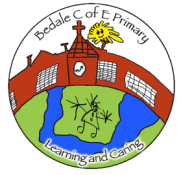


# Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 23rd April 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back everyone to the summer term. It feels like we are moving towards some type of 'normality' in school and also in life. We continue to follow the Covid safe guidance and look forward to further easing measures over time (hopefully the next couple of months). I do hope things are easing for you all and you are managing to enjoy family time.

We are looking at the potential of reintroducing educational visits and visitors over the term and also to restart some of our clubs and we will keep you updated as guidance changes.

It has been simply wonderful to have both of our pupils who have been seriously ill this year, back in school this week. They continue to inspire me and all the staff with their positivity, resilience and determination. It is heart warming to see their smiles and we are full of admiration for the way they, and their families, have faced their challenges.

On this note, please see information below on Sir Tom's Challenge and our chosen charity:-

Friday 30 April 2021 would have been Captain Sir Tom Moore's 101st birthday. It also marks the one year anniversary of the celebrations following the end of his famous 100 laps of his garden! Captain Tom raised an incredible £38.9 million for the NHS Covid-19 appeal. His message of hope – "Tomorrow will be a good day" – inspired millions around the world and brought comfort and joy to so many during some of the darkest days of the pandemic. To mark what would have been Captain Sir Tom Moore's 101st birthday we are encouraging the children to take on a challenge around the number 100, and do it anytime and anywhere at home from Friday 30th April to Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May. Whether it's a 100 minute danceathon, a 100 question zoom quiz, or writing an 100 word poem, it's their chance to do it their way!

The children could raise pennies or pounds, big or small amounts. Every penny we raise will go to the Children's Cancer Fund which supports children and their families receiving treatment at the Royal Victoria Infirmary (the hospital where both our pupils have received treatment). A JustGiving Page has been created which can be found by following the link below:

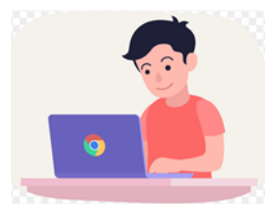
[Bedale Primary School North Yorks is fundraising for Children's Cancer Fund \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Bedale-Primary-School-North-Yorks)

Thank you



## DONATION

Over the past few months I think we have all relied far more on technology, especially with regards to home learning. Therefore it gives me pleasure to be able to share with you some great news, due to the generosity of a local charity namely 'The Rector and Four and Twenty of Bedale'. They have kindly donated the fantastic sum of £4353.00 to purchase additional chromebooks for school which is brilliant! I am sure you will join me in saying a big thank you to them.



## EYFS CANOPY AND MULTI USE GAMES AREA

EYFS children and others returning to school after the Easter break will have noticed a fantastic addition to the school building. A new canopy has been built along the front of the school, creating an extra outdoor learning area for our younger children. This space is to be used for a range of learning opportunities outside the classroom to support the early years curriculum including understanding the world and physical development, literacy and maths. We are really pleased with how this has built upon our outdoor learning provision and are looking forward to the activities we will be able to provide throughout all seasons now.

The next project we are excited to announce is the installation of a MUGA area on part of the back field. This is due to be completed over the summer holidays, ready for use when we return to school in September. This will be a great addition to our school grounds as it will provide an all-weather pitch for use in PE lessons, an extra area to be used by children for games during lunchtimes and a space for clubs to use after school. We hope this will really add to our provision for encouraging physical activity in school and be a valuable resource for our children especially in the winter.

## MUSIC LESSONS

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that we offer music lessons in the following instruments: Piano, Guitar, Violin, Ukulele and Flute.

There is currently a waiting list for Piano and Guitar, but if you would like to add you child's name to the waiting list or if they are interested in learning the violin, flute or ukulele, please contact the school office for further details.



**Polite Reminder.** If you need to speak to your child's class teacher please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time to speak to them. As you can appreciate teachers are very busy on a morning bringing in the children and completing class registers as promptly as possible to ensure all children are accounted for, and then ensuring learning starts on time.

## EYFS News

What a wonderful week we have had learning all about The Three Little Pigs. The children have been designing dens and houses and have had some great ideas for how to keep the pigs safe which included a facial recognition system and lots of traps to catch the wolf! We are so pleased with the way they continue to work hard in the focus sessions and in the continuous provision. We are happy to see that they have come back and settled into school so well following their time at home.

Thank you for using google classroom and helping your child with their homework. We have had so many lovely pieces this week following their work on traditional tales. We are going to be using the Homework Tree at school to celebrate their work at home. Homework is set on a Friday and due in the following Thursday.

