

Newsletter Date: 12th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back to school this week. Everyone has settled back in really well and we have lots of smiling faces!

It is more important than ever right now for us to work together and ensure all children attend school to get the most from the remainder of this academic year. There are proven links between a young persons overall wellbeing and good attendance. We all want the children to be happy and become well rounded individuals who will not struggle in social situations and be confident. The more time your child spends around other children, whether in the classroom or as part of a school team or club, the more chance they have of making lots of friends and feeling included, boosting social skills, confidence and self esteem.

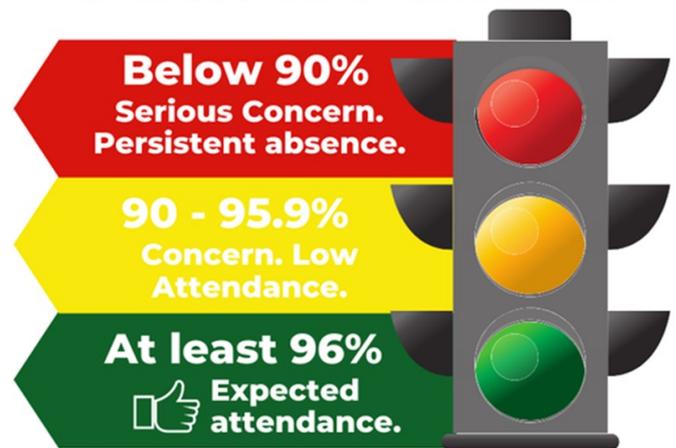
When your child attends school on a regular basis, they take an important step towards reaching their full potential and are given the greatest opportunity to learn new things and develop their skills.

If a child is absent just one day a week, over the course of their school career they will miss two years of schooling.

Thank you to all parents & carers for working with us to achieve such a high standard.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

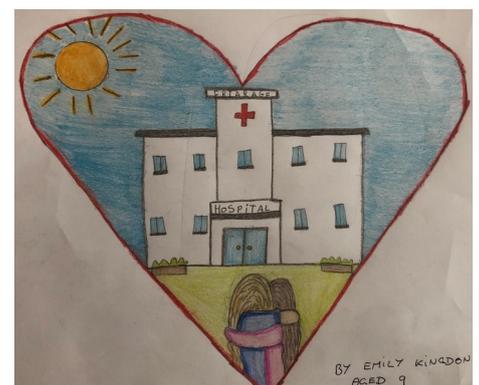
ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS!



Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	340 lessons

Logo competition winner!

We are delighted to announce that Emily Kingdon in Year 4 has been selected as a winner for her entry into the 'Friends of Friarage logo competition'. This is a wonderful achievement and we are all so proud of her. Emily has won a £10 book token for her creative efforts.



Road works on Firby Road

We are aware that some road works are due to take place on Firby Road from 20th to 23rd March. We appreciate that the journey to school may take a little longer on the mornings of Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd March. If it is possible to walk to school, we would recommend you do so.

EYFS News

What a fantastic week back at school! The children have been great at remembering the school routines and what we do at lunchtimes & playtimes. They have mixed well with each other and it has been lovely to watch lots of new friendships blossom. We have been learning about being a dentist this week and what the children need to do to keep their teeth healthy. They enjoyed looking at photos from Bedale Dentist Surgery and lots of them had stories to tell about their first visits to the dentist.

We will be uploading homework to Google Classroom every Friday and we will comment on the work in the same way we have been during home learning.

Just a reminder that our school day in EYFS at the moment is 8.45 am to 3.05 pm. Thank you for arriving as close to these times as possible.

We genuinely couldn't have asked for a better full time return to school. The children have all been a pleasure this week.

Year 1 News

The children have made a brilliant start back and it has been lovely to see them all working together again. We are using the story of Meerkat Mail to write postcards and we are finding out about meerkats and other animals. Perhaps you could do some research at home? We have also been finding out about different continents and have learnt a song to practise (apologies, it is quite catchy!)

