

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

‘Learning & Caring Together’



Newsletter Date: 22nd December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

The past couple of weeks has been jam-packed with events and there has been a wonderful buzz in school. The children have been such superstars



when performing their Christmas plays, and leading services in the church. We hope you have enjoyed seeing them up on the stage sharing their singing, dancing and acting.



The film night ran by our School Council was a great success and very well attended. Our School Council have been exceptionally active all term, leading us in many events. Thank you so much for supporting us with all these and in particular with our fundraising. It has been amazing the amount our community has raised for Children in Need, Mettupalayam and in particular being able to support Alfie to fulfil a dream visit to Lapland. We also continue to run events to raise funds for the Make a Wish foundation.

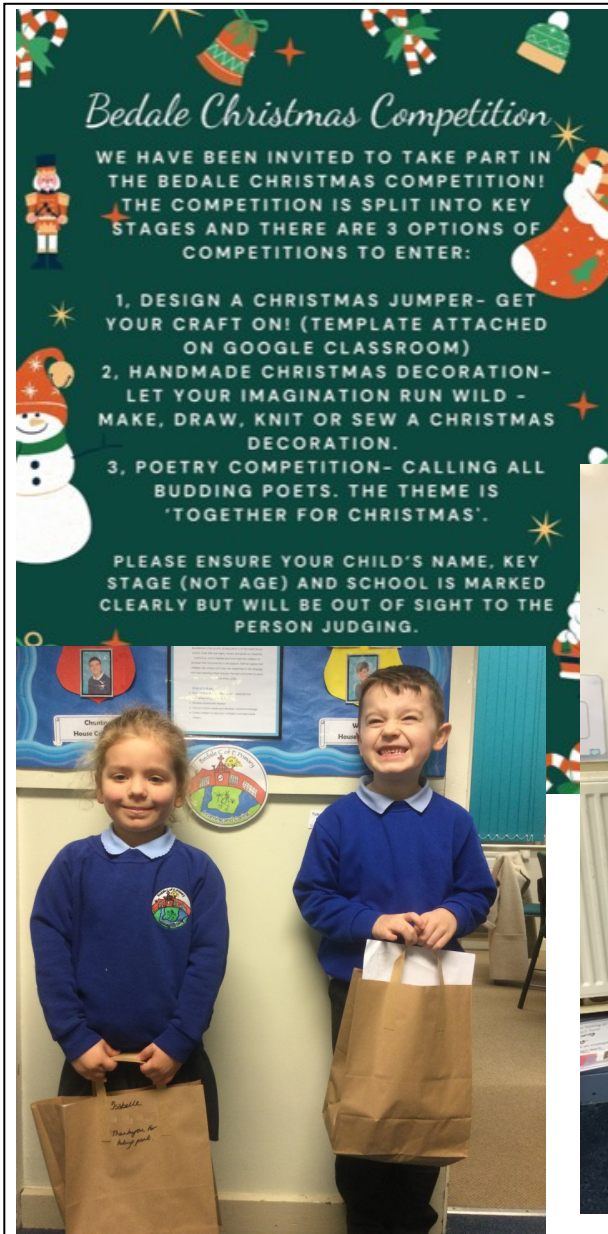


Our Facebook has an abundance of beautiful photos on giving snap shots of the past week. Please take a look, they are sure to put a smile on your face!

Moving forward, we return to school on Tuesday 9th January as Monday 8th is a training day. In the new year we will be sending you information as to how your child did in their end of term assessments. These had to be delayed slightly due to the arrival of certain visitors (not Santa!) in school the week we had planned to do our assessments. The Ofsted report is still not back but we look forward to sharing it with you in the new year.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year!
From all the staff at Bedale C of E Primary School.

MERRY
CHRISTMAS




Bedale Christmas Competition

WE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE BEDALE CHRISTMAS COMPETITION! THE COMPETITION IS SPLIT INTO KEY STAGES AND THERE ARE 3 OPTIONS OF COMPETITIONS TO ENTER:

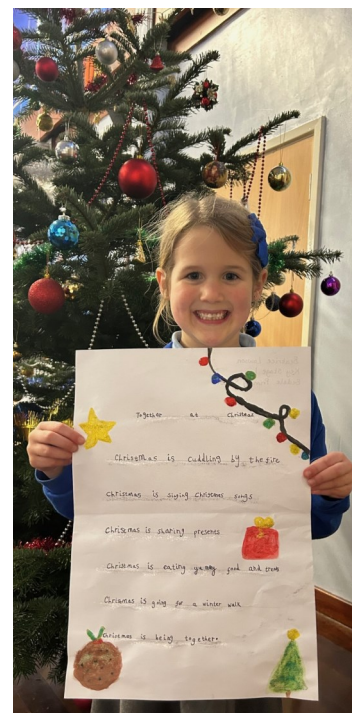
1. DESIGN A CHRISTMAS JUMPER- GET YOUR CRAFT ON! (TEMPLATE ATTACHED ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM)
2. HANDMADE CHRISTMAS DECORATION- LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD - MAKE, DRAW, KNIT OR SEW A CHRISTMAS DECORATION.
3. POETRY COMPETITION- CALLING ALL BUDDING POETS. THE THEME IS 'TOGETHER FOR CHRISTMAS'.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S NAME, KEY STAGE (NOT AGE) AND SCHOOL IS MARKED CLEARLY BUT WILL BE OUT OF SIGHT TO THE PERSON JUDGING.



