

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas has got into full swing this week and I hope those of you who have attended our productions and singalong have enjoyed them as much as we have. It always astounds me how well the children rise to performing in front of an audience, especially at such a young age.

We began our Christmas festivities two weeks ago with some of the KS2 choir attending Bedale Christmas Festival. Along with Mrs Latta, the children sang a variety of songs including a few Christmas numbers, and helped raise £26 for Mettupalayam. This will cover their school breakfast club for an entire week!

The children sang beautifully and we hope that all who came out to see them enjoyed the little sing song.



Many thanks to Mrs Latta for organising the children's song list and supporting our school choir around her many commitments. Well done children – you were super!

Today, your child will bring home an envelope which contains information as to how well they have completed their November assessments. We like to keep you updated as to how your child is performing at school. There is also information regarding their attendance, something we have been focusing on improving this term. (Attendance records are correct up until 2nd December)

As a reminder we return to school on WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY following a training day for the staff on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Finally, the year 3 pupils look forward to leading a Christingle Service at St Gregory's Church this evening at 5.00 pm to which everyone is invited. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

EYFS NEWS

What an absolutely wonderful time we have had this week. We started our Christmas celebrations off with Elf Day, we had a great day celebrating all things Christmas. Our traditions are now in full swing and we are learning all about Jesus when he was born and why that is special. Thank you for coming to watch the children in 'It's a Baby' and supporting their first performance on our school stage. We felt so very proud of their performances and their behaviour and have to honestly say that it was a pleasure putting the show together. It was nice to see how their faces lit up when they were singing and dancing.

We have our Christmas party on Monday - just a reminder please that they will need their own packed lunch and can wear their own clothes all day. On Tuesday 13th December Early Years are going to the Dales Centre in Bedale to meet the visitors there, and sing some Christmas songs for them. This is always a huge success and the children will go back and visit them again in Spring term.

We would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and happy new year.



YEAR 1 NEWS

Year one have been helping Santa with lots of jobs over the last few weeks. In science, they helped him find the best material for a new pair of boots, discovering that rubber was the most waterproof. They made some very soggy shoes during their experimenting! On Elf Day, they made lots of decorations for the classroom and found out all about Christingles and what they represent. We all had so much fun. We are so proud of how well they performed in the nativity shows. We hope you all enjoyed watching as much as they enjoyed performing.



YEAR 2 NEWS

Firstly, we would like to say a huge 'Well done' to all the children for their wonderful singing in their Christmas Showcase on Monday. They sang beautifully and certainly got us in the Christmas mood!

The children loved Elf Day last week and enjoyed writing their application letters to become one of Santa's elves... some excellent applicants!

Thank you so much for your efforts with your child's homework last week creating timelines. We hope to have some of them up on display in class soon so keep your eyes peeled. The children have had great fun in art this week working with clay! We made clay fruits and we will be painting them next week.

We have almost come to the end of a very busy term and the children have worked so hard and made fantastic progress. Please remember to keep up reading 3 times a week, learning spellings and completing homework: it all helps to support your child with their schoolwork. We have our Christmas party on Tuesday so don't forget to wear your party clothes!



YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 have enjoyed a fun packed few weeks. Here are our monster toys that we have designed and created using our knowledge of different moving mechanisms including levers, pulleys and linkages. These pneumatic monster toys move using pressurized air- aren't they wonderful.



In PSHE we have been learning about keeping ourselves safe, and today we had a virtual conversation with a doctor who talked to us all about using medicines safely. We asked lots of questions and even found out about the life of a doctor!



We have been practising hard for our Christingle service at St Gregory's church tonight—we look forward to seeing lots of you there and wish you all a very Happy Christmas.



YEAR 4 NEWS

What a busy half term! In Geography, we have been learning about the National Parks of the UK including our most local, The Yorkshire Dales. To accompany this, we were challenged to create a healthy and nutritious snack for a rambler to take with them if completing the three peaks. As a year group, we chose a tomato soup that was delicious!



This past week, we have been using our persuasive techniques to convince Mrs Turnbull to make some changes around school. Maybe you will see your child in non-uniform next year or an extra day at home. We shall see!

Can we remind you that we will be visiting Bedale Library on Monday morning? Bring a coat along with your library card. We look forward to enjoying our final school week of 2022 before the Christmas festivities.

