

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers Happy New Year!

We have got off to a wonderful start with the children returning to school full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. Hopefully all the nasty bugs that were prevalent at the end of last term have now disappeared. Having spoken to many of you it sounds like so many families were affected by the flu or sickness bugs over the Christmas break. On this note, in our Collective worships we have focused on keeping healthy, trying to encourage the children to have their Five a day from our salad cart. We have also done a reminder on how important it is for the children to keep washing their hands properly, especially before eating and after visits to the toilet.

This week we have also focused on the issue of bullying: what it is and what to do if they experience bullying. The children should know that bullying is: the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online. As children in school are having mobiles at younger ages we invited our PCSOs to deliver a presentation on Keeping and Being safe online to KS2. PCSO Lees gave tips and advice to the children that support what we are teaching through our PSHE curriculum. In addition, she made using mobile phones appropriately a focus, specifically talking with Year 6 and discussing the app WhatsApp.

The children have all been reminded this week if they feel unhappy/ bullied to reach out to a member of staff at school and yourselves so that we can always do something about it swiftly. We want our children to live out our school values (see back page). We are committed to ensuring the safety and well being of all our pupils and staff.

Our children learn about keeping themselves safe in many areas of the curriculum: PSHE, RE, science and PE. As a school we ensure that all safeguarding procedures are in place. The Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Turnbull, and the deputy Designated lead, Mrs Ball, are regularly trained in all areas of Child Protection. On our training day on January 4th all our staff completed some national training. In addition, we have our SEND team and our Wellbeing team. You can find more information on what they offer in further pages.

At the end of last term we held a very successful and busy Christmas Fair. We cannot thank enough Mrs Rooney and her amazing team of helpers for being so generous with their time and endless energy. This event managed to raise over £2500 which we have used to purchase lots of things such as a selection of recommended reading books for each year group, new play equipment for break and lunchtimes and board games for use when the weather is wet. We also have some very exciting developments to further develop children's love of reading and the library.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

EYFS NEWS

We have been so proud of how well the children have settled back into school after their Christmas holiday. This term we are learning all about the Chinese culture. We found China and England on a map, and thought about how we could travel to China.

After looking at England on a map and talking about it being an island, the children drew their own islands, we were so impressed with their drawings. They thought carefully about what they needed on their island.

Following on from our work on The Magic Paintbrush, they have painted things that they think would be helpful to people. They were so compassionate and thoughtful; thinking really hard about other people and what they might need.

In PE we have been practising traditional Chinese dancing with silk scarves. Just a reminder, please can PE kits be in school on a Wednesday.

Thank you very much for your continued support with the homework on Google Classroom and the reading at home. The children are doing really well with their sounds and tricky words.

Please see the calendar on our website for dates coming up this term.



YEAR 1 NEWS

The children have settled back to school brilliantly and have come back with even more enthusiasm for their learning. They have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our new story of Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson, however we were shocked when our bag of animals went missing! Luckily, the children made some wonderful lost posters to describe them, which we placed around school.



The children had a fabulous visit from Aquatic Finatic in Science, where they learnt about the different animal groups. We saw snakes, tortoises, a gecko, hedgehog, owl, rabbit and so many more! According to some of the children "it was the best day ever!"

Just a reminder, to please make sure homework is handed in on Thursday by 5pm and that your child's diary is signed at least 3 times ready for their reading rainbow reward on

Friday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit for Monday and Thursday, with something a little warmer e.g. hoodie and joggers for outdoor PE on Mondays, thank you.



YEAR 2 NEWS

What a super start back to the new year we have had! Year 2 have all come back with a fantastic attitude to their learning. Last week we launched our new theme for this term and started with a fact finding mission all about The Great Fire of London.

This week we had a great opportunity to expand our learning about Judaism by visiting a Synagogue in Leeds. The children were keen to share their knowledge from the Autumn term and were shown about their prayer room. They were shown the precious Torah Scroll and other important artefacts. The children had a lovely day!

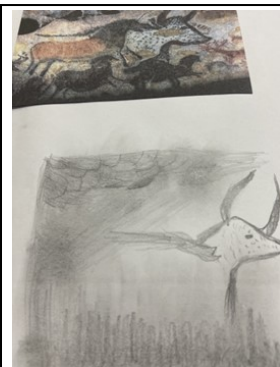
Quick reminder, new reading books have come out this week. Please ensure your child has these in school so that we can

change their books on a Monday.



YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 have made a wonderful start to the term and new year. Our term's topic is called- 'We will Rock You!' and we are learning all about the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and through to the Iron Age. We started off by looking at cave paintings from nearly 20,000 years ago. Using pencils and focusing on tone and shade, the children created wonderful replicas.



In gymnastics this term we are developing routines that include balance, jumps and travelling. Our PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please could children bring a full PE kit in on Mondays, in case we need to change days. The weather is very cold and children would benefit from an extra layer and long trousers for outdoor lessons.



YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 have had a very busy return to school! We hope that you all enjoyed the holidays and are glad to see that the children are so enthusiastic about getting back into their school work. We are starting some new topics this half term that the children are already excited to learn about, including programming in Computing, hockey in PE and learning about the local area in Geography. During these new topics, we have been using new skills such as reading grid references

on maps, push passes and dribbling in hockey and using algorithms to move a turtle in Computing! We have also been enjoying new topics in Art, Music and Science.

In Music, we have been learning to sing the Motown classic "Ain't No Mountain High Enough". The children have perfected their lovely singing voices and even included some retro dance moves! In Art, we are beginning to learn how to manipulate clay into different shapes. The children loved getting messy with this! We hope to see the enthusiasm continue throughout the half term, well done for a great start everyone!



YEAR 5 NEWS

Year 5 have had a brilliant start to the Spring term! Over the last week in English, we've written about the legend of Nian and learnt how this story



continues to influence Chinese culture and attitudes to Chinese New Year in the present day. In DT this half-term, we will be making our own vegetable spring rolls. The children thoroughly enjoyed taste testing the different ingredients this week as part of their research in creating their own.

We're aiming high in setting ourselves personal challenges in PE this week, both in tennis and circuit training. We are hoping to see an improvement in everyone's performance following our lessons this half-term.



YEAR 6 NEWS

Our new term has exploded with activity! We have already rehearsed and performed a play scene in English and are now half-way through composing a suspense filled narrative! In Geography we are beginning to understand the impact on our planet of climate change and we are champing at the bit for an opportunity to change things! We are also developing our understanding of colour and paint in Art, and questioning what we thought we knew about light in Science.



As always, but it is always a pleasure to repeat, the children have come back with a wonderfully positive attitude and their behaviour is fabulous. We are looking forward to the seeing the work they produce this term.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

India in year 6 was selected to compete at the girls water polo national age group championships in Sheffield in December. India is part of a combined team from her home club of Sedgefield & Rotherham Metro. The group is for girls born in 2008 and younger so India is very much one of the younger members.

She has played water polo for 4 years, only moving to Sedgefield 8 months ago to train at a higher level so to be selected for this is such an achievement. Since Christmas India has also been selected for the North East Water Polo Academy who train at Sheffield. Well done India, keep it up!



PARENTPAY

Dinners are charged at £2.40 per day, please ensure accounts are topped up **in advance** of dinners being taken. We currently have 42 accounts in debt totalling over £460.00



HOT CHOCOLATE

The following children have been selected this week to enjoy a hot chocolate with Mrs Turnbull for being all round superstars all week. Well done to Aara O, Daisy S, Teddy C, Cassius T, Thomas E, Jacob D, Leonard W, Travis H, Tyler D, Fred H, Gracie G, Mia F & Ava F.

WELLBEING



Mrs Durham is currently training to be a Senior Mental Health Leader. Her year-long course involves a number of modules and coaching sessions with specialist tutors covering leadership, ethos and environment, staff development and interventions and impact.

Mrs Haw has dedicated time over a couple of afternoons in the week to work with a small number of children. She has had invaluable support from Compass Phoenix in helping her to deliver specific 1:1 or small group sessions focused on self-regulation, anxiety, self-esteem and emotional literacy. In addition to this, she has had training from THRIVE in using the network to support emotional mental health. Further courses and training are planned for both Mrs Durham and Mrs Haw over the coming year.

SEND

Mrs Ball, our SENCo has taken several courses on varying topics within SEND such as:

- School based anxiety
- Regulation training
- Autism
- Writing SMART targets



Mrs Jobling has also had training on Lego therapy which is great for some children with SEN.

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	97.8%	98%	99.3%	94.3%	95.8%	95.6%	95.6%
Number of lates	2	2	1	0	1	1	2



Learning & Caring Together School Vision

Perseverance **Compassion** **Friendship**

The most important commandment is 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul and with all your mind.'

The second most important commandment is 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself.'

(Mark 12:29-31)

We learn to love ourselves, each other, our community and our world, we enable all learners to develop their individual spirituality by engaging them on a learning journey.