BEDALE CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Bedale Christmas Competition. We have five very deserving winners in school this year. Congratulations to Isabelle in EYFS, Blake in year 1, Bea in year 1, Maxim in year 3 and Nel in year 5. We are super proud of your creativity! Enjoy your prizes.



COMPETITION FOR MARIE CURIE

Time to get creative!

We are challenging YOU to design the new packaging for our SPAR Egg Mayonnaise sandwich to celebrate our partnership with Marie Curie.

You will need to include Marie Curie's signature yellow in the design, but we are leaving the rest of the design to your creativity and imagination.

The winning design will feature on the packaging of our SPAR Egg Mayonnaise sandwiches for a period of six months. One of our most popular sandwich choices, these will be sold in SPAR stores across the North of England.

SCAN ME!



How to enter: Use your creative flair on the template on the other side of this sheet and scan the QR Code for competition details and to read about our partnership.



If you would like to get involved with this competition, the template is on the back page of this newsletter. Paper copies are also available in the school foyer.

Terms and Conditions: Open to residents living in the North of England. Entries open from 09/11/2023 at 00:01 and close 02/01/2024 at 23:59. We will not accept any entries after this date. Colouring templates can be either downloaded via the James Hall website or collected from your nearest SPAR North of England store. Entries must be posted, emailed or uploaded via the following details: Postal address: **Marketing Department, SPAR Distribution Centre, James Hall & Co. Ltd, Bowland View, Preston, Lancashire PR2 5QT.** E-mail: **Marie.Curie@jameshall.co.uk** or via the upload feature on our website: **www.jameshall.co.uk/design-a-sandwich-pack**. We will be as faithful to the winning design that is chosen during the digital re-drawing process. However, the final design will need to correctly apply SPAR and Marie Curie branding and any technical and legislative details will also need to be implemented correctly during the digital re-drawing process. Under 18's must have the permission from a parent or guardian. We reserve the right to cancel the prize-giveaway at any point. One winner will be chosen and notified. Prizes are not transferable, cannot be exchanged, and cannot be redeemed for any other form of compensation or cash. The prize will be delivered to the winner's nearest SPAR store at a time and date convenient to the winner. The winner must be happy to engage in media releases and promotional material if they are chosen. GDPR regulations will be adhered to.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS—SILVER AWARD



Healthy Schools North Yorkshire

We have just been awarded our silver award as a Healthy School! We have been working hard this term to achieve the criteria. As part of this, we have been thinking about the food that we supply in school and how we can encourage healthier choices, for example through our salad cart in the hall everyday.

Across the curriculum, we teach the children all about food groups through Science, and practise making healthy food through DT. Year 4 recently made their own vegetable soups which filled school with a delicious smell!

Watch out for our next healthy eating challenge starting in February, which is sponsored by VegPower. The veg is taking over and you have to eat them to defeat them!

**EAT THEM
TO DEFEAT THEM**



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS



FOOTBALL CAMP @RICHMOND SCHOOL

Football coaching days on the 3G facility at Richmond School, the sessions are delivered by our experienced football coaching team, in partnership with our football academy Richmondshire Pro Player. Each day the children will learn new skills, improve passing, dribbling, shooting, as well as playing lots of matches and tournaments.

Age groups

= year FS2 - Year 8

Venue

= Richmond School 3G football pitch

MULTI-SPORTS CAMP @RICHMOND SCHOOL

Our Multi-sports camp include a range of activities and games, including dodgeball, cricket, tag rugby, hockey, tri-gold, football, basketball, tennis and more. These sessions are designed for the children to have fun, learn new skills and be active throughout the day.

Age groups

= year FS2 - Year 8

Venue

= Richmond School sports hall

MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP @MICHAEL SYDDALL

Our Multi-activity camp includes a range of activities and games. We will play sports such as dodgeball, as well as other activities like arts and crafts, quizzes, playground games, lego, open play. There should be something for all children to enjoy.

