

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'Learning & Caring Together'

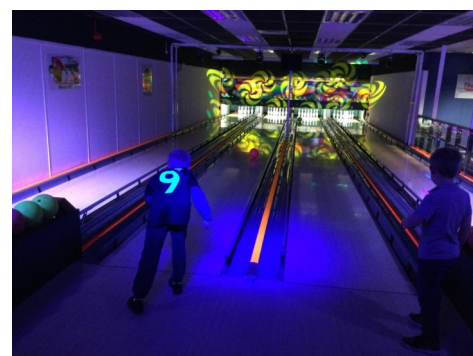


Newsletter Date: 4th March 2022

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you enjoyed half term and having the normality of being able to get out to places, although the weather was not the best!

School has been as busy as ever and the discos were incredibly well attended at the end of last half term. A huge thanks must go to Sarah Rooney and her team for all the hard work behind the scenes. Our military children had a treat of being taken to a bowling evening on RAF Leeming. The evening was a great success and thank you for the lovely feedback about how much your children enjoyed the evening. Please take a look at our Facebook page to see more details of what else we have been up to!





It was great to see so many of you being able to make it to parents evening and those of you who also had phone appointments. I hope the updates on your child's progress was beneficial. Apologies to Mrs York/Mrs Sawyer's class being delayed until this week, our staff were hard hit by Covid over the course of the last half term. We are almost back to full staffing capacity but unfortunately Miss Trayer is suffering from long term Covid. We are fortunate to be able to utilise Miss Katie Heather to cover and provide stability. Miss Heather has been working in school since January supporting some of our pupils using the catch up grant and therefore is familiar with the routines of the school.

At the last governors meeting on 16th February we agreed to change the times of the school day from September 2022. School will begin at **9.00 am** rather than 8.55 am and finish at **3.20 pm** rather than 3.15 pm. This is to further enhance safety of our pupils as it distances our times from the High School start and end times even further. We have been made aware by the local police and council how busy it continues to be on Benkhill Drive with traffic and there have been a few near misses with pupils trying to cross between parked cars. A huge thank you to all those parents who have followed recommendations to not park directly in front of the school gates, again minimising the risk to pupils crossing between parked cars.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

ATTENDANCE

Year Group	Attendance	No of Lates
EYFS	96.9%	1
1	98.4%	1
2	97.1%	0 
3	95.7%	2
4	98%	2
5	99.1% 	2
6	96.5%	3

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

It is great to see high attendance figures throughout school.

Remember school starts at 8.55 am. Thank you.

Attendance Matters



EYFS NEWS

What a fabulous first week back, we have been so proud of the children. They have come back so settled and ready to learn. To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, we made pancakes and chose a selection of toppings. The children liked banana and apple but chocolate was a definite favourite. Dressing up for World Book Day caused great excitement, the costumes were amazing, thank you. We enjoyed reading 'Somebody swallowed Stanley' and used plastic bags to create kites. We hope you have enjoyed flying them. This half term we are looking at the author Julia Donaldson and her lovely rhyming stories. We have read 'The Paper Dolls' story and made our own characters. I wonder which of her books is your child's favourite story?



Woodland Learning / PE

This term both woodland learning and PE will be on alternate Friday's. Please see the board for dates.

Thank you for your continued support with reading at home. This term we will be changing the reading books on a Monday.

YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in Year 1 we have enjoyed learning the story of Jasper's Beanstalk in English. We have worked hard practising the days of the week and writing them for each job that Jasper did, it would be great if you could continue practising these spellings at home.



The children have learnt the Rolling Numbers chant to support them with counting in 2s and 5s, ask them to sing this at home. They have done a great job about finding out about the 7 continents and we have been really impressed with how well they picked these up.

World Book Day was a great success and the children looked wonderful in their costumes; we used the idea of recycled materials from our story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' to create friendship bracelets for one another.

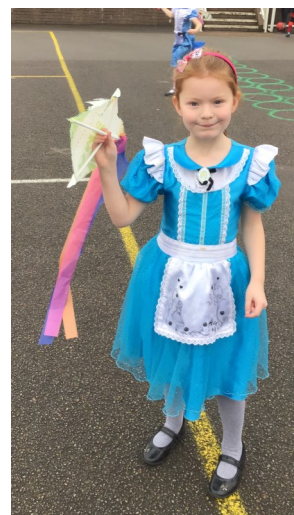
YEAR 2 NEWS

This first week has been a very busy one for us! We started the week off by writing our invitations for our Maths Party next Thursday afternoon (2.15pm). We hope to see lots of you there to enjoy some maths with your child.

