

# Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

## ‘Learning & Caring Together’



**Newsletter Date: 6th May 2022**

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you have had a good Easter break and are enjoying the summer term, as we are. It is so good to be able to resume all our normal activities and we look forward to:

- Sports Days
- Year 6 Summer Production
- Educational Visits
- The FSG Summer Fair
- Our traditional May Fun Run
- The Queens Jubilee Special Celebrations
- Residential for our older pupils

We aim to make this term a real celebration of what we are all about in school and hope your children enjoy all the enrichment activities we provide for them as well as continue their learning.

The teachers and I were so impressed with the children's latest assessments at the end of March. They have worked hard, and so have you supporting them! Many of them have already closed the gaps in their learning from long periods away from school. We could not be more proud. Last week you should have had details of how they are progressing.

We continue to hold workshops and events for you as we move forward together and give you plenty of notice of all that is coming—our calendar on the school website has details, plus we regularly list events on our newsletter. We are always striving to make our workshops and information sessions accessible to all of you and have varied the times of these e.g. our e-safety talk, which we held one week at 6.00 pm and one week at 3.15 pm.

If there is a time that suits you best for workshops please complete the survey that was sent via text earlier today so we can see what works well for the majority of families.

From our previous surveys we are aware there are some concerns regarding homework and we intend to address this. Homework is set every Friday morning at 8am and is due in the following Thursday by 5pm. If you have any queries about the tasks, please message the class teacher via Google classroom. Work should be uploaded on Google classroom for teachers to mark - depending on the task this could be an edited version of the document on the computer, a photograph of the work completed on paper and uploaded to Google classroom or a typed comment.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

## SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

We are delighted that Mrs Clarke took up her role at the start of term. It is such a busy road, it makes a huge difference to the safety of our pupils having a place to cross the road with good visibility.

## BEDALE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB UNDER 8s— BARCELONA!

Bedale under 8's football team travelled to Barcelona to enter a tournament made up of Spanish and UK teams . . . . And they only went and won !!!! Several pupils from our school play for the Under 8s so a huge well done to them all! Isaac, Bella, Hunter, Grace and Finley



## EYFS NEWS

This week we went on our first school trip to Big Sheep Little Cow to learn more about animals and their life cycles. We walked from school to the farm on a beautiful sunny morning. We talked about all the interesting features, landmarks and buildings found in Bedale as we walked through town. Whilst at the farm we split into different groups to explore the farm and learn more. As we went around the farm we were able to feed the baby lambs with milk bottles, brush Shetland ponies, stroke Guinea pigs, turtles and rabbits. We were thrilled to see so many animals and learn so many new facts. Also during our visit we got to visit the play barn, electric bikes and even rode on the barrel ride around the field. It was very bumpy but such great fun. Even the teachers had a go!

The ladies who ran the sessions at the farm commented on how exemplary the children's behaviour was and how they were a credit to our school. We were such proud teachers as the children were wonderful on their first ever school trip showing excellent behaviour, focused attention and beautiful manners.

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On a different note a little reminder to say that we are now doing PE outside so your child will need outside trainers in their PE kit as they will be on the field.



## YEAR 1 NEWS

In Year 1 we have continued our learning about plants by exploring what the trees and plants around school are looking like now that spring has arrived. We found buds on trees, blossom and some green leaves starting to show.

Thank you to everyone who attended the maths workshop and sunflower planting session. We hope you found it useful and I hear from the children that some of the seeds have started showing shoots already!



We have started our new theme of explorers and have been finding out about modern explorer Ellen MacArthur. In writing, we have written about different landscapes that we might want to explore and have started our new text of The Great Explorer by helping the main character Tom with his packing list. Thank you for your wonderful writing for homework.

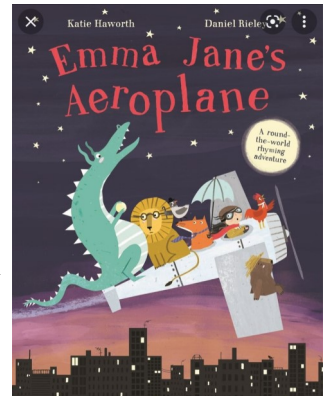


Just a reminder that the children need the correct PE kit in school all week. We currently have one outdoor session (Tuesday) and one indoor gymnastics session (Friday) but this can change.

## YEAR 2 NEWS

The children have all come back with a very positive attitude towards their learning which is great to see.

We have kick started our new curriculum theme 'I believe I can fly' by reading the book Emma-Jane's aeroplane. The children produced beautiful postcards last week and are working towards writing a new adventure for her to go on!