Age groups

= year FS2 - Year 6

Venue

= Michael Syddall school (Catterick village)

key information for all camps

Dates

- Weds 3rd Jan
- Thurs 4th Jan
- Fri 5th Jan

Time

- 9am till 3:30pm
- *early drop off = from 8am*
- *late pick-up = till 4:30pm*

Prices

- 1 day = £20
- all days = £40
- Early drop = £5
- Late pick-up = £5
- Lunch provided = £7.50



FREE spaces

**for children eligible for free
school meals please book your
allocated free place
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Discount codes

- 15% sibling discount = SIBLINGDISCOUNT

Booking Link

<https://mlsportsandfitness.pembee.app/listing/christmas-camps>

CHRISTINGLE

Years three and four, along with our pop choir, helped to lead the Christingle service at St Gregory's Church recently. The children were brilliant with reading their parts and singing. The dance and sing along to Slade at the end really got everyone in the Christmas spirit. Well done to Jack for playing the piano as everyone arrived; it sounded so professional!

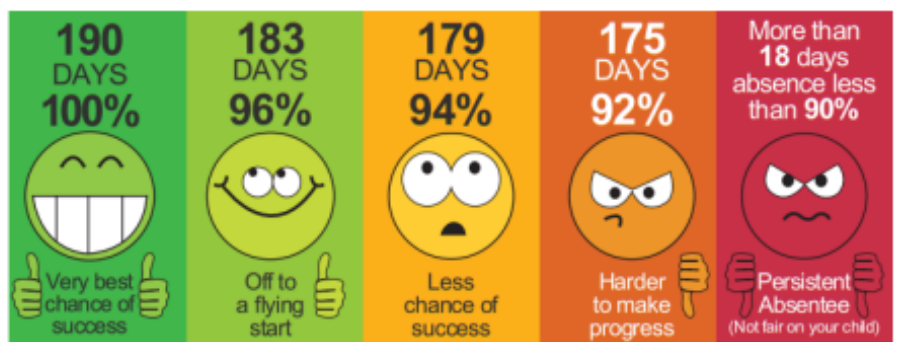


ATTENDANCE

Below is the attendance and lates for each year group this academic year so far.

Year Group	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	96.4%	96.6%	95%	97.8%	95.3%	95.4%	95.8%
Lates	17	5	6	37	12	18	16

Please be reminded that school starts at 9.00am. The below table shows how much education could be missed for children that are repeatedly late to school.



Minutes late per day:	Equivalent of Missing:
5 minutes	3.4 school days a year
10 minutes	6.9 school days a year
15 minutes	10.3 school days a year
20 minutes	13.8 school days a year
30 minutes	20.7 school days a year

Did you know?

Children who reached the expected standards at the end of KS2 have less than five days off school a year during their whole time at primary school.

Did you know?

90% school attendance seems good, right?
No, the Department of Education (DfE) classes 90% and less as **persistently absent**.

EYFS NEWS

What an absolutely wonderful time we have had in EYFS this half term. We started our Christmas celebrations with Elf Day, we had a great day celebrating all things Christmas. Our traditions have been in full swing and we have been learning all about Jesus, when he was born and why that is special. Thank you for coming to watch the children in 'The Angel Express' 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 had our Christmas party on Monday and it was fabulous! The children enjoyed traditional party games but their favourite was the snowball game!

On Tuesday the children went to the Dales Centre in Bedale to meet the clients there, and sing



some Christmas songs for them. This, as always, was a huge success and the children will go back and visit them again in Spring term.

Thank you for your continued support, we are so proud of the children and it is a pleasure to be a part of their first year at school. We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

YEAR ONE NEWS

The Year One children have had another fantastic half term and have been super stars! They wowed us in their nativity, learning the songs and actions beautifully and giving not one but three dazzling performances both to the school and to their adults. Last week they had lots of fun at their Christmas Party, it was lovely to see them all enjoying themselves and dancing away in the hall!

We have been so proud of the progress that they have made this half term in their maths, writing and reading and we can't wait to see them continue to flourish in 2024!

This week they loved creating their letters to Santa, decorating the envelopes and posting them off to the North Pole, we are sure they are all on the good list!

Thank you for all your continued support, we hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a very happy new year for 2024.



YEAR TWO NEWS

What a busy few weeks Year 2 have had! We have had such a good time celebrating Christmas in school. We started our festivities with the Year 2 Showcase where the children entertained their parents with dancing, singing, jokes and a beautiful Christmas poem. The children loved our Year 2 party in the hall, we played lots of different games and there was loads of prizes to be had. This term we have also been attending our weekly swimming lessons; the children have been really brave and tried really hard every week. Last



week we practised our survival skills by swimming in our PJs! Well done to all the children for a super first term in Year 2.

Reminder- next term we will no longer be doing swimming. PE kits must come in on a Monday and stay in school all week. Please pack warm clothes as one PE session will be outside.



YEAR THREE NEWS

Year 3 have had such a busy few weeks leading up to Christmas!