As the school celebrated World book Day on Thursday we followed the theme of the story 'Someone Swallowed Stanley' and talked about recycling. We decided to recycle plastic bags to make kites! We wrote instructions and then followed them to try and make a successful flying kite.

We are looking forward to our visit to Bedale Library on Monday morning. Please make sure children bring their library cards to school if they are already members.

A reminder that spellings and homework is set on Google Classroom every Friday and must be completed by the following Thursday. If you are having trouble accessing it, please speak to your child's teacher. The homework is set to support your child's in-class learning and is therefore very important.



YEAR 3 NEWS



Year 3 are continuing to explore life in the Stone Age this half term and the children have been so enthusiastic in lessons! We will use all of our knowledge to write an information report.

In maths we are looking at adding money and giving change.

World Book Day was another lovely opportunity to discuss our love of books and we used the story, 'Someone swallowed Stanley' to research ocean pollution and creatures that live in the sea. We then created artwork of the sea using oil pastels.

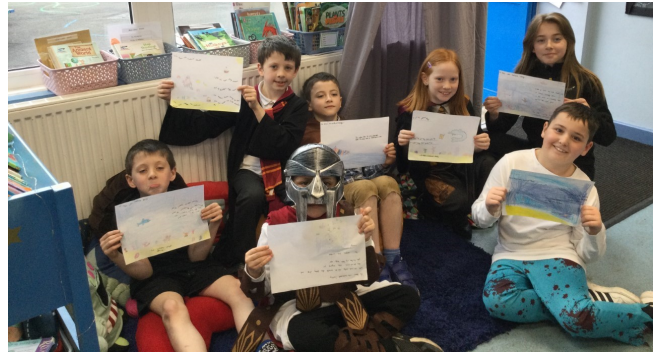
We are excited about our upcoming maths workshop on Thursday the 17th of March at 2.30. The children will be involved in this too. Letters to follow.

YEAR 4 NEWS

The children have settled in brilliantly after the holidays. Thank you for your support and enthusiasm at our science workshop, the children really enjoyed it.

This half term we are very excited to start our topic on volcanos and write about escape from Pompeii. In PE we will be doing gymnastics and playing netball.

For World Book Day we have really enjoyed sharing our favourite books and have even written our own book based on *Someone Swallowed Stanley*. The children have come to school in great costumes and full of excitement, we are very impressed!



YEAR 5 NEWS

In year 5 this week, we have been learning about equivalent fractions in maths. The children have enjoyed investigating fractions and finding ones that have the same value.



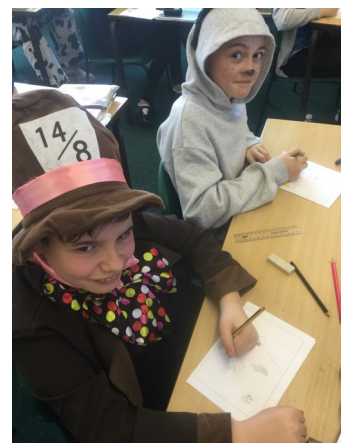
World Book Day was so much fun! Using the story 'Somebody swallowed Stanley', the children wrote a diary entry from Stanley's point of view. They thought carefully about retelling the story including lots of emotion.

Playtime was lots of fun as everyone was trying to avoid the 'cheese' touch brought in by Fraya 'a wimpy kid'.

YEAR 6 NEWS

What a wonderful start back we have had! The children have really brought their 'A game'! They have impressed themselves with how much they could remember about their learning from last half term, and this has contributed to a great start to the research we have carried out in preparation for writing a news report.

In Science, we have just started our electricity unit with much anticipation: the children know there will be cells and circuits in the not too distant future...Meanwhile, Mr Hartley Haw has been busy planning our trip to the coast later this half term! More details will follow soon - please check bags for letters!



HEADLICE

The number of headlice reported in school has been significantly low during Covid. However now school is getting back to normality the headlice have returned!

Please can we remind parents to tie any long hair up and check your child on a regular basis. Thank you for your support with this.