YEAR 5 NEWS



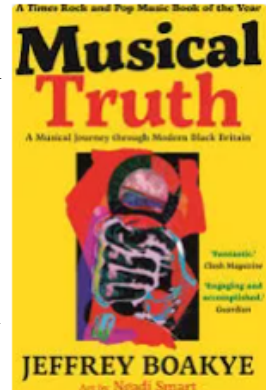
Year 5 have been very busy this week. We have produced some very informative pieces of writing all about the wonderful work of WaterAid; everyone was really interested to find out how the charity helps poorer countries around the world have access to clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene.

On Tuesday afternoon we all thoroughly enjoyed our house football tournament - well done to everybody for taking part and particularly to Hird for scoring the most goals. Next week we are looking forward to performing our Carol Service to the rest of the school and parents/carers on Wednesday morning in St Gregory's Church. We look forward to seeing you there. (KS1 9.30 am & KS2 10.30 am)

YEAR 6 NEWS

We have had a busy half term in Year 6! The classrooms have been bustling with: Santa's helpers, gift wrappers, narrators, servers, chorists, athletes, footballers, chefs... the list seems endless! Well done to all those children who have helped with the many festive activities; represented our school in town, and competed at the area competitions. You have all made us very proud.

Not only have we been busy outside the classroom, we have also been host to a number of visitors too. We took part in an online lesson with the inspirational author Jeffery Boakye to talk about his latest book, 'Musical Truth'; we have welcomed Imran Kotwal from the Muslim Learners' Service who told us all about what it feels like to be part of the Ummah (global 2 billion strong Muslim community) and we have met with Rupert from the diocese, who has helped us with ideas for leading future collective worships. Alongside all of this, we have been busy learning more about how our body works, who the ancient Maya were, how to design a recipe, improving gymnastic and rugby skills, manipulating Scratch, mastering fractions, writing narratives and a review and learning about fascinating French speaking countries. We're definitely ready for a break!



FOOTBALL SUCCESS

This week, the year 5 and 6 girls and boys teams represented our school in the Level 2 football competition. It was touch and go whether the event would take place with the icy conditions and snow warnings. Thankfully it did, and the teams were wrapped up and ready.

GIRLS

The Girls team braved the cold to face four other teams at Richmond on Thursday morning. Facing some tough opponents as well as the weather, the girls won three of their four games (1-0; 3-0 and 5-0) only conceding twice in their defeat to the eventual champions, Crakehall (0-2). They headed home with silver medals as vice-champions after finishing second in the league. Congratulations, well done girls and good luck to Crakehall in the finals at York early next year.

BOYS

The boys drew the first match but went on to win the next 3, making them group winners! Therefore, the boys progress to the 3rd level which will be held in York at some point in January. What a brilliant afternoon topped off with hot chocolate and a sneaky cheeseburger.



It was around 10 years ago since Bedale had a sporting team in the level 3 stage and that was our cricket team, lead by none other than Josh Coburn. Maybe there is another sporting superstar in the making?

PARENTPAY

Dinners are charged at £2.40 per day, please ensure accounts are topped up in advance of dinners being taken. We currently have 37 accounts in debt totalling over £200. Please settle all balances before we break up next week.



HOT CHOCOLATE

The following children have been selected this week to enjoy a hot chocolate with Mrs Turnbull for being all round superstars this week. Well done to Lily S, Emily K-M, Ivy S, Harper H, Darcey E, Paige K, Elesha V, Athena M, Bella A, Elliott C, Shaun V, Ajay C, Oliver H & Sienna K!



YEAR 5/6 INDOOR ATHLETICS COMPETITION

On Wednesday 30th November, almost 30 children from Year 5 and 6 travelled to Richmond School to take part in an indoor athletics competition. Throughout the day, a total of 16 primary schools took part in the event; we were really pleased to come in 7th place after facing some tough competition. Then on Tuesday 6th December, a different group of Y5/6 children went to compete, this time placing second out of seven schools. Events included throwing, jumping, running and obstacle course races. It was a busy, exciting morning for everyone

who competed – there was a lot of cheering and it was wonderful to see super sportsmanship, teamwork and fabulous behaviour. Well done everyone and congratulations to our silver medallists !



KEY STAGE 1 MULTI SKILLS

On Friday 18th November, 18 pupils from Year 2 went across to the High School to take part in a KS1 Multi-skills event. There were 8 teams in total from different schools in our local area and we all did so well! We enjoyed practising a range of different skills such as throwing, running, jumping and balancing!