We had the Christingle on Friday 8th December, thank you to all those who came and made it such a lovely, memorable occasion. We have also had our Christmas party, and the children were fantastic, enjoying the Christmas music and revelling in all the party games and showing good sportsmanship – which can be tricky!

We have wrapped up our topics on Light in Science by investigating reflection, and finished our DT projects, making a pneumatic toy suitable for a Year 1 child. We shared them with Year 1 today!



We also finished our PE this term by have an inter-House hockey competition. Fantastic teamwork and communication was shown by all! Congratulations to the winners, Chantry!

YEAR FOUR NEWS

Year 4 have had a wonderful couple of weeks, running up to Christmas. We have enjoyed continuing our learning on the UK's National Parks, welcoming in Rebecca from the Yorkshire Dales National Park who taught us lots about the dales and what we can do to keep them protected! In DT, we created a recipe for a healthy but yummy soup and all of the children did a fantastic job of using their claw and bridge techniques to cut the vegetables we used. The soup we made was delicious - well, most of us thought so! We have finished the term with a trip to Bedale Library, the Christmas Service at St Gregory's and of course our brilliant Christmas party. The children have made themselves and the adults in Year 4 so proud with how they have conducted themselves at these events. Well done everyone. Have a wonderful Christmas and we

can't wait to see you in the New Year!



YEAR FIVE NEWS

We have been very busy in Year 5 in the past week! On Monday, we visited Bedale library, where we listened to Laura talk about what the library is used for and how the books are arranged. She had created an activity which needed us to work out titles of David Walliams' books from anagrams. We also had fun picking out our own library book to bring home and read, using our library cards.



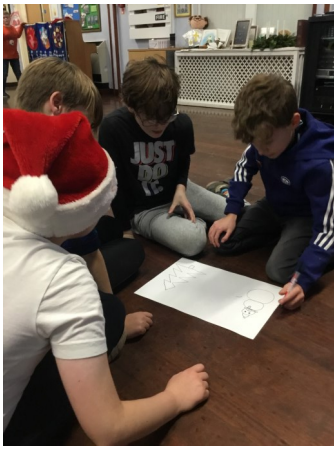
"The library was AMAZING!" – Isla

"I loved looking at all of the different books!" – Faye

We also had fun creating our DT and computing projects. In computing, we created a fairground ride and enabled it to move by connecting the ride to our crumble kits and motors, which connected to our Chromebooks! In DT, we have enjoyed planning and building bridges – we tested their strength using toy cars before evaluating the bridge, including its strengths and weaknesses. Why not ask us what type of bridge is the strongest?



YEAR SIX NEWS



In the final weeks of term, Year 6 at our school have been busy with a variety of exciting activities. In English, the students wrote amazing narratives based on the popular John Lewis advert, Bear and Hare. One particularly outstanding version by Seb was even shared on our school's Facebook page.

In science, the students wrapped up their learning on the circulatory system with a hands-on investigation. They measured their heart rates while exercising, gaining a deeper understanding of how their bodies work. In computing, the students created games that involved score and time variables, developing their programming skills.

We were lucky enough to have a visit from Imran, who helped us further embed our learning in religious education. In addition, our football unit concluded with an exciting In-House competition, which was a great source of fun for all involved.

This week, we kicked off the festive season with a beautiful carol service and Chantry celebrated our house merit awards. Our Christmas party was a big hit, getting everyone in the holiday spirit. With the end of the term fast approaching, we are all looking forward to a well-deserved break. We wish everyone a happy holiday season and a Merry Christmas.



SCHOOL DINNERS



School dinners are charged at £2.50 per day. Accounts should always be credited **in advance** of dinners being taken. Overall there are currently 37 accounts with debit balances totalling over £520. **Can any debit balances please be cleared over the Christmas break with additional funds added in readiness for dinners being taken in the new year.**

If you think you should be entitled to free school meals due to your circumstances, you can apply for these online at:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

MORNING LEARNING SESSIONS

If your child attends the before school sessions for IDL, Dynamo or Reading Plus, please be reminded that these start at 8.45am. Teachers are not in classes until this time and therefore the

children are sometimes waiting more than 15 minutes before they can enter the school building. The office is a very busy environment, particularly on a morning. It is becoming increasingly difficult for office staff to carry out their duties due to the number of pupils waiting in the office area. We appreciate your support with this in the new year.





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FOOTBALL SUPERSTAR

Reuben represented the North Yorkshire Soccer Academy Advanced Squad last weekend at the Leeds United U8 Christmas Cup. There was some tough opposition however Reuben's team made it to the silver



final where they played one of the Leeds United squads drawing 2-2 before eventually winning on penalties. Reuben had a great experience and was very happy to bag himself a goal against Leeds!

Well done Reuben.



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ENERGY OUR SANDWICH

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YUMMY INGREDIENTS

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