

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'Learning & Caring Together'



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Dear Parents & Carers

It has been wonderful being able to celebrate Christmas in the traditional way in school this year.

What a privilege it has been to watch our EYFS and Year 1 productions last week. Thank you for supporting us to make these happen as safely as possible. It was the first opportunity our children have had to perform on a stage in front of an audience and they did an amazing job. I hope you as parents, felt the spirit of Christmas and togetherness as much as we did.



Our Christingle last Friday was equally special, with some really beautiful moments as well as lots of fun. Congratulations must go to Megan on her flute with her beautiful rendition of Away in a Manger.

I hope you all have a very happy and safe Christmas. Sadly, due to an increasing number of cases amongst both pupils and staff, our Year 5 Carol Service had to be delivered virtually. We almost did it! Congratulations to all who took part. You did yourselves proud for the camera! Please take a look at the video on Google Classroom if you have not done so already.

Please be reminded, school re-opens on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.

Assessments:

The children have done incredibly well this term getting back into normal routines after 18 months of upheaval. Many of them have done extremely well in assessments due to their hard work and resilience. Some are now only just below where they should be academically and are now in a really good place to build on their learning next term.

Parking:

Please can I ask again that parents park sensibly when dropping off and collecting children. The vast majority of parents park so sensibly, thinking about the safety of all our pupils. Please do not turn in the school gates, park on yellow lines or opposite the yellow zig zag lines outside of school. Thank you for your consideration.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

Congratulations to Oliver Hart who is a member of Northallerton Swimming Club and is currently in their junior squad. In October, Oliver qualified and swam in six races in the Yorkshire Winter County Championships held at Ponds Forge, Sheffield and managed to achieve five personal bests. Recently, within the swimming club presentation evening, he was awarded Junior Squad Boys Swimmer of the Year for his commitment, determination, growing confidence and significant improvements he has made over the last year. All the coaches were unanimous in their decision to award him this prize. Currently, he already has seven qualifying times for the long course Yorkshire County Championships in February and has the opportunity to achieve two more times. His aim is to achieve North East Regional qualifying time(s) this year which would be a huge achievement if he can! Well done Oliver and the best of luck in February!

NYCC are currently advertising our Lolly Pop Patrol position. Please take a look and share with anyone you think may be interested. This is a really important position to help pupils and their families come in and out of school safely.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-crossing-patrol-bedale-en0487>

EYFS NEWS

What a wonderful first term the children have had in school. We are delighted with the way they have settled in and made such positive friendships. They have enjoyed so many new experiences this term and have fully embraced all of the new things we have done. On our school Facebook there are so many lovely memories already to look back on from their time in school.

In January we will be learning about the Chinese new year and preparing for a fundraising event. We will be thinking about how we can help people in our community.

We would like to say a huge thank you to each and every family for the wonderful support you have given your child this term.

We wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!



YEAR 1 NEWS

Year 1 have had a lovely few weeks getting ready for Christmas! We are so proud of what a wonderful job the children did in their nativity performance of The Gold Star Inn. They all worked so hard to learn lines, songs and even dance routines. The children have also had fun in history exploring toys from the past and creating their own thaumatropes in DT.

A quick reminder to please ensure diaries and reading books are brought in everyday and ready to be swapped on a Thursday. Please ensure you have signed your child's diary for the week by the Thursday.

Thank you for all your support this term, we hope you all have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.



YEAR 2 NEWS

The children have had a busy few weeks with the run up to Christmas and made us very proud with their efforts in their Christmas show. They had great fun at the Christmas party and have enjoyed some of our Christmas activities this week.

Please remember that PE kits should be in school EVERY week (bring on Monday and take home Friday). Spelling books should be in school on a Friday and diaries should be brought to school everyday.

We would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the new year for our new topic 'London's burning'.



YEAR 3 NEWS

What a super week we have! The production of 'Beauty and the Beast' was absolutely fantastic and the children were so enthusiastic! For some of them, it was their first ever visit to a theatre which made it all the more special. Mr Holmes very kindly sat in the chair that made sure he got picked on and we all got soaked with a water pistol! We really would recommend it! Travis said "He loved it!" Our party was a success too with lots of games and dancing.

