

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

We are so pleased to hear the government's announcement that we will all be back to school from Monday 8th March. We hope you are too! A detailed letter will follow early next week. Life in school will be very similar to the set up last term, with staggered starts and ends to the day. Children will be kept in their own class bubble to minimise mixing, and breaks and lunchtimes will be also be staggered. One key difference from last term will be that parents are requested to wear masks whilst on the school site please for the remaining three weeks of term.

Now that there is a glimmer of light to life returning to normal, I thought you might appreciate the school term dates for next year as some of you might be very excited about booking a holiday for the future!

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/22

2021 Autumn Term:

Monday 6 th September	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 7 th September	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 22 nd October	School closes for ½ term at 3.15 pm
Monday 1 st November	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 17 th December	School closes for Christmas

2022 Spring Term:

Monday 3 rd January	School closed. Bank holiday
Tuesday 4 th January	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Wednesday 5 th January	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 18 th February	School closes for ½ term at 3.15 pm
Monday 28 th February	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 8 th April	School closes for Easter at 3.15 pm

Summer Term:

Monday 25 th April	School opens 8.55 am
Monday 2 nd May	School closed. May Day holiday
Friday 27 th May	School closes for ½ term at 3.15 pm
Monday 6 th June	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 7 th June	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 22 nd July	School closes for Summer at 3.15 pm
Monday 25 th July	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>

BRAIN TUMOUR FUNDRAISER

Mrs Jakeman is currently raising money for 'The Brain Tumour Charity' by walking 10,000 steps every day during February. She has walked through the snow and rain, in the freezing cold, to raise as much as possible for this wonderful charity! If you would like to donate, you can find the link via our Facebook page; any amount no matter how big or small makes a huge difference. She is doing this in support of one of our pupils who is currently receiving treatment at the RVI in Newcastle and also at the Christie in Manchester.



It is lovely to think the money we raised to support Bailey, almost £13,000.00, has gone to a hospital where another one of our pupils is also being treated. We send both the boys and their families a huge hug.

BENKHILL LODGE

In EYFS we have chosen to sing and record three of our favourite nursery rhymes for the people in Benkhill Lodge care home to cheer them up. In the Autumn term we focused on our singing and sang a range of different nursery rhymes in our music lessons and we decided the people at Benkhill would like to hear 'I'm a little teapot', 'The Grand Old Duke of York' and 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star'. We also included some actions which we hope they enjoy!

WORLD BOOK DAY

Reminder, Thursday 4th March is World Book Day and all children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. Children will receive a voucher on Monday 8th March when everyone is back in school.

BEDALE GOVERNING BODY

Our Governors are meeting next week to discuss our return to school and our remote learning provision. It has been reassuring to hear how well our pupils have done despite such challenges. With regard to our Governing Body, there have been some changes and I thought it would be useful for them to introduce themselves to you as follows:

Kate Loughlin I started as a Parent Governor in 2014 when both my children were at Bedale Primary School and have been Chair of Governors since 2019. I became a Governor as I wanted to work with the school to ensure all children are given the opportunity to reach their maximum potential. It has been a very rewarding role and has been fabulous to see the school continue to grow and develop its ethos of 'Learning and Caring Together' – Perseverance, Compassion and Friendship and developing opportunities for the children not just academic but also life skills and experiences.

I am the subject lead Governor for English and Computing and meet with the members of staff responsible for these subjects on a regular basis to keep up to date on developments within the subjects. I am also the designated Governor for Safeguarding and Child Protection.

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Kathleen Allison I live locally and am a retired teacher and headteacher. I taught for twelve years in large primary and middle schools in Buckinghamshire before moving to North Yorkshire where I worked in small primary schools in the local area.

I have been a Governor at Bedale Primary since September 2018 where my areas of responsibility are Pupil Premium, Pupils with Special Needs (SEND) and Music. I have recently been appointed as a Foundation Governor so also support the school with its religious ethos.

I wanted to become a Governor because I have always enjoyed working within education and wanted to use some of my experience to help support the staff, pupils and parents at Bedale Primary. Having the opportunity to 'give back' and support the local community is a very rewarding experience.

Rob Smart I started in my role as Co-opted Governor in November 2020. I also effectively sit as a Parent Governor as my two daughters go to Bedale Primary School. The subjects for which I will be taking lead are French, History and DT.

I currently work in the medical technology industry. I formally worked as a physiotherapist for 18 years. I wanted to become a Governor to support the teaching staff in continuing to deliver their high standards of education and to hopefully take the school one more step up the Ofsted ladder. I am passionate about education and creating opportunities for our children to thrive.

In providing our children with this high level of learning we will then be rewarded with the children's success. Hopefully our children will look back on their experience with pride.

Paul Croft I am a Parent Governor here and have been for about 4 1/2 years. I have a daughter in year 4 and a son who left last year to go to high school.

My subject links are with Maths and PE and it is fantastic to have a great insight and to be able to work closely with the subject leads on these. I am also Health & Safety Governor. Being a Governor has given me some fantastic experiences and the opportunity to be a part of the schools' undoubted success over the last few years.

Rev Simon Moor I am the Rector of Bedale and as a Church of England Primary School I have an ex-officio role on the Governors. I have been involved with various schools in 25 years as a priest and served on Greenhead Six-form College, Huddersfield for two, four-year terms, often being called upon in pastoral and HR based areas. I have been given the responsibility of Link Governor for RE and within school have responsibility beyond the Governors preparing collective worship which has been recorded digitally for use by the different classes over the last year.

In my spare time I garden, walk long distances, bell ring and enjoy many types of music including performance. I am married to Caroline, a supply primary teacher and have two grown up children and recently became a grandpa.

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Rebecca Proctor I am a new Parent Governor having taken up the role in December 2020. I have a child in Early Years Foundation and I am looking forward to getting an insight and knowledge of the school from all angles.

I am a passionate advocate for ensuring all children gain every opportunity they can to ensure they develop the skills, knowledge and confidence allowing them to fulfil their potential. I believe Bedale does this and have joined the governing body to become a champion and support for the school community. This enthusiasm is underpinned by 20 years' experience working in education, predominately in universities but working across all age groups from primary upwards to ensure all children reach their potential.

There is another vacancy for a parent governor and you will receive separate communication regarding this. Anyone interested may want to speak to one of our serving Governors named above.

POSTCARDS FROM PADDINGTON

A lovely gesture to share from Theo Rendall in Year 5

It was my 10th birthday on Tuesday and my great Grandma sent me some money. During lockdowns this year, I have missed my 9th birthday party and my friends birthdays and this year it is going to be the same. But then I thought about how some children in the world have never been able to have a birthday or a birthday party or a cake—or even spend time with their family. So I think I am pretty lucky really to have a nice home and a family who love me and friends and a caring school who have taught me how to think about others. So this year I decided to give my birthday money to UNICEF so that other children can have a better life.

The school will receive 'Postcards From Paddington' each month and Paddington will send them from a different country to tell us about how the children in that country are using the money to enjoy their time with their family.

Mrs Turnbull is looking forward to sharing these postcards with the children in Collective Worship over the next few months. Many thanks to Theo for allowing us all to share in this experience, and learn so much about children around the world.