Year 2 will be sitting their SAT tests the week commencing Monday 16th May. We are really hoping they will **all** be here all this week!

Reminder that we will now keep your child's reading diary on a MONDAY this term to complete the reading rainbow. We will also swap your child's reading book on this day too now.

## YEAR 3 NEWS



The Summer term has well and truly started. We have launched our new theme of 'All things bright and beautiful'. The children have begun to understand where Bedale's twinned town of Azay-sur-Cher is (France!) and started to look at the how we could travel there. We have an ongoing investigation about what conditions are most valuable to a living plant and observing closely each day to see how they change.

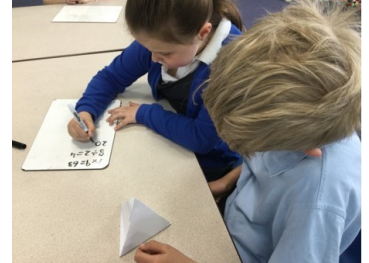
Some children have had the opportunity to use modelling clay as we begin to look at creating coil pots in art. The messiness will be worth it! With the weather hopefully becoming drier, we are now outdoors for both PE sessions with athletics and cricket. Although we'd love hot, sunny weather, that is not always the case. Please make sure your child brings a suitable sports jumper or jacket with them in their PE bags.



## YEAR 4 NEWS

Welcome back. The weather is warming up and we are looking forward to a super Summer term. The children have made a fantastic start and are so enthusiastic about our new topics especially their charcoal drawings and outside and adventurous activities that we are enjoying in PE.

Yesterday we were so lucky that Mrs Sawyer took the time to share her expertise of multiplication and times tables. We really enjoyed making tetrahedrons! Thank you all for your continued. As you are aware the children will be tested in their recall of times tables next month. We have been so impressed with their commitment and determination.



## YEAR 5 NEWS



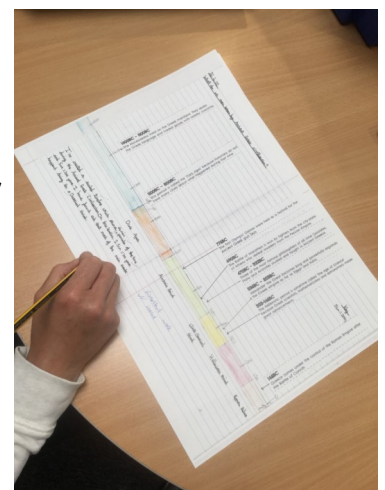
In science, we have started our new topic on forces. Last week, we experimented with the Newton meters to measure the force acting upon each object which we really enjoyed! In art we have started to produce our own collagraphs (a collage of materials of various textures glued on to a printing plate). Next week, we will paint our collagraphs and print onto paper. In our writing, the children have been coming up with some silly explanations on how a steam engine works based on the book "Until I met Dudley" by Roger McGough. Why not ask how it works?

On Wednesday 11th May, year 5 will be heading over to the high school for a maths enrichment day which sounds like lots of fun. The children will need a packed lunch, drink and coat.

## YEAR 6 NEWS

It has been lovely welcoming the children back into their final term of primary school -what a fantastically positive attitude they have brought with them! Every child has worked their socks off in the final preparations for their SATs, next week. We couldn't be more proud of each and every one of them.

We have also launched our new theme - Ancient Greece. We know that the classical period is the most significant period and discovered this by creating a scaled timeline; we've begun to look at design and motifs of Greek architecture in art and we have started a new book about a boy called Elliot who finds Virgo in his cow shed! All in all, a wonderful first couple of weeks back.



Callum, from Year 3, has been doing something quite remarkable. He decided to raise money for the Red Cross Crisis Appeal with the Ukrainian people in mind. For the month of April, Callum challenged himself to ride 55 miles when in fact he rode 57! Despite his appeal fund continuing to rise, he has raised an outstanding £160. Callum delightfully quoted, "I'm good at biking and thought to myself, how I could help in any way. The first thing I thought about was food and medical aid for those who need it most."

We are very proud of Callum and his compassion shown.



### FSG BINGO NIGHT

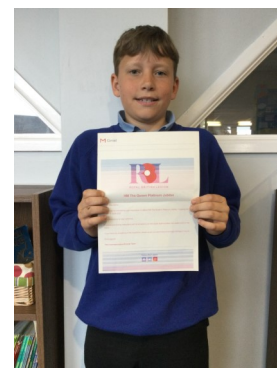


We held two bingo nights at the end of last term and both were extremely popular. It was wonderful to see families having fun together.

