

# Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

## 'Learning & Caring Together'

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Dear Parents/Carers

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents to our Open Evenings on Tuesday & Wednesday this week. It is always good to be able to share the children's hard work and great attitudes with you and for you to have the opportunity to see their books. I have been visiting classes a good deal over the past month and have been highly impressed by their knowledge, enthusiasm and wonderful behaviour. Our EYFS event on China was so memorable and it was clear to see how much the children have been enjoying their learning. The children in year 5 showed impeccable manners and fabulous listening skills on their visit to a Mosque in York last week. I was highly impressed by how much they had remembered when talking to them the next day.

The new reading books purchased by our FSG have gone down a treat with all the children, I am sure you will have seen how eager they are to get their hands on some of these new books. The FSG discos help fund a wealth of resources as well as providing us all with evenings of fun. Our thanks again go to Sarah Rooney, her team of helpers and all the staff who gave up their evening to help make this a successful event last night.

Our next FSG events are the ever so popular Chocolate bingo nights! Due to the expected turn out to these, we have split them into 2 evenings to ensure we can accommodate everyone comfortably.

- Wednesday 29th March for EYFS, Years 1, 2 & 3
- Thursday 30th March for Years 4, 5 & 6

If you have children in different year groups, please do not worry. You are welcome to come to either event. Further details will follow after half term but for now, please put the dates in your diary!



Another big thank you to Mrs Wallace and Miss Davies for their efforts, putting on a lovely event for our Military families to come together and enjoy an evening of bingo. A wonderful £70 was raised for Little Troopers Charity who support Military Children nationwide.

Have a wonderful half term, we look forward to seeing everyone back with us on Monday 20th February.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

## EYFS NEWS

In EYFS we have had a fantastic week, continuing our learning about the Chinese culture. We have learnt so much about the importance of dragons and the children made us so proud with their amazing dance performance to parents. We have made a stir fry whilst trying lots of different vegetables including cabbage and beans. We even chopped up the vegetables ourselves.

"It was so yummy, I ate it all. I hope Mummy cooks it at home soon" - Emily K-M



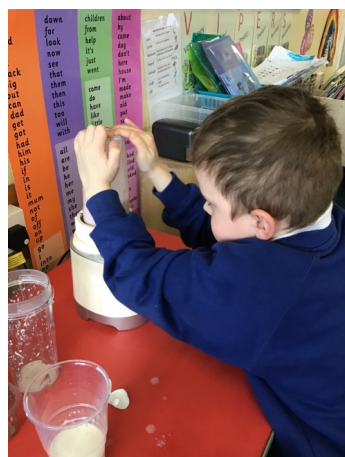
Thank you for your continued support with homework on Google Classroom and reading at home. The children are doing really well with their sounds and tricky words.

We hope you all have a lovely half term and we will see you on Monday 20th February.

## YEAR 1 NEWS

This week the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the animation story 'Catch It' based on a group of meerkats in search of fruit. The children created their own sentence using adjectives to describe what was happening in each scene and worked together to create a new audio description. They then retold the story using a clear and loud voice, they did a wonderful job!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed completing their DT unit this half term, creating healthy smoothies. They loved the process of visiting the greengrocers to buy the fruits, exploring and tasting the new fruits, having Mrs Woodward from the kitchen visit to discuss safety in the kitchen and finally making our own smoothie using blenders - they were delicious!



Thank you for all your support over the last half term, the children have worked so hard and we hope you have a wonderful half term break.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

Last week we had a very exciting visit! A local artist Scott Massie came to work with us. We built upon what we have been doing in class and created a watercolour background wash. We then sketched the Leech House and Signal Box in Bedale and created a silhouette at the bottom of our sky. We used water coloured paints, sketching pencils and cartridge paper.

“I enjoyed the art experience today. I liked being taught by a real artist.”

“I liked it because it was a new experience.”

“Our Art lessons in school helped us today because we have used watercolours before.”

“My art techniques have improved!”



