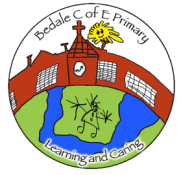


Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: Friday 16th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

It is so lovely to get back into school this week. Isolation has been frustrating but luckily, and perhaps bizarrely, neither my husband nor I caught COVID from our daughter.

I hope you are all keeping well and safe as the number of cases appears to be rising again around the country.

I hope those of you who have already had your parent's consultation meeting have found them beneficial. I know some year groups meetings are still to come next week.

Reading

As you will have seen in our curriculum intent documentation which came out last month, we are very determined to develop passionate readers at Bedale Primary school. Reading is at the heart of all we do. Mrs Hunter, who is our English subject lead, has put together a reading newsletter which you should receive today. This is full of wonderful recommendations and information about how you can encourage your children to be avid readers. There will be one reading newsletter published every half term throughout the year.

“Catch up” funding

You may have heard on the news that schools have been allocated some 'Catch Up' premium funding with the children across the country having experienced unprecedented disruption to their education as a result of Coronavirus.

We are working hard to get our children back on track and will use the funding over the year to target different groups of pupils.

Your child may bring home a letter which invites them to a catch up lesson after school. These lessons will last an hour. I have organised the children into small groups, of similar ability, and also kept children with their peers from the same classes to keep them as safe as possible. The lessons will also take place in the classroom your child normally works in again in order to minimise the spreading of germs. Each block of lessons will last for a half term, one hour per week, with the same tutor for the half term. We will target different year groups and different groups of pupils each half term so do not worry if you feel your child needs catch up and they have not received a letter for the forthcoming half term.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend and keeps safe.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

PARENT PAY DINNER ACCOUNTS

Please can we remind parents that we do not offer credit for school meals. Any meals ordered must be paid for in advance by topping up your child's parentpay account. As of today we have 22 pupil accounts in arrears.

APPLICATION TO START PRIMARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2021

If your child is due to start in Reception in September 2021 the application process is now open. The information you need to apply for a primary school place is available at:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A reminder that only pupils who have permission to be on our recordings will be shown. Please remember, as I say before every production in school, do not post any recordings or pictures on any social media website. These are for personal use only.

Collections of food for Hambleton food bank/Meals on Wheels/Dales Centre are gratefully received so we can support our community until Monday 19th October. Thank you

Reception News

The children have been having a wonderful week learning about plants and harvest. We walked to Bedale allotments and had a look at what they are growing there. We saw some very large pumpkins and lots of different vegetables. The children walked beautifully and we felt so proud of their behaviour on our first walk out together.

The children are so active and busy all day and are settling into the daily routine of a number and phonics session too. They are learning to make words with the sounds we are learning and are also doing lots of practical work with numbers.

Thank you for all of your work at home with reading and the phonics keyring. The children are growing in confidence every day. It has been a delight to see your comments on your child's Google classroom homework page. So many of them are keen gardeners in their home life and we have really enjoyed looking at the photos with them.

If any of you have difficulties accessing the homework please contact school via admin@bedale-ce.n-yorks.sch.uk

Year One have written some amazing poems using their senses to describe. We created our own colour monsters using the iPads and have written about them using lots of brilliant adjectives.

Year 1 News

In geography we have been busy looking at maps and even managed to find our classroom on a plan of the school.

The children are loving their Forest School sessions, these will continue even if the weather is poor so please ensure they have wellies and a waterproof coat. If you are unsure which days please see your child's class teacher.

As our topic continues, the children have enjoyed making fruit kebabs following the instructions that they wrote in English. We have also been learning about what fruits are grown in our country and what fruits are grown elsewhere. This week we have found out about local produce grown in Mettupalayam, a small village in the South of India.

Year 2 News

Thank you for working hard on your child's maths targets these last few weeks. We have been busy testing them this week and are pleased that lots of the children are coming home with achievement certificates this week. Please keep working on these at home. A little reminder that our new reading books need to be looked after and returned to school each week to be changed. Many thanks for all the reading that you are doing.

Year 3 News

This week we have enjoyed an autumn walk around the school grounds to inspire us to write our own autumn poems. As part of our lights, camera, action theme we are dancing to a song from 'The Lion King'. In DT, we are designing a moving character from the film.

Keep working on your times tables, it really does help with our maths work in class.

We are continuing to work well in school. In English, we have been researching and writing reports on the success of the Roman army. We have been so impressed with the historical knowledge they have learnt and presented. In maths, we have been developing our understanding of mental addition strategies. Thank you for supporting with times tables and we hope you have succeeded in accessing TTRS at home.

Year 4 News

The children's reading diaries are looking wonderful, please to continue to record your child's home reading. Look out for our harvest festival video next week.

Year 5 News

We have had a busy few weeks in Year 5 – it has been lovely to welcome back all the children in Mrs Hutchinson/Mrs Durham's bubble! It seems that all the children were very keen to get back into school. This week, the children have been writing a persuasive advert to sell a camera washed up as flotsam on Ebay. They have worked hard on their use of persuasive language and have practised a new sentence type to make their writing more interesting.

In science, the children have been learning about solutions and how to separate substances once they have been mixed with other materials.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the Year 5 children who applied to be a reading ambassador. Mrs Durham was so impressed with everyone's application form – it was clear all the children had put a lot of effort in at home. Our new reading ambassador's will look forward to promoting their love of reading across the school over the coming months.

This week the children have been exploring climate zones in Geography and developing this understanding in Science. They independently planned an experiment to replicate four climate zones to see how temperature and rainfall contribute to efficient decomposition. We are looking forward to viewing the results after half term!

Well done to all those children who have been working hard at home - it really shows in your classwork. If you do have a spare ten minutes - practise your times tables (and related division facts.) Aim to be able to recall facts instantly.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council are elected and raring to go! We have lots of ideas and whilst we are unable to meet at the moment, we hope to be starting very soon. In the meantime, we continue with out community litter pick each month. If you can, please join us this Sunday outside House and Home at 9.00am. Thank you , Mrs Nunn

MENTAL HEALTH DAY

As you will be aware last Friday was Mental Health Day, and pupils were invited to come to school wearing yellow.

Mrs York organised a poetry competition and our two head peer mentors Josh and Megan had the tough job of selecting some winners. They took their role incredibly seriously and were delighted to select: Leila D, Jaicob S, Harriet M and Charlotte Y. Please see below for two of the winning entries.

Being kind
is nice,
Being kind to
your friends is
good to do,
if you are they
will be kind to
you.

Kindness
Kindness is the key to friendship,
It transforms lives,
Nothing matters more,
Darkness is brought out into the light with kindness,
Not to be underestimated,
Everyone can be caring,
Smiles mean the world to people,
Small acts of kindness make big changes.