GOVERNING BODY

The school governors are committed to the continuing development and aspirations of the school. We are proud of our school and most of all, our amazing pupils and their achievements. We will always strive to ensure that we provide a safe and caring environment for our pupils to be able to flourish and reach their full potential.

Should you have any queries then please do not hesitate to talk to one of us.

The Governing Body

Paul Croft, Chair of Governors

Kathleen Allison, Vice Chair of Governors

Parent Governors: Mrs Jenny Aspinall & Mrs Rebecca Proctor

Co-opted Governor: Ms Emily Ash

Local Authority Governor: Mr Julian Rendall

Foundation Governors: Rev Simon Moor & Mrs Kathleen Allison

Teacher Governor: Mrs Faye Fessey (maternity leave and currently covered by Mrs Michelle Ball)

Mrs Elizabeth Turnbull

In the next newsletter we will tell you a little bit more about ourselves and our responsibilities.

SCHOOL COUNCIL—MARCH FOR MARCH

MONEY RAISING FOR CANCER RESEARCH

March into Fitness for Cancer Research has begun! Thanks to the hard work of Fred, Lucas, Seb and Zack in Year 4, we have begun our month long fundraising campaign, raising money whilst getting fit and strong through our daily sit ups. Please join us , if you can it's not too late to start raising money for this fantastic charity. Any donations can be sent our JustGiving Page www.justgiving.com/Bedale-Primary-School-North-Yorks (QR code attached). We would love to see photos or video clips of sit ups too!



WEAR A HAT DAY FRIDAY 25TH MARCH

Please join us on Friday 25th March and wear a hat to school in support of all children with cancer.



Your hat can be big or small, a cap, a beret or a top hat! All we ask is that you make a donation of £1; monies raised will go to the Children's Ward at the Royal Victoria Hospital. This hospital has supported two of our young pupils with treatment over the past 18 months and we want to show how grateful we are that they have helped them in their road to recovery.

SWIMMING SUCCESS

Oliver in Year 5 came 6th in the 100m backstroke in the Yorkshire Swimming County Championship final recently, taking 9 seconds off his personal best. He also achieved 2 out of 3 big personal best's ! He is now officially the 6th fastest in the 11 year old age group at 100m backstroke in Yorkshire! We are so proud of Oliver for his swimming achievements recently. Congratulations Oliver!



AFTER SCHOOL CHOIR CLUB

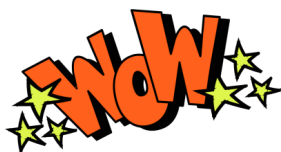


This is a wonderful opportunity for any child who enjoys singing. You do not necessarily have to be the most talented! Mrs Latta, a musical expert, delivers this club every Wednesday after school for pupils for Year 3—Year 6. Please contact the office if you would like to sign up your child as there are some spaces available.

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MRS TURNBULL

The following pupils enjoyed a delicious hot chocolate and marshmallows with Mrs Turnbull during the last few weeks to thank them for their great attitude in all areas —Well done!

Harper H, Alex K, Eliza D, Mia H, Harley D, Alfie M, Ella N, Luke D, Georgia C, Marshall R, Sienna K, Mia F, Jack A, Amy H, Keaton C, Maicey C, Olive M, Charlie B, Lacey W, Natalia L, Grace B, Lucas D, Amelia B, Jessica S, Theo K,



Theo R, Oscar E, Arthur D, Maxium M, Darcey E, Isaac H, Ella T, Callum P, Bella A, Shaun V, Landon E, Ben E, Oliver H, Jay B, Max M, Phoenix H, Luke H, Oliver S, George H, Jacob D, Oscar A, Poppy P, Daisy G, Ruby W, Cadi W, Porscha K, Leila D, Anna C and Freddie S

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 7th March 2022—6.00 pm—SATs Talk for Year 6

Thursday 10th March 2022—2.15 pm Year 2 Maths Party

Monday 14th March 2022—6.00 pm—E Safety Talk—all parents

Thursday 17th March 2022—2.30 pm—Year 3 Maths Workshop

Monday 28th March 2022—Year 6 Visit to Souter Lighthouse

Wednesday 30th March 2022—Year 6 Visit to Souter Lighthouse

Wednesday 6th April—6.00 pm FSG Chocolate Bingo for EYFS, Y1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 6th April—Y4 Visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Thursday 7th April—6.00 pm FSG Chocolate Bingo for Years 4-6

Easter Service—Date to be confirmed by the Church