Just a few reminders that we do our spelling test on a Friday, so the children need to bring their spelling books in with them on a Friday morning and homework is due on a Wednesday. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Maths party on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February!

## YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 are really enjoying this term's History unit of The Stone Age and have been learning all about the homes and settlements and looking at artefacts that Archaeologists have found from the period. Our Art is based on Lascaux and this week we have created our own prints to look like the cave paintings found in the famous caves. As Scientists, we have been researching Mary Anning and finding out about how fossils are formed over millions of years. We were inspired by her life and how she was one of the first females in her field of Palaeontology. Sticking to the theme of Rocks, we have been composing our own rock rhythms using musical notation and pairing it with a Stone Age version of the Queen classic 'We will rock you'.



## YEAR 4 NEWS

We have had a lovely half term in Year 4. The children have enjoyed finishing their final sculptures, inspired by Barbara Hepworth and Henry Moore. They looked fantastic and we can't wait to extend this learning by going to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park next half term! The children worked hard to create their masterpieces and paint them afterwards. We have learnt a lot about our local area over the half term in Geography. Thank you to all of the parents that responded to our enquiry question about pedestrianising Bedale High Street, it was interesting to see



everyone's opinions. The children were able to produce their final reports after analysing these. We hope everyone has a lovely half term, enjoying some well-deserved rest after all your hard work!



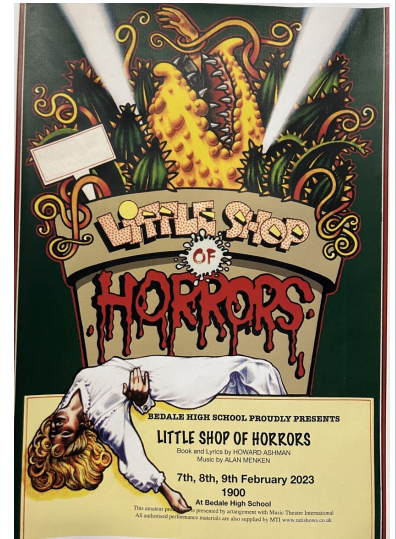
## YEAR 5 NEWS

On Wednesday, the year 5 children had the pleasure of going over to Bedale High School to watch their production of 'Little Shop of Horrors'. It was amazing - it was lovely to see some familiar faces and some siblings on the stage!

Leya - "My favourite part was the ending where they all got together to sing"

Harriet - I loved when my sister sang a solo - she was amazing!"

Marcus - "I liked when the plant began to grow bigger and bigger and then ate people!"



## YEAR 6 NEWS

This half term we have been learning about Humanism in RE and were lucky enough to host Brian who came to tell us all about Humanism. We found the visit very interesting. We are delighted to report that following the success of last term's orangutan afternoon, our fundraising has secured the adoption of an orangutan AND a mountain gorilla for EACH class. This is a

wonderful outcome and the children are - quite rightly- very proud that their words, images and presentation has made a real difference in the world. On this theme, we have been learning about global warming, sustainable energy and the current climate concerns in Geography. As a result, we have written to our MP (Prime Minister Rishi Sunak) asking him how his government is responding to this 'crisis'. We eagerly await his response!



## U11'S COUNTY FINAL

After an initial postponement, the day of the u11's County Final finally arrived. Despite the glorious sunshine, a strong wind blew, causing slight concern for the players. After arriving at York College, the energy lifted and there was an exciting buzz around the grounds. The games were of high intensity and the quality of play was significantly higher of previous games. The boys stayed as a unit after falling to two defeats which meant there was no chance of winning. Knowing this allowed the boys to relax and play with a bigger smile on their faces, securing two draws with goals from Freddie, Leo and Kane. Even though the boys didn't win, it was an incredible achievement to represent the school at that level. Everyone should hold their heads high with pride. Well done boys!