The children have enjoyed starting their day with dough disco and are learning lots of different moves.

Mrs Hunter's class enjoyed their first Forest School session on Monday where they explored carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Miss Markendale's class will be out doing this on Monday.

Year 2 News

We are delighted to have the children back in class this week and are thrilled to see everyone has settled back into the school routine. This week was national science week and we thought about what it means to be a scientist. We wrote some interesting scientific questions which allowed us to do some deep thinking. It was lovely to hear the aspirations of what the children want to be when they grow up. Needless to say we have a few scientists on the horizon. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the adults who have supported and helped at home during our remote learning time. It was wonderful to see such dedication in juggling life and providing opportunities to support and nurture. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 3 News

Year 3 are so pleased to welcome back so many smiling faces again, eager to learn. The children have settled well on the back of a long period of home learning. This week we have been going over short multiplication in maths, writing our own Stone Age report and exploring soils in science. We have even started our own class wormery.



Homework is to restart every Friday for the following Thursday along with spellings. We have also started a new reading diary so please keep it looking wonderful with lots of reading recorded.

Year 4 News

It is so good to see the children back in school, it is clear that they are really happy to be back and with their friends. Over the next few weeks, we will be continuing with fractions and times tables in Maths and diary writing in English. We will have an extra focus on physical activity, with lots of opportunities for the children to work and play together. Homework will resume this Friday. Many thanks for all the hard work with on-line teaching, it is really appreciated.

Year 5 News

We are so excited to have the children back this week. Everyone has settled back into the routine well. The children have impressed us with their excellent knowledge of the solar system and have enjoyed learning more about Mars and Saturn. In PE we have had great fun playing tennis. The children have also enjoyed being historians and gathering information on the Shang Dynasty oracle bones.

Year 6 News

What a delight to have our classrooms full again! The children have impressed us with how quickly they have slipped back into their old routines. Their behaviour and attitude to learning has been exemplary and they have made the first week back a pleasure. We have been busy helping to organise this year's Red Nose Day (details to follow) and capturing the beauty of spring flowers with paints and pastels.

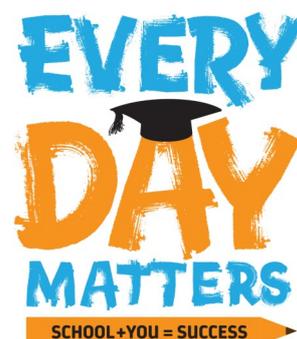
EYFS	97.6%
Year 1	99.7%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	99.6%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6	93.8%

Attendance

Well done to Year 1 for achieving 99.7% attendance this week! Not far behind is Year 4 with 99.6%



Who can achieve 100% next week?



Sporting Achievement



Physical activity and sport play such a huge part in keeping children healthy and supporting their wellbeing. In school, we are continuing to promote lots of physical activity and to help children to lead healthy lifestyles. Over the coming weeks, we are also going to continue to celebrate our children's achievements outside of school to inspire others.

We recently received some incredibly inspiring news about a previous pupil of Bedale Primary School, Josh Coburn. Josh was a pupil in Mrs Turnbull's final class before she became headteacher

(her classroom was where Mrs Brown now teaches, with Mr Collins as her teaching assistant). Josh was an absolute delight to teach and showed wonderful attitude to both his work and his sporting commitments. We are not surprised to hear how successful he has been. Josh began with Sunderland Academy at aged 11, where he travelled five times per week for training and matches. Following this, he moved to Middlesbrough as an under 16 where he then received a two-year scholarship with them. Josh has now just signed his first 2½ year professional contract making him a professional footballer who plays with Middlesbrough under 23s! What an incredible achievement! We were also so pleased to hear that, alongside his football achievements, Josh has continued study hard and is now just finishing a BTEC Sports course alongside his scholarship.



A huge well done from everyone at Bedale Primary School Josh!

We look forward to seeing some of our current pupils follow in his footsteps.