

# Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

## 'Learning & Caring Together'

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Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope you all had a good half term. This half term is always an extremely busy one in the run up to Christmas. Therefore, we have pulled together all the dates of events that we are running between now and the end of term. Please see below for individual year group events.

### **EYFS**

- Week Commencing 7th November—Art Day (This event will be on a dry-weather day this week)
- Week Commencing 21st November—Walk to the park (This event will be on a dry-weather day this week)
- Thursday 1st December—Elf Day
- Tuesday 6th December—EYFS Christmas Production (2.30pm & 5.30pm)
- Monday 12th December—Christmas Party Morning

### **Year One**

- Thursday 1st December—Elf Day
- Thursday 8th December—Christmas Production (2.15pm & 5.30pm)
- Monday 12th December—Christmas Party Afternoon

### **Year Two**

- Thursday 10th November—Reading Workshop for Parents (2.45—3.30pm)
- Thursday 17th November—Visit to Fountains Abbey
- Thursday 1st December—Elf Day
- Monday 5th December—Christmas Sing-a-long to Parents (2.45—3.30pm)

### **Year Three**

- Friday 9th December—Christingle Service at St. Gregory's Church (5pm)
- Tuesday 13th December—Christmas Party Afternoon
- Thursday 15th December—Visit to Georgian Theatre to see Pinocchio (Afternoon)

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### Year Four

- Wednesday 16th November—Yorkshire Dales Visitor Morning
- Thursday 17th November—Reading Workshop for Parents (2.45—3.25pm)
- Friday 9th December—Christmas Party Morning

### Year Five

- Monday 14th November—Year 5/6 Boys Football at Bedale High School
- Monday 14th November—Reading Workshop for Parents (2.55—3.25pm)
- Friday 9th December—Christmas Party Afternoon
- Wednesday 14th December—Christmas Services (whole school—led by Year 5)

### Year Six

- Friday 18th November—Crucial Crew
- Thursday 15th December—Christmas Party Afternoon

### Whole School

- School Disco—Wednesday 9th November (5.00-6.00pm KS1, 6.30-7.30pm KS2)
- Christmas Service—Wednesday 14th December at St. Gregory's Church (9.30am KS1, 10.30am KS2)
- Christmas Dinner and Jumper day—Friday 2nd December.

I hope this information is helpful. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

### PARENT SURVEYS

Thank you so much for all those parents who completed our questionnaire. These are the results which we are proud to share with you.

	<b>Strongly agree/Agree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	<b>Other responses</b>
My Child is happy at this school	96%	1%	
My Child feels safe at this school	97%	0%	
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	92%	3%	
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively	26%	3%	65% said their child has not been bullied

## PARENT SURVEY CONTINUED

	Strongly agree/ Agree	Don't know	Other responses
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	86%	4%	
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly	60%	3%	31% said they have never raised a concern with school
Does your child have SEND? Yes = 9%  My child has SEND and School gives them the support they need to succeed	41% of those that answered yes	46% of those that answered yes	91% said their child does not have SEND
The school has high expectations for my child	87%	8%	
My child does well at the school	96%	1%	
The school lets me know how my child is doing	93%	2%	
There is a good range of subjects available to my child	93%	4%	
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	95%	1%	
The school supports my child's wider personal development	84%	8%	
I would recommend this school to another parent	Yes—94%	No—6%	

With regard to school letting you know how your child is doing, we will be carrying out assessments in a couple of weeks time and will let you know how your child is progressing.

### PARENTPAY

There are currently 45 dinner accounts that are in debt totalling over £760. Please be reminded that we do not offer a credit facility on dinners. They should be paid for in advance and accounts must be topped up regularly. Can we also remind parents of Year 3 children that they are no longer automatically entitled to Free School Meals and school meals are now chargeable at £2.40.

Thank you



### PUMPKIN COMPETITION

Bedale High School Halloween held their fabulous Pumpkin Carving Competition during the half term break. There were some wonderful creations but we are delighted to say that Lucy in Year 3 was the overall winner of the competition. She created a fantastic 'Day of the Dead' inspired pumpkin. Congratulations Lucy—very well deserved!



## GIRLS FOOTBALL

Before half term, our Year 5/6 girls travelled to Bedale High school & RAF Leeming to play in a football tournament. The girls all represented Bedale brilliantly and showed great sportsmanship and teamwork skills. They worked together to become the undefeated winners of the competition, not conceding in all 4 games played at BHS! 5-0 against Masham, 8-0 against Thornton Watlass and Hackforth, 9-0 against Pickhill and a whopping 10-0 against Leeming and Londonderry. Then a clean sheet of winning winning again during he next round at RAF Leeming, 8-0 against Leeming & Londonderry & Pickhill and 5-0 against RAF Leeming. Well done to all the players.

Here is what some of the girls had to say about their success:

“The teamwork was amazing, we all worked together.”

“Everyone was included, and everyone got a chance on the ball.”



DONATE £1 FOR  
Children in need



Also Any loose change bring  
to fill in Pudsey's paws-dots.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

BBC Children in Need Day is on Friday 18th November. The School Council would like the children to each pay £1 to wear either spotty or yellow clothing to support this event.

We also ask that you bring any spare change to fill the 'Pudseys' in the front and back playgrounds.

## GLOBAL AWARENESS

Global Awareness Club would like to create shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse charity and we would love donations to help us. The shoeboxes are sent all around the world to children who are less fortunate than ourselves. Some items that are really useful are toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair brushes and hair bobbles (all unused), pens, pencils, paper and colouring books, little toys, playing cards. We are making our boxes in 2 weeks' time so please donate items to Mr Holmes' classroom, FAO Miss Kay, and we will include your items in the shoeboxes.



## ATTENDANCE



Below is the attendance & number of lates for each year group during last half term.

Year Group	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	97.9%	95.6%	97.4%	95.8%	96%	94.6%	95.3%
Number of lates	2	5	3	4	7	6	4

Over the past two years we have tried to be flexible for those of you who have had holidays rearranged due to cancellations in Covid, but these now should have all been taken. There will be no authorised absence for holidays now unless exceptional circumstances are agreed as in the systems before Covid hit us. Children have missed a significant amount of their learning and they have worked hard this year to catch up and fill the gaps. Chunks of absence for holidays will not be helpful. The Local Authority has gone back to issuing fines for holidays taken in term time that are unauthorised.

It is our duty to work together to ensure the children get a good education and we are keen to support you and them to improve attendance.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

This year we have organized our School Council into three groups. One group will coordinate school initiatives and fundraising. This could include raising money for equipment for our children or making changes within the school in conjunction with Mrs Turnbull. Our local group will continue to support efforts around Bedale such as our monthly litter pick AND other local events. Our national group will organize and support campaigns that may affect our country or worldwide. These include the BBC Children in Need day and the charity Mind.

Over the course of the year, we will be working on a range of campaigns. Our aim is to help support our children to be active citizens, helping to make a difference to their own lives and the lives of others.

Please join us if you can on our monthly Litter Pick on Sunday 20th November. We will meet at 9am outside House and Home. We are a very friendly bunch and full equipment is provided too! Please note that children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

One of our School Council projects this year is to raise money to provide play equipment for our older children in Key Stage Two. To get this started, we will have a stall at our Christmas Fayre on Friday 25th November, selling second hand toys. If you need a clear out, please could you donate any (complete and unbroken) toys that your child has outgrown. Please bring any donations to Mrs Nunn's classroom from Monday 21st November.