

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of a very busy and hot term, it is time to reflect on all our children's successes and achievements.

Unfortunately, due to ill health I have been absent the past few weeks and have missed some of these events but have been kept updated every step of the way by Mrs Ball who has worked tirelessly to keep the school running smoothly.

Congratulations to our year 6 on all they have achieved. From the amazing end of term production, to help with the fun run, and their efforts with the SATS tests. The statutory tests were a particular challenge this year with children having missed about 18 months of schooling due to Covid. The children worked so hard to plug all their gaps and I must congratulate all those children across the school who have attended additional booster sessions either before or after school. Thanks also to all those parents who have ensured their children attended these sessions, I am sure getting up extra early was not always ideal! Year 6 we wish you all the very best as you move on to secondary schools and hope you take with you some very happy memories from the year: the Jubilee celebration, Robinwood, the visit by Rishi Sunak and Josh Coburn to open our new Muga to name but a few.

On a sporting front it has been wonderful to run and be involved in events again. Many of our children have had the opportunity to participate in competitions against other schools over the year, tennis, football, athletics and cricket. A special mention must go to our year 4 cricket team who achieved something really special getting through to the North Yorkshire County Finals at York Cricket Club.

We have had so many visitors to school this year as part of our exciting curriculum. One special visitor was local artist Lucy Pittaway who worked with our Early Years children. Please look out for our Lucy Pittaway display in the entrance in the autumn term.

We have had a range of clubs running all year and again this has allowed children to try new things and broaden their experiences. It has been so beneficial for the children to take part in all that Bedale High School offered this year from sport, performing arts and design technology.

I must take this opportunity to thank our wonderful team of teachers and teaching assistants. None of the above events would take place without them giving their time and commitment. To those staff who went on our residential a particular thanks... I have never seen Mr Holmes look so exhausted! I am very lucky to have such a dedicated team that give our children such a great deal. To the office staff, for their endless patience, everyone plays their part.

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Parents, it has been simply wonderful to have you back in our building and we cannot thank you enough for your support, attending our workshops, concerts, events and supporting your children with their learning. I hope you have all enjoyed seeing a record of things that go on in school on our face book page. It certainly has been a tricky couple of years.

Inevitably, as we come to the end of term it is time to also say goodbye to some of our staff. To Mrs York, Mrs Hall, Mrs Sawyer and Ms Elliot we wish you all the very best as you move on to new ventures. We have been incredibly fortunate to have you as part of our team and you will be sadly missed. So many pupils have flourished under your guidance in your time with us.

In September we look forward to Mrs Jobling returning from her maternity leave. The Bedale baby stalk has certainly been busy this year and we have to wait a little longer for Mrs Harding and Mrs Myers to return.

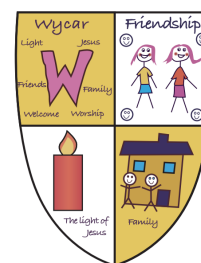
We would like to congratulate Mr Holmes and Miss West who are getting married this summer. Miss West will return as Mrs Townsend.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer and I hope those of you who have missed out on holidays over the past two years manage to get away. We look forward to welcoming all the children back in September after a well-earned rest.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

HOUSE WINNERS

Congratulations to Wycar team who was victorious in achieving the highest number of merits this year.



SCHOOL MEAL PRICE INCREASE



Please note there will be an increase in the cost of a school meal from £2.30 to £2.40 from the new academic year. Please can we also remind parents of those pupils moving into Year 3 that your child will no longer be entitled to a universal free school meal. Payment for meals must be made in advance via ParentPay. Thank you

CHANGES TO TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Reminder that the timings of the school day will change from September. School will now start at 9.00 am and finish at 3.30 pm.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022/23



2022

Autumn Term:

Monday 5 th September	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 6 th September	School opens 9.00 am
Friday 21 st October	School closes for ½ term at 3.30 pm
Monday 31 st October	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 1 st November	School opens 9.00 am
Friday 16 th December	School closes for Christmas at 3.30 pm

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Spring Term:

Monday 2 nd January	School closed. Bank holiday
Tuesday 3 rd January	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Wednesday 4 th January	School opens 9.00 am
Friday 10 th February	School closes for ½ term at 3.30 pm
Monday 20 th February	School opens 9.00 am
Friday 31 st March	School closes for Easter at 3.30 pm

Summer Term:

Monday 17 th April	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 18 th April	School opens 9.00 am
Monday 1 st May	School closed. May Day holiday
Friday 26 th May	School closes for ½ term at 3.30 pm
Monday 5 th June	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 6 th June	School opens 9.00 am
Tuesday 25 th July	School closes for Summer at 3.30 pm