

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'Learning & Caring Together'

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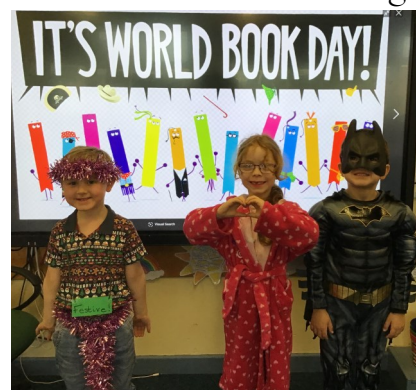
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Dear Parents/Carers

Yesterday was World Book Day and we had a wonderful time celebrating this in school, with some extremely creative costumes. It was the perfect opportunity to celebrate our love of reading across the school, something we feel passionate about.



The children have really been enjoying having the library open on lunch times. We have had children from all year groups bringing books to read and borrowing books from the shelves – some have even asked to hide them ready for the next lunch time! It has been a delight to watch children from different year groups interacting and sharing stories together. Our dedicated team of Librarians and Reading Ambassadors from Year 5 and 6 have been spending their lunch times each week making sure the library runs smoothly and tidily. A big well done and thank you to them and to all the staff that have been helping out.

We are also very excited about the opening of Miss Havisham's bookshop in Bedale this weekend. The upstairs of this bookshop is dedicated to children's fiction with play equipment to enjoy. We are looking forward to networking with Miss Havisham's to enjoy all that the bookshop has to offer! Please see the back page for more information on the opening event this Saturday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

EYFS NEWS

What a fabulous couple of weeks, we have been so proud of the children. They have come back so settled and ready to learn. To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, we made pancakes and chose a selection of toppings. The children liked banana and blueberry but chocolate was a definite favourite.



Dressing up for World Book Day caused great excitement, the costumes were amazing, thank you.

This half term we are looking at the author Julia Donaldson and her lovely rhyming stories. We have read 'The Paper Dolls' story and made our own characters. We also read 'Room on the Broom' outdoors, in our wildlife area. We found the clues to the story which the children were very excited about. I wonder which of Julia's books is your child's favourite story?



In music we have been learning to sing the 'Room on the Broom' song and are practising it ready for the poetry competition.

Thank you for your continued support with homework and reading. Please make sure your child's reading wallet is in their bag each day.

YEAR 1 NEWS

The children have settled back in at school brilliantly. We have loved exploring the new stories of Jasper's Beanstalk and learning the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk, discussing how it is a story that has been passed down through the years. The children have even planted their own beans in Science to observe the changes that they make and what the bean needs to grow, we can't wait to have some of our own beanstalks!

In Maths, the children have learnt the Rolling Numbers songs for counting in 2s, 5s and 10s,

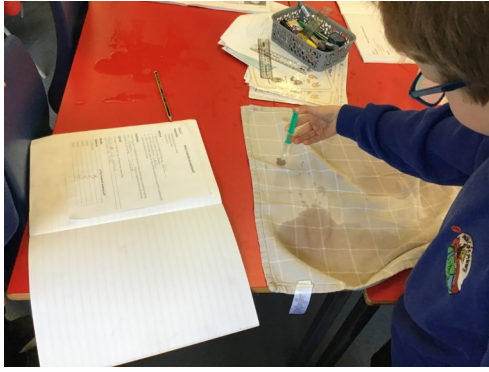
they have understood this brilliantly and further practise of this at home would be super.

Next week we are very excited to go on a tree walk to Bedale Park to look at deciduous and evergreen trees, so please make sure your child has a waterproof coat for next Wednesday. We have also seen a drop in PE kits, please ensure your child has an outdoor PE kit including trainers, every Monday and Thursday.



YEAR 2 NEWS

In Year 2 this week we have been doing lots of practical work! In Geography we have been exploring where we live in the world. The children have been using an atlas to locate the UK, they could name the four countries in the UK and they had to identify their capital cities.



In science we have continued our learning about materials. The children did their own investigation to find which materials are waterproof. The children were very careful to make sure they were fair testing.

YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 have had a fantastic return to school after the half term holidays. On Monday, we travelled to Aysgarth Falls, where we investigated the limestone rocks and natural environment. We discovered the homes of hibernating Hazel Dormice and learnt about the trees and plants native to the Yorkshire Dales. The children's behaviour was exemplary and they were praised by staff from the National Park for their enthusiasm and good manners despite the cold and rainy weather! In computing, the children have been using the 'I Can Animate' app to create their own animated films. These have included animated football matches with goals being scored, balloons popping and hair growing!! 'I've learnt lots and it's super fun!' say William. Thank you so much for recording reading in the children's diaries- it is wonderful to see so much reading being done at home.



YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 have exploded into the new half term. We have started to learn about tectonic plates and structures of volcanoes. There are some really detailed diagrams in our books! Linking to our Geography back in Autumn, we have written some stunning leaflets on the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge, trying to encourage tourists to have a go.

This half term has seen the return of Design and Technology. With our science learning all about electricity, we are in the process of creating our own steady hand electrical game that we are already looking forward to showcasing our products at the parent event at the end of the term.

Last week, our hockey practice came to an end with a bang. We took part in a Y4 House Competition and House Amen came out winners! The rest of this term looks to be a busy and exciting one. We have many events to work towards, including assessment week, the trip to the



Sculpture Park, a potential theatre trip, performing the Easter service and the parent workshop. Please be sure to keep up to date with texts and letters that are sent out regarding these.

YEAR 5 NEWS

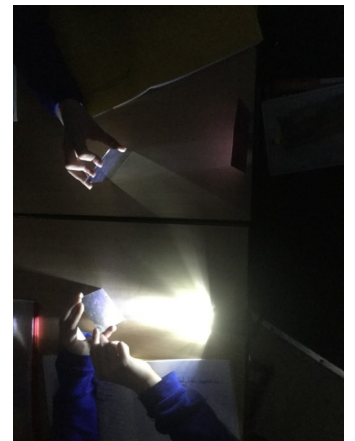
In year 5, we have started our science work on the Earth, sun and moon. We have learnt the order of the planets - why not test us at home! In art, we are starting to experiment with



Chinese inks and adding water to make lighter tones. We have been working on our 4 times table facts in our fluency sessions and will be moving onto learning our 6 times table in the next few weeks. It would be helpful to spend some time on Times Table Rockstars at home to become more speedy with these times table facts.

YEAR 6 NEWS

We spent the first half term learning about light and shadow, how we see and reflection and refraction in Science. We are now moving on to create circuits (so we can switch our own lights on!) Further to this, in DT, we are in the process of designing a model sand buggy which we will control with an electrical circuit (and, hopefully, we will move on to control it remotely using our Scratch knowledge learnt in Computing.) Budding journalists have had an opportunity to write a newspaper report about a fictional catastrophe at Dogger Banks wind farm as a result of Storm Otto. Our dance lessons are certainly lots of fun, and we've got a lot better already - now we know our left from our right! The Dodgeball team had no problems with this and did us proud with a placement of 3rd place in the recent tournament at Richmond School. A very busy start to the term!



PE KIT REMINDER

Please can we remind you of the following PE kit that is expected to be worn by children for both indoor and outdoor PE. Several children are coming with bright coloured PE kits, particularly for outdoor PE. It is also helpful if PE kits are named and kept in a drawstring bag for safekeeping.

PE Uniform

Plain White T-Shirt

Black / Navy shorts or

Black/Navy **full length** leggings

Black/Navy Plain **unbranded** tracksuit

Black/Navy Skorts

Plimsolls/Trainers



PARENTPAY

Dinners are charged at £2.40 per day, please ensure accounts are topped up **in advance** of dinners being taken. We currently have 29 accounts in debt totalling over £390.00



HOT CHOCOLATE

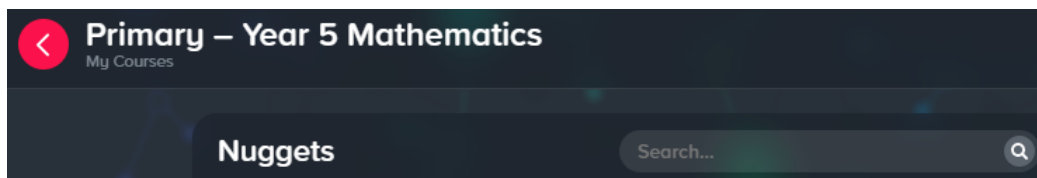




Last week, the following children were selected to enjoy a hot chocolate with Mrs Turnbull to celebrate their hard work in everything they do. Congratulations to Joshua L, Emily T, Callum B, Thea F-R, Jessica L, Noah W, Harry R, Reuben I, Kate M, Ella N, Daniel L, Dylan S, William G & Katie-Beth M.

