

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

For the first time in a while we had to close down some classes (bubbles) in school last week. This was the last thing I wanted to do but we have to follow Government guidance. Many thanks for your support and understanding yet again, and a huge thanks must go to all the staff who helped me keep the school running. We were 13 staff down on Thursday and Friday, and those who were in were amazing, having no breaks and doing several playground and lunch duties. We do have a dedicated team for which I am eternally grateful! We are eager to keep our pupils learning as exciting and broad as possible until the end of term and therefore have had some lovely curriculum experience days—please see the wonderful photos that follow.

E Safety

Unfortunately, we are having to deal with incidents in school where pupils have sent inappropriate messages on their mobiles to other pupils. Please, please check your child's phone regularly. Also it has been brought to my attention by staff that pupils as young as Year 2 are playing Fortnite. I believe this is a game suitable for 12 years and upwards so it not suitable for primary aged pupils. New apps and websites appear all the time as well as gaining (or losing) popularity. O2 and NSPCC's Net Aware website has a very useful guide to many of these, giving a safety rating based on safety features; privacy and location; reporting and blocking; content. They also provide advice on age restrictions and links to setting up parental controls. Visit www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/ to review the websites, apps and networks your family use.

Some of the things our children are doing on line is unsafe for them, unhelpful for their relationships and leaves a long lasting digital fingerprint...

- **Does your child need a phone at such a young age?**
- Do you know what your child is doing?
- Do you know who they are speaking to?
- Do you know what they are sharing? We teach about online safety and we have tight systems to monitor and block unsafe content in school... Do you have these at home?
- Do you spend time looking together at what your child is seeing?

for more information and to stop the unsafe activities some children are engaged in Click Here <https://htjce.co.uk/E-Safety>
We prefer pupils not to bring phones to school unless it is essential for their safety (Y5 and Y6 only).

O2 | NSPCC
Let's keep kids safe online

Net Aware

**Apps, games and
social media sites**

We've reviewed the most popular apps, games
and social media sites your kids are using.

MEET THE TEACHER PLAN

Thank you to those of you who returned slips about our meet the new teacher evenings.

Just to reassure you these will take place outside and be Covid safe. Both school gates will be open so you can access the correct yard. The events all start at 6.30 pm and will last no more than half an hour.

Reminder of timings/dates are as follows:

Mon 12 th July	Current Y2 parents – Front playground	Current Y3 parents – Back playground
Tues 13 th July	Current Y4 parents – Front playground	Current Y5 parents – Back playground
Thurs 15 th July	Current EYFS parents – Front playground	Current Y1 parents – Back playground

YEAR SIX LEAVERS 2021

We will be holding our celebration for our Year Six Leavers on the afternoon of Thursday 22nd July. As no parents will be there in person, we will be filming part of the event and uploading this to Google Classroom for parents to be able to view (this will be available from Friday 23rd July). We will also be creating a special commemorative leaflet with photographs and memories from the children as well as a list of all the end-of-year prize winners.



EYFS News

What a fantastic day we had celebrating Chinese culture. It was lovely to see the children come dressed in the lucky colours of red and gold.

We launched our day by listening to Abi and Yen and how they prepare for their Chinese New Year. Throughout the topic in China we have been looking at similarities and differences between the 'British' culture and the 'Chinese' culture. The children have asked lots of questions and have given thoughtful responses where they have shown respect for the differences between the two cultures.

We had lots of exciting activities from making Chinese fans and hats to painting blossom trees and making dancing dragons but the highlight of the day was getting to taste some Chinese food.

We got to watch the noodles being cooked in the wok and even tried some seaweed and prawn crackers. We were so impressed with all the children as they tried the new foods for the first time.



Thank you for your continued support at home with the reading and on Google Classroom.



Year 1 News

Year One had a wonderful pirate day to celebrate our new story of 'Class 3 all at Sea', we enjoyed making maps by staining the paper with tea and using felt tips to draw our treasure islands. We then wrote directions for other pirates to find our treasure. We used maps of the school to find treasure and worked in pairs to find the gold coins.

We were super impressed that the children remembered their geography learning from September and were able to read the maps well. We enjoyed making biscuits and learning a pirate dance. Thank you to everyone for the effort with costumes, the children looked fantastic!



Year 2 News

What a super week!

In Year 2 we have been learning about explorers from around the world and this week we became explorers ourselves. The children had an absolutely wonderful day on Tuesday 6th July, learning about countries from across the globe. They enjoyed using atlases to locate France, Italy and the United States of America and comparing each country in size and location. The children were thrilled to get to try a variety of foods from France and Italy throughout the day, such as croissants, crepes, brie, olives and prosciutto. We had a brilliant time learning how to line dance and singing 'heads, shoulders, knees and toes' in French. I wonder if the children can give you a rendition at home. We have had a super week in Year 2 and hope that the children have loved sharing their learning experiences with you too!



Year 3 News



Although our enrichment activity hasn't happened yet, year 3 have had such an amazing and exciting week. We made Fougasse bread with a salsa and tzatziki as part of our D&T.



Also, we carried out an environmental study around Bedale to discover where the best locations are for our environment, judging by things like litter, pollution and trees.

Year 4 News



After having half of Year Four home learning last week, it has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school again! We've enjoyed our virtual visits from the Jorvik centre, having found out lots of new information about the daily lives of the Vikings. A particular favourite was getting to see the different weapons the Vikings would have used, both in battle and for hunting.

In maths, we have been busy plotting their route to England and working out the distances of how far the Vikings travelled from the different Scandinavian countries.

We have started learning how to sew in Design Technology and are looking forward to making our own Viking purses over the next couple of weeks.



Year 5 News



On Wednesday 7th July, the Y5 children enjoyed a delicious French breakfast where they sampled different traditional breakfast foods including croissants with jam or butter and pain au chocolate. They also completed activities about 'le petit déjeuner'. Everyone looked fantastic dressed in red, white and blue! We enjoyed a game of boules outside and the class winners were Emmy and Eva – Eva is the overall Y5 champion!

Amy said, "I thought the French breakfast was delicious, merci!"
Sarah said, "I really enjoyed this morning. The food was very tasty and I loved the decorations!"



Year 6 News

Coming Up—We will be making puppet theatres in the final week of the Summer term.