## PARENTPAY

Dinners are charged at £2.40 per day, please ensure accounts are topped up **in advance** of dinners being taken. We currently have 32 accounts in debt totalling over £275.00



## HOT CHOCOLATE

Since our last newsletter, so many children have enjoyed a hot chocolate with Mrs Turnbull to celebrate their hard work in everything they do. Congratulations to Jenson C, Rory D, Teddy C, Nadia R, Evie B, Grayson R, Isaac H, Natalia L, Frankie D, Harrison W, Eva T, Zach M, Sam S, Mason M, Jessica A, Daisy H, Rebecca T, Finley M, Mila D, Teddy C, Willow E, Jenson P, Mia H, Theo T, Lexi B, Tommy B, Kirby S, Lilith M, Esme D, Sophia A, Charlie B, Isla R, Luka T, Mackenzie D, Toby D, Joesef N, Georgia C, Sam B, Jack T-G, Olivia C, Lois H, Jazmin L, Josh N, Phoebe R, Nico R, Alfie M, Oscar S, Ruby-Mae F, George H, Katie P, Luke H, Lucas P, Mollie E & Jack W.

## EASTER SERVICE

Our Easter Service will be held at 9.30am for KS1 and 10.30am for KS2 on Wednesday 29th March at St. Gregory's Church. We hope to see lots of you there.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March this year and we hope you'll join us in coming together to celebrate in school.

Every year on World Book Day we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. We don't want our celebrations to be an additional burden to families, so we have chosen a theme for dressing up that means you can find something from your wardrobes at home! This year, we want the children to come dressed as a word. This could be an interesting word they have read, or one that represents their favourite story. For example, the word 'magic' could represent Harry Potter. The children could still choose to dress as a character but they should have a word that they are associated with. Here are some examples of what you could choose.



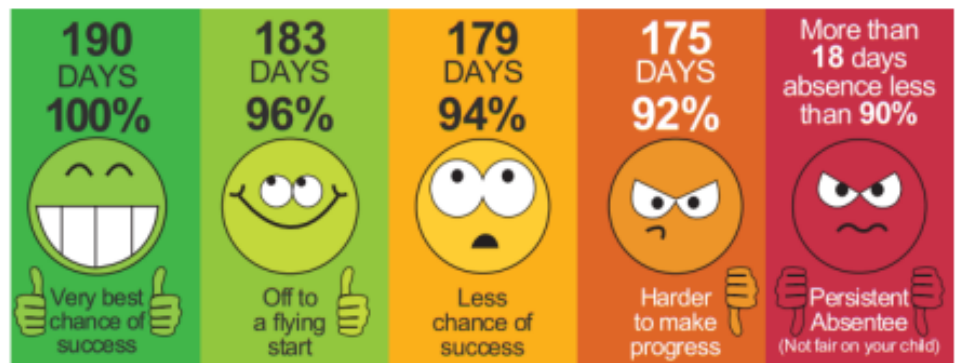
## ATTENDANCE



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

Year Group	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	96.2%	95.8%	97.5%	96.4%	94.7%	95%	94%
Number of lates	10	7	6	5	7	4	6

Please be reminded that school starts at **9.00am**. Gates are open from 8.50am to give children plenty of time to arrive at school in readiness for the start of the school day.



## RED NOSE DAY

Every year Comic Relief raises millions of pounds to support projects in the UK and around the world. Our School Council will be organising fund raising events based around this year's theme which is all about coming together and spreading some joy!



On Friday 17th March we invite children to come to school dressed in anything bright and colourful for a £1 donation to raise funds for this wonderful cause. This can be as simple as a red pair of socks or head to toe in all of the colours of the rainbow!



## PARKING AT BEDALE LEISURE CENTRE

Please be aware that going forward, there will be security in place at Bedale Leisure Centre at school pick up times due to several complaints being made by their customers who are unable to park due to spaces being filled by our families.



# WORKING TOGETHER TO FEED THE NEED IN BEDALE

*Your local Foodbank  
serving Bedale and the  
villages*

 07930 988360

  
**Hambleton**  
**foodshare**  
working together to feed the need