A huge thank you to Sarah Rooney and Kim Edmondson for their tireless work behind the scenes and to Paul Croft for being our bingo caller!

### TROOPING THE COLOUR

The Royal British Legion gave members of the armed forces community the opportunity to be part of Trooping the Colour on Thursday 2nd June. For this Platinum Jubilee year, there will be a grandstand seating outside Buckingham palace, exclusively for the use of the Armed Forces community, where there will be the opportunity to watch the troops as they transit to and from Horse Guards Parade and view the Royal Procession. Toby (in Year 6) and his family have been lucky enough to secure tickets for this historic occasion. I am sure they will have an amazing day!



### Y4 CRICKET

Yesterday a crack team of Year 4 cricketers attended a local tournament at the BASA grounds. The eight children (Annabel, Lucas, Fred, Ethan, Daisy-Mae, Morgan, Riley and George R) faced stiff competition from Pickhill, Hunton and Leeming and Londonderry. Incredibly our team won every match and showed great teamwork and determination all morning. 'It was great and everybody learnt lots!' says Ethan. Many thanks to Mrs Illingworth and Mrs Read for accompanying the children and terrific coaching too!



### YEAR 5/6 CRICKET

Our Y5/6 boys and girls' cricket teams both went to the Cricket Area Finals on Wednesday 4th May at Richmond School

Both teams battled hard and played some amazing cricket with the girls being narrowly beaten in the final, finishing with a silver medal.

The boys fought hard in their games showing great teamwork - playing brilliantly, finishing in a strong field with a bronze medal.



### **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance is improving, although I do have concerns that a small minority of children are taking frequent short absences. These are being monitored carefully and followed up. We will not hesitate to act if we feel that children are missing school without real cause.

Any child with attendance below 94% is seen as having poor attendance. Less than 90% is seen as a persistent absentee. 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.

### **ATTENDANCE**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>No of Lates Recorded</b>
EYFS	94.8%	5
1	96.3%	0
2	94.3%	0
3	94.4%	4
4	94.7%	0
5	93.8%	2
6	92.2%	3

### **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.

## SCHOOL MEAL PARENTPAY ACCOUNT



As of today we have 21 pupils dinner accounts that are in arrears, totalling nearly £190.00. 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 on the last week of Spring term and also this week. They have shown a great attitude in all areas!

Congratulations to Thea F, Ezra H, Seth J, Miles W, Harley D, Teddy C, Rowan M, Holly B, Rebecca T, Sam B, James D, Syd S, Josh G, Evie L, Jazmin L, Leo N, Joseph H, Charlotte Y, Isla H, Charley M, Mollie E, Lola F, Ella-Louise B, Georgia I, Rylee H and Ivy S.



### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

W/c Monday 9th May 2022 - Y6 SATS week

Wednesday 11th May 2022—Y5 Maths Enrichment Day at Bedale High School

Thursday 12th May 2022—Y3/4 Cricket Second round Richmond School

Friday 13th May 2022—Y6 Post SATS treat!

Monday 16th May 2022—Y2 SATS week

Tuesday 17th May 2022—Stay & Play Session for September 2022 starters

Wednesday 18th May 2022—Robinwood Talk for parents—6.00 pm

Monday 23rd May 2022—School photographer in school for class photographs

Tuesday 24th May 2022—EYFS dressing up as a character from a traditional tale

Wednesday 25th May 2022—Fun Run—further information to follow

Friday 27th May 2022—Jubilee Celebrations & School closes at 3.15 pm for half term



### SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Bedale Primary school is supported by our Governing Body. Rev. Simon Moor is one of our Foundation Governors. Here is a little bit about him:

Having arrived in Bedale as Rector of St Gregory's Church in 2019, I joined the governing body soon after. Having been a parish priest for nearly thirty years and involvement in different schools over that time, I previously have experience as a governor in a sixth form college setting. Separate from my other involvements in Collective Worship, I have responsibility at Bedale Primary as the governor assigned for RE and Music.





## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022/23



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### Autumn Term:

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	School opens 9.00 am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	School closes for ½ term at 3.20 pm
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School opens 9.00 am
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas at 3.20 pm

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### Spring Term:

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	School closed. Bank holiday
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens 9.00 am
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for ½ term at 3.20 pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	School opens 9.00 am
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	School closes for Easter at 3.20 pm

### Summer Term:

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens 9.00 am
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	School closed. May Day holiday
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for ½ term at 3.20 pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School opens 9.00 am
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for Summer at 3.20 pm