When the scores were added at the end, the results were announced. Our 3 teams finished 6th, 3rd and 1st! Well done to all the children for the exceptional effort and behaviour.

"I'm glad I came- it was so much fun!" - Rory

"The marathon run was my favourite. I liked doing this today and would like to do it again" - Lincoln



HOUSE COMPETITIONS

YEAR 4 NET & WALL

Year 4 competed against each other in a game that involved agility, tactics and reactions. There was some fantastic officiating by Oscar, Nico and Freya. Everyone picked the rules up quickly and had a good time, despite the cold hands and fingers. Chantry won 2 games, Hird won 1 game, Amen won 2 games and Wycar won 3 games meaning they were the overall winners.



YEAR 2

Year 2 children will be taking part in a basic skills competition on Thursday 15th December. Good luck everyone! Who will be the winning house?



YEAR 1 THROWING & CATCHING

Year 1 children took part in the inter house throwing and catching competition. The children did a super job of cheering one another on and demonstrating their wonderful throwing and catching skills. 1st Place was Chantry, 2nd place Amen, 3rd place Hird and 4th place Wycar. Well done to all the children for a fantastic effort!

FSG

This year has seen a great response to the hard work and fundraising efforts of FSG, with fundraising to date raising sufficient funds to benefit all our school community. As always, fundraising is reliant on the support, enthusiasm, hard work and good will of all of our families. Through this, we have been able to purchase the following resources, which will add to the children's learning experience.

Reading corners for all classrooms including furniture, reading books, gardening club resources, playtime equipment, French dictionaries, achievement rewards and an African drumming workshop for the whole school.

Again, thank you for your support throughout the year.

The FSG Team

YEAR 6 RE VISITOR

In RE we have been learning about what it is like to be part of the worldwide Muslim community of 2 billion people (the Ummah.) Imran Kotwal came to us from the Muslim Learners' Service to talk to us about the Ummah. We learnt about their customs and their ways of life. For example, when someone sneezes you should say, 'May Allah have mercy on you' (in Arabic.) Also, when someone is ill you must go to visit them, and when you greet a fellow Muslim you should greet them with, 'Salam'. Learning all about this has been so much fun and I now know so much more than I did before.

Leila Davies Year 6



INTERNET SAFETY

Last week, the local PCSO, Heather Lees came into school to talk to Key Stage 2 children about Internet safety. She discussed what is acceptable and unacceptable online, along with the age restrictions associated with different sites and Apps. The children listened carefully to the useful hints and tips which echo the SMART anagram we follow in school. By the end of the talk, the children were reminded about preventing and reporting cyberbullying and the impact mobile phones can have when using the Internet.

An important thing to remember is that the popular social App Whatsapp is for those 16 years and above.



ATTENDANCE



Below is the attendance & number of lates for each year group so far this half term.

Year Group	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	94.4%	94.2%	97.2%	94.7%	95.3%	93.6%	95.3%
Number of lates	8	8	4	7	6	4	5

You should have all had a text message with a letter from the UK Health Agency yesterday. We have a big focus on washing hands to prevent the spread of all the nasty winter bugs currently being passed around.

