

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'Learning & Caring Together'



Newsletter Date: 1st April 2022

Dear Parents & Carers

What an exciting week it has been, with our Year six pupils getting out and about on a visit to Souter lighthouse as part of their geography studies. This was followed by a planetarium coming into school for our older pupils. Friday saw our poetry competition with each class performing on the stage. Congratulations go to the winners: Miss Markendale and Mr Hartley-Haw's classes, for their wonderful poetry recitals.

Easter Service: It was lovely to be able to hold the Easter service in the church this year particularly as we had to move the Y5 nativity service to virtual due to the resurgence of Covid in December! Our thanks to the Year 4 children and staff for leading this. It is always a good experience for the pupils to have the opportunity to talk and perform in front of a live audience. They did a sterling job, confident, calm, clear ... well done year 4.



Wrap Around Care: We are now in the process of appointing staff and hope to have this process completed by the beginning of May. We will then be back in touch to update you with timings and costs.

Juice Bike: We are delighted to have a 'Juice Bike' in school on 8th April organised by our food catering team Mellors. Pupils in Year 4-Year 6 will have an opportunity to ride the bike and produce smoothies for themselves and their friends!

Holiday Requests: We are seeing a significant increase in families requesting to take children out of school for family holidays. Whilst we do appreciate holidays have had to be rebooked due to Covid cancellations, I am very aware how much time children have missed over the past two years. Children and staff are all working incredibly hard to plug the gaps in the education that has been missed, and further periods of time off school is not helpful if it can be at all avoided.

Assessments: We are really proud in the way our children carried out assessments last week and I have had some wonderful informal feedback from teachers. The children performed incredibly well, considering the amount of time they have had of home learning. Our pupils are to be whole heartedly congratulated. If you would like further information about your child's progress please get in touch after the Easter holidays.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

STAFFING

We wish Mrs Harding and Mrs Myers all the best as they commence maternity leave after the Easter break. We welcome back Mrs Fessey who will take over from Mrs Harding from 25th April. She will work in the Year 2 class alongside Mrs Lucas.

E SAFETY WORKSHOP

A reminder that we are holding an e-safety workshop for parents on **Monday 4th April at 3.20 pm.**

The purpose of the evening includes:

- Sharing our Online Safety rules from school with parents/carers so these can be reinforced at home
- Highlighting current issues and concerns
- Signposting to useful resources to support online safety
- Parents/carers being able to ask for support

The event will take place in Mr Hartley-Haw's classroom. Please enter school via the main entrance (it will be a repeat of the evening workshop we held last month).

EYFS NEWS



We have had a lovely term in Early Years and the children have made great progress. Over the past few weeks we have been reading books written by Julia Donaldson. Much of our work has been focused on Room on the Broom and The Smartest Giant in Town.

We loved the illustrations in the stories so we decided to become illustrators just like Alex Scheffler. The children thought carefully about what each animal would need on the broom to make them happy. We drew and then painted a broomstick for the witch and when Mrs Turnbull saw them she was so impressed. We also had an amazing Woodland Learning session, where the children made their own potions to make a new broom for the witch. Our potions worked and we were all so excited when we saw the broom zoom off into the air! When writing their spells the children worked so hard on their letter formation. We are delighted to see such progress with this.

We were so lucky with the weather last week and the children enjoyed playing outside. The bikes and the mud kitchen were a big hit. The children also used the stage area to retell the story of The Smartest Giant in Town and they loved trying on the giants clothes.

Thank you for using google classroom and helping your child with their homework. We have had so many lovely pieces. We are continuing to use the Homework Tree at school to celebrate their work at home.

This week we have also launched merits and how to get their gold card. We talked about needing 10 merits to get a gold card. We will be giving the children merits for their reading at home, please let us know how they have got on at home with their reading by writing comments in the diary. We feel so proud of how well the children have done this term and are looking forward to the summer term and all of the fun we will be having then. We wish you a safe and happy Easter break .

YEAR 1 NEWS

Year one have had a great time over the last few weeks learning about plants and trees. Last Thursday we went for a walk to Bedale park to spot evergreen and deciduous trees and to see some of the flowers that grow locally. This week Ben from Braithwaite's brought lots of different plants for us to explore. He even left them for us to plant in the wildlife area! We have planted our own beans and have enjoyed watching them grow roots and shoots. Some of them are getting so big we will have to put them in bigger pots soon.



We can't wait to see the parents at our maths and sunflower afternoon. Hopefully you got your invitation today.

YEAR 2 NEWS

Firstly we would like to say a huge 'Well Done' to all the children for excellent efforts in assessments last week. We are so proud of each and every one of them. Thank you for your continued support at home.



This week the children have enjoyed using different tools and materials in DT such as hacksaws, bench hooks, dowel, glue guns and clay to create a structure for a model house for Iggy Peck the Architect!

We have also been busy this week creating a class book based on the book 'Home' by Carson Ellis. All the children designed a 'home' and wrote a descriptive paragraph all about it.

Please remember to access homework on Google Classroom each week and practise spellings each week for the test on Friday.

YEAR 3 NEWS

We are so impressed with the 'Stone Age' reports that the children have been writing. Their knowledge and enthusiasm are equally impressive.

Last week, we were lucky enough to have a 'Rock Detectives' workshop hosted by members of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. This linked well with our current science theme and the children were really inspired by it.

In our reading sessions, we are learning to recite a poem off by heart so that we can perform a poem in front of the school.



Thank you to all who attended our maths workshop. We know it is not always possible to attend during the school day so the slides are available on Google Classroom.

YEAR 4 NEWS

We were lucky to be visited by Sports Leader from Bedale High School to support our March into Fitness charity initiative. Huge congratulations to Fred, Lucas, Seb and Zach who kick-started this amazing campaign- so far it has raised £632- what an incredible achievement!