KS2 HOMEWORK

In response to some queries on the parent surveys, here are some updates about homework in KS2:

- Every Friday there will be a post on Google classroom informing you of the Century nuggets set by the class teacher. In class, the children will also be told which nuggets have been set.
- If the tasks do not appear at the beginning of your child's pathway, you can use the search tool in the 'My courses' section to type in the title of the nuggets as shared on Google classroom, e.g.



- Century gives the children instant feedback. It will then suggest further tasks which will consolidate or extend their learning. We ask that the children complete the nuggets we have set but they are also able to do as many of the suggested nuggets as they wish.
-  This symbol means the task has been set by the teacher.
-  This symbol means the task has been set by Century as a focus for improvement.
- Class teachers are able to see the scores achieved for each nugget and use these to inform teaching and future homework.

Reminder for all year groups

You can contact your child's teacher using the year group emails—example below:

yearthree@bedale-ce.n-yorks.sch.uk

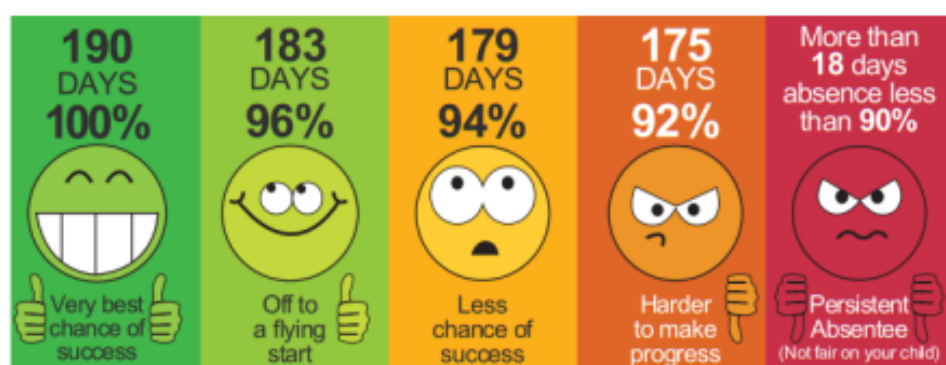
ATTENDANCE



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	97.2%	97.3%	99.2%	98.2%	97%	96.1%	95.4%
Number of lates	0	0	3	2	2	1	0

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!



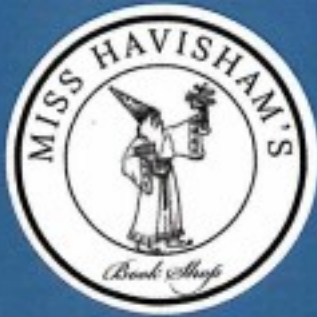
STAFFING UPDATES

Mrs Harding is coming to the end of her maternity leave and we very much look forward to her returning to work. She will be teaching in year 5, sharing Mrs Durham's class from Wednesday 29th March. Mrs Harding will work Wednesday's, Thursday's and Friday's.

Our thanks goes to Miss Trayer for covering the maternity leave this year and for all of her hard work in year 5.

MRS HAVISHAM'S BOOK SHOP

An exciting new book shop opens in Bedale on Saturday 4th March. This can be found at 1a Emgate, Bedale, DL8 1AH. This will be a great addition to our local community, see the flyer below for further information on what they have to offer.



Upstairs at Miss Havishams

Children's books for sale
and a magical space
for creative play!

OPENING DAY STAY AND PLAY
10.30 - 12.30 £3.00 per Child

Future Events at Miss Havishams

- ★ Daily Stay and Play
- ★ Author Signings
- ★ Book Club
- ★ Poetry Evenings

UPSTAIRS ROOM HIRE
AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN'S PARTIES