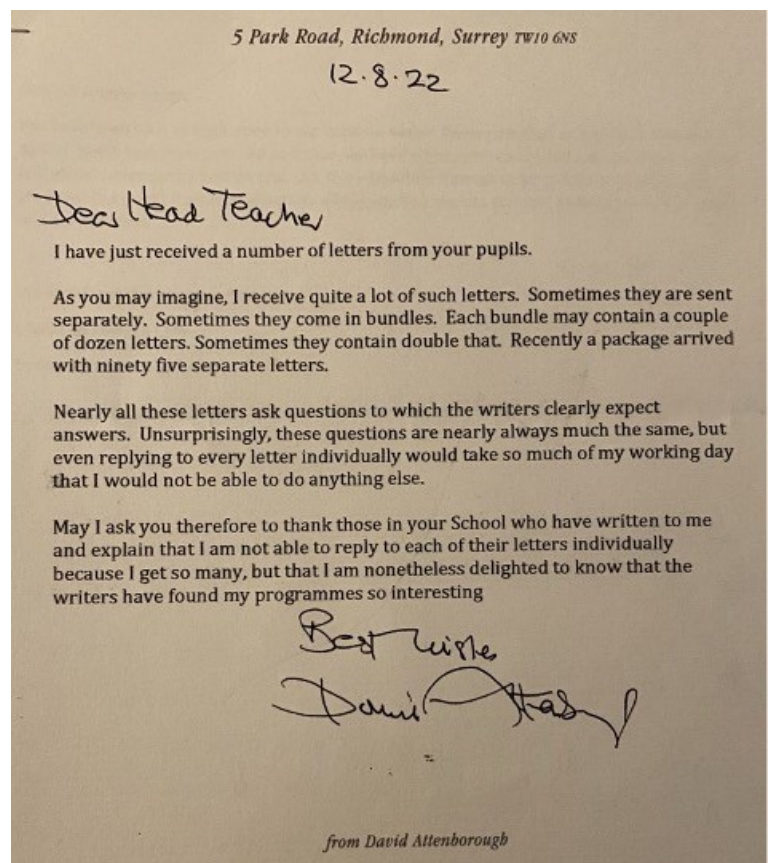
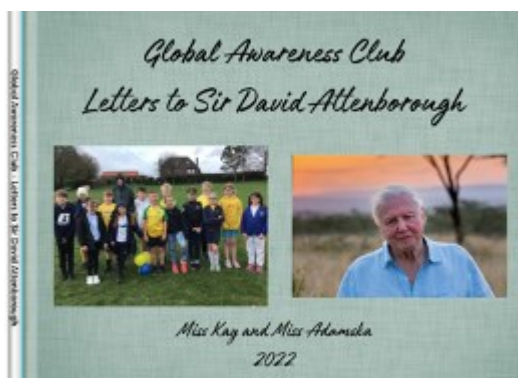


TOYS IN SCHOOL

Please can we remind you that children should **not** be bringing anything into school from home e.g. toys, footballs. School will provide all that is needed.

GLOBAL AWARENESS

Global Awareness Club have worked incredibly hard over the past year to improve the lives of people, animals and plants in our local, national and global communities. We have found Sir David Attenborough to be a great inspiration in educating our world in the need to protect animals and plants and encourage biodiversity. We wrote letters to David Attenborough, asking him questions and sharing our enthusiasm for our planet. Not only did he read our letters.. but he also responded! We have created a book all about the work we have been doing with copies of our letters and Sir David Attenborough's response. This book is in the school office on display if you wish to see it.



LEARNING & CARING TOGETHER

Our vision of learning and caring together is embedded through the behaviour expectations of all our children. We have high expectations of our pupils and clear rules which reflect the values of the school. These expectations and consequences of behaviour can be seen in our behaviour policy which is built around our 5 golden rules.



- 1. We make our school a happy place**
 - Consider everybody's feelings, be polite, listen to everyone's point of view, share and take turns, be a good friend and respect differences in people.
- 2. In our school we all look after each other to keep everyone safe**
 - Keep hands, feet and objects to ourselves, keep the school tidy to avoid accidents, tell an adult if anyone is hurt, help each other and follow the school dress code.
- 3. In our school we do as we are asked**
 - Follow the school rules, routines and the adult's directions.
- 4. In our school we do our best work**
 - Try hard, work quietly and neatly, listen carefully, work co-operatively and be proud of our efforts.
- 5. We keep our school a special place for us to enjoy**
 - Follow the five golden rules

Bedale C of E Primary School

SCHOOL GOVERNOR NEEDED

We Need Someone

- Organised
- Empathetic
- Committed
- Self Motivated

We are looking for school governors to join our governing body. No education experience is necessary and you don't have to be a parent or carer of a child in school

Perseverance
Compassion
Friendship



Get in Touch !!

For more information please get in touch
with the school officeit

We are looking for school governors to join our governing body. School governors work with teachers and leaders within school to make sure that the school is setting high expectations for our pupils and monitor the progress towards achieving them. They also ensure that our children are having a safe and positive experience during their time at school. You would need to be available to meet in the evening roughly once a month and to come into school during the day a couple of times per term (times flexible to fit). You don't need to have any educational experience, perhaps you might have other experience from your business or personal life? We are not looking directly for parent governors (it doesn't mean a parent couldn't apply) so please feel free to share this with family, friends or work colleagues who you think might be interested and fit the bill. We look forward to hearing from you soon.