The Easter service at St. Gregory's church was led by Year 4. It told the Easter story through accounts of eyewitnesses. The children performed with great confidence. 'I loved taking part and watching my friends too,' said George. 'It taught me lots about the Easter story,' said Noah.

We look forward to our visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Wednesday and wish all our families a happy Easter.

YEAR 5 NEWS

In our English work, the children have started writing their own explanation text about our solar system. We can't wait to see the finished pieces! The children thoroughly enjoyed the planetarium visit on Tuesday.



In computing, our work has been on video productions. The children have learnt how to use different camera shots for different purposes. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch on Monday 4th April as Y5 will be at Bedale High School all day learning about World War II.

YEAR 6 NEWS

What a busy week! As well as joining the rest of school at church and enjoying our final performance of 'Spring Chicken', we were also lucky enough to be awed by the wonder of our universe in the visiting planetarium (thank you Mr Holmes for arranging that for us) AND we all braved the British weather on the North East Coast.

Our trip to Marsden Rock and Souter Lighthouse was wonderful (even if at one point Mr Hartley-Haw's class had to shelter from horizontal snow!) We were real geographers. We undertook a number of fieldwork activities and were excited to be able to spot and name all of the coastal features we have been learning about. We could even hear the rocks in the incoming tide which cause attrition (ask your child what this means -they'll impress you!)



Next week we will be visiting Bedale library - **please bring your library card on Monday if you already have one** - and taking part in a Handball House competition.



The Service Children's Community Choir (formerly MNKC) reformed in September 2021 and now that restrictions are easing further we wanted to reach out to all Primary and Secondary schools to invite even more children to take part in our singing sessions.

We will be meeting weekly on Thursday evenings (6.15 pm—7.30 pm) plus we also have Sunday Sessions once a fortnight (9.00—11.00 am). Sessions are held at Le Cateau School. All children from Year 2—Year 11 welcome! It would be amazing to make some musical memories together. For further information please contact Angela Campbell, Service Pupil Champion at servicechildrenscommunitychoir@gmail.com

Thank you to everyone who donated and wore a hat last Friday for this worthy cause. We managed to raise a staggering £348.00 which is absolutely brilliant. The money raised will be split between the Wear a Hat Day Just Giving page and the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle. Please see below some of the wonderful hats our pupils wore!



Please join us in supporting the

Red Cross
Ukraine Humanitarian
Crisis Appeal



Our Global Awareness after school club have organised a sponsored run on the back field on Tuesday 5th April 3.20 pm - 4.20 pm to raise money for the Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal and pupils will be asked to wear blue and yellow.

The students will each have a sponsor form and the money will be collected and donated to the link below:

<https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal>

PE KIT

We are seeing a variety of coloured PE kits in school. Please can we remind parents of the correct PE kit to send in with their children:

White T Shirt

Black or Navy Shorts

Black or Navy full length leggings

Black/Navy unbranded tracksuit

Black/Navy Skorts

Plimsolls/Trainers



SCHOOL MEAL PARENTPAY ACCOUNT



As of today we have 40 pupils dinner accounts that are in arrears, totalling nearly £480.00. 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.

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MRS TURNBULL

A huge well done to all the children who were chosen to enjoy a hot chocolate with Mrs Turnbull over the last 2 weeks. They have shown a great attitude in all areas!

Congratulations to Arthur B, Eleanor M, Reuben A, Thea D, Esme A, Eleanor T, William M, Ethan B, Ellie C, Harrison M, Sarah N, Abby S, Bella-Jean R, Eloise D, Frankie M, Finnley G, Abigail C, Nel J, Nico R, Lily M, Harri J, Ellis L, Fred H, Elsie R & Marcus N.

POLITE REMINDER FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please ensure your child comes to school every day with their belongings they require for the day, including packed lunch, PE kits and the knowledge of who is picking them up after school. Frequently delivering items/messages to pupils disrupts lessons and also takes the office staff away from their normal duties. With our numbers on roll continually increasing it is impossible for the office staff to deliver personal messages on a daily basis. Your co-operation with this would be very much appreciated.

Please also be reminded that any correspondence that needs to be returned to the school office ie. permission slips etc. can be popped into our 'drop off box' in the main foyer to school. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

| Year Group | Attendance | No of Lates Recorded |
|------------|------------|----------------------|
| EYFS | 95.8% | 9 |
| 1 | 97.2% | 2 |
| 2 | 97.4% | 1 |
| 3 | 91.9% | 2 |
| 4 | 94.2% | 2 |
| 5 | 96.9% | 11 |
| 6 | 94.6% | 1 |

Any child with attendance below 94% is seen as having poor attendance. Attendance has been affected with Covid being so rife, but for those of you who are healthy, please remember school starts at 8.55 am—we are still seeing a lot of pupils regularly arriving late for school. Thank you

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 4th April 2022—Y5 WW2 Day at Bedale High School

Monday 4th April 2022—On-line safety talk for parents—3.20 pm

Wednesday 6th April 2022—EYFS Maths Workshop—2.40 pm

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

Friday 8th April—School closes for Easter at 3.15 pm

Monday 25th April—School re-opens for the Summer term 8.55 am

Tuesday 26th April 2022—Y1 Maths Workshop—2.15 pm

Monday 2nd May 2022—School Closed May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 5th May 2022—EYFS Visit to Big Sheep Little Cow



SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Bedale Primary school is supported by our Governing Body. Mrs Kathleen Allison is one of our Foundation Governors. Here is a little bit about her:

I have been a governor at Bedale Primary School since September 2019. Recently retired, my career was spent as a teacher and headteacher in Primary Education. I am currently a Foundation governor with responsibility for English, Special Educational Needs and Pupil Premium.