The children enjoyed outdoor PE last Friday, please can we remind all families to make sure their child has outdoor shoes in a bag on their peg. Also, on forest school days please bring a coat and wellies. Finally, we are happy to take recycling from you to use in our making area. We just leave it to quarantine before use.

## Year 1 News



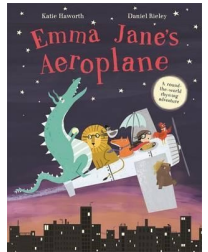
We are very excited to be starting our learning on explorers and the children have been thinking about where they would like to explore and what they would need to pack. Thank you for all the homework about exploring local places. It has been lovely to see where the children enjoy visiting.

Our butterflies emerged over Easter and the children set them free in the wildlife area although they were reluctant to leave their net at first. We are going to look out for them during forest schools sessions over the next few weeks.

In maths we have been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and it would be great if you could practise this at home too.

## Year 2 News

What a wonderful start back we have had to the Summer term. We have flown into our new topic 'I believe I can fly' by reading Emma Jane's Aeroplane. We have looked at the different countries and continents that she visited and this week we have written a diary entry as though we were Emma Jane.



We have been recapping our targets of 2, 5 and 10 times table facts alongside odd and even numbers. In English we have been focusing on filling the gaps in our writing by recapping on the basics again. We have worked hard to include adjectives, similes and conjunctions to make our writing as impressive as it can be, also looking at our presentation and handwriting.

## Year 3 News

We have been finding out about the life cycle of a dandelion in our writing and learning about explanation texts. We were able to learn some technical vocabulary to include in these. In science, we found out about the different parts of a plant and then we looked at some artwork by local artist Charlotte Morrison who is inspired by nature. This week we have begun to look at fractions in maths. PE this term is athletics and cricket. Normal PE kit should be worn on PE days please with outdoor trainers.



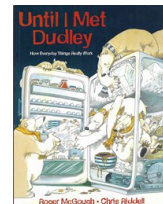
## Year 4 News

The children have had a lovely return to school after the Easter holidays. We are thoroughly enjoying researching our new theme on the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings and learning all about life in North Yorkshire after the Romans had left.

We are having a strong focus on times tables this term and it has been wonderful to see how hard the children are working and how keen they are to be the times table star each day. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Year 5 News

In Y5, we have been learning a lot about early locomotives and how they work. We are going to write an explanation about this in the style of Roger McGough's book 'Until I met Dudley'. We have been learning about vanishing points in our art work which has helped us to sketch railway tracks and design and create a collagraph (a collage of materials of various textures glued on to a printing plate). We can't wait to use these next session!



Reminder: Those children who wear earrings need to remove them on PE days or bring some tape/plasters to cover them up. Thank you.



## Year 6 News

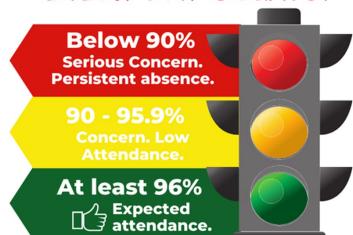
This term we are stepping back in time to the classical age of Ancient Greece and learning about how much of our modern life is influenced by the thinking of this time. We are embodying Theseus and accompanying him on his quest to defeat the Minotaur, whilst also reading other myths and learning about other mythological creatures. In Maths fluency lessons we are revisiting the different calculation methods and then applying this knowledge to work with fractions, decimals and percentages, with the aim of plugging this gap in knowledge. The children are all working really hard and show a great determination to continue to succeed.

## TREE PLANTING

In Forest School this year we have been working towards achieving the Woodland Trust's Green Tree Schools Award. As part of this we have been making plans to plant some new trees in the school grounds with Year 1. We have decided to take this opportunity to make a lasting tribute to the way our school community has pulled together through the pandemic, and have decided to dedicate each tree to different critical workers represented by our own parents, carers and staff who worked tirelessly throughout Lockdown, as well as dedicating trees to the resilience of our home learning parents and all our pupils throughout this difficult time. Tamzin Siddique in Year 6 is very kindly making some dedication tags to attach to each tree, as part of her reflection and community practises during Ramadan. Year 1 will be planting the trees in early May, so watch this space for further information, as we hope to publicly mark the occasion later in the Summer term, once it is safe to do so.

## ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!



## Attendance

Now we are back in full swing with schools being fully open again, attendance is a huge focus. We have monitored attendance during the first two weeks of the Summer term, and will continue to monitor this throughout the term. Please see the table opposite to see how

well your child's year group has attended since we re-opened after the Easter break.

Well done to EYFS for achieving nearly 100% attendance!

EYFS	99.8%
Year 1	98.9%
Year 2	98.1%
Year 3	96.9%
Year 4	98.7%
Year 5	96.5%
Year 6	91.0%