming up with catchy headlines and writing our own articles.

In topic, we have learnt all about how the Eiffel Tower was a winning design in a competition and considered why. With this knowledge, we designed and made our own towers and the challenge was to hold two mini figures on top!

Have a super half term. Times tables targets will be looked at after half term so keep practising at home.

We've had a very active couple of weeks in Year Five and Six. Following their hard work in SATs, Year Six had their traditional picnic and games in the park last Thursday.

This week we've had two cricket tournaments with the boys finishing runners-up in our cluster on Monday (many thanks to BASA and Paul Croft for the use of their facilities) and the girls taking part in the North Yorkshire event in Knaresborough on Thursday. Both sets of players were a credit to the school and played some good cricket.




We've also had our annual fun run which was, as always, a great success. The year 6 children organised themselves into groups and worked brilliantly together to decide on a stall, organise everything for it and then stayed behind after school to serve their customers. We were all so proud of their efforts; they really stepped up to the challenge. Well done - great teamwork!

ATTENDANCE

Over the past four 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 are well on our way to achieving a fabulous standard again at the end of this academic year!

Our attendance for the first half of the summer term is as follows:

| Year Group | Attendance | No of Lates Recorded |
|------------|---|----------------------|
| Rec | 96.0%  | 14 |
| Y1 | 93.5% | 8 |
| Y2 | 96.5%  | 20 |
| Y3 | 96.1%  | 4 |
| Y4 | 94.7% | 3 |
| Y5 | 95.1% | 4 |
| Y6 | 95.5% | 2 |

We have been really impressed with those few children that had low attendance last term who have significantly improved it already this term!