Alongside all of this fun, we have been writing our own Christmas stories based on the book 'Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas present.' We can't wait for you to see them!



We wish all of the year 3 children a really happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

YEAR 4 NEWS



Last week the children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas party and we had some super Roman costumes! So many prizes were given for excellent dancing.

The children put their engineering skills to the test when they built some super Roman aqueducts, they really enjoyed testing them.

In maths we have started multiplication and the children are working hard and now looking forward to a well deserved Christmas break! Merry Christmas to you and your family.

YEAR 5 NEWS



This week, year 5 have been enjoying constructing their own bridges after creating their own designs inspired by bridges in our local area. The children have worked in a small group to make their bridges and have thought carefully about which materials to use. The finished results are very impressive!

We have been really pleased with all of the year 5 children during the Christmas carol performances that was changed last minute to a virtual performance. They all did a great job and we hope you've enjoyed watching the video on Google Classroom.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in January!

YEAR 6 NEWS

The children have immersed themselves in the spirit of Christmas over the last couple of weeks and written beautiful narratives based on the 2013 John Lewis advert (Bear and Hare.) Not only have they shared their fabulous work with their paired class, made recordings to share on Google classroom and contributed pieces to Mrs Nunn's wonderful writing display, but they have also brought a copy to show you at home. They are, quite rightly, very proud of this marvellous writing.



They have also completed all of the work we have been doing on being healthy: making healthy wraps in DT, considering the function of different food groups in Science, improving our fitness through running and exercise in PE and making healthy choices in PSHE. We're very proud of the commitment the children have shown to being the best they can be with regard to their health and well-being.

We hope our children (and their grown-ups) have lots of fun and plenty of rest over the holidays - Merry Christmas from the Year 6 staff.

HOUSE MERITS

Congratulations to Wycar who were the winning house this term. Please see below for Houses and colours for future reference:

Wycar—Yellow

Chantry—Red

Amen— Green

Hird—Blue



SCHOOL MEAL ACCOUNTS



As of today we have 31 pupils dinner accounts that are in arrears, totalling almost £600.00. Please be reminded we do not offer credit for school meals. Please check your Parentpay account to ensure there are sufficient funds should your child wish to order a meal. Thank you.

TERM DATE CHANGES

Reminder a change was made to term dates due to the additional bank holiday in celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Please note this means there was be an additional training day when school is closed to pupils on **Monday 28th February 2022**.



SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We currently have two vacancies for co-opted governors on our governing body. If this is something you may be interested in please contact the school office. Thank you

NUT FREE SCHOOL




Please be reminded that our school is a nut-free school. Please be mindful of this when preparing your child(s) packed lunch. Thank you for your support.

ATTENDANCE



We have had an excellent first term for attendance. This is an essential element to ensure our children receive the best possible education. Good attendance has been shown to have a positive effect on the performance of children during their school life. Thank you to all parents and carers for working with us to achieve such a high standard in these tricky times. Our attendance for the Autumn term is as follows:

Year Group	Attendance	No of Lates
EYFS	95.5%	31
1	 97.4%	2
2	94.7%	38
3	95.6%	23
4	95.9%	17
5	96.7%	15
6	92.8%	20

Any child with attendance below 94% is seen as having poor attendance.

Registration starts at 8.55am, if your child arrives after this time they are classed as late.

It is very important for children to arrive on time and ready to learn.

WHATSAPP

Bedale Neighbourhood police team have been made aware that some of the children at school have access to What's App. This is a timely reminder that many social media apps have age restrictions which are put in place to keep your child safe. Please can you check that the apps your child has on their phone/tablets are appropriate for them. Here is a link to a website which gives some of the most popular apps and the age they are suitable for.

[What age can my child start social networking? - Internet Matters](#)



ORANGUTAN APPEAL

Year 6 children have been collecting money to sponsor critically endangered Orangutans. They have raised a massive **£429.17** which will sponsor several Orangutans. Well done Year 6, this is amazing and thank you to our Year 6 families for all of your support with this.

