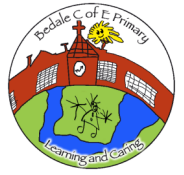


# Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: Friday 17th January 2020

## Diary Dates

### Mon 20th Jan

Firefighters  
Charity Bag  
Collection

### Wed 22nd Jan

FSG Film Club  
3.15—5.15 pm

### Thurs 23rd Jan

Y5 Reading  
Afternoon  
2.30 pm

### Tues 28th Jan

Y2 Reading  
Afternoon  
2.15 pm

### Thurs 30th Jan

Y6 Reading  
Afternoon  
2.30 pm

### Tues 4th Feb

Y6 Parental SATs  
talk—5.30 pm

### Wed 5th Feb

Y3 & Y4 Writing  
Workshop  
2.30 pm

Aquatic Finatic  
visiting Year 1  
Classes

### Mon 10th & Tues 11th Feb

Parental Evenings  
3.30—6.00 pm

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! A belated welcome back. I hope everyone has had some super family time over the Christmas break and a great start to 2020.

The children have made a fantastic start to the new term, being at school on time, being full of enthusiasm and highly focused in their lessons. It is also lovely to hear from the children how many of them have enjoyed reading over the Christmas break; being a confident reader really does help them so much with all their school work, both currently but also in the future.

This leads me to sharing our school vision, where one of our key areas of focus for us as staff and governors is reading.

#### Our School Vision

*The values in our creative curriculum prepare children for future life, embedding a passion for reading, developing an understanding of the locality and empathy for other cultures.*

*This is based on the Greatest Commandments given by Jesus: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul and with all your mind' and to 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself'.*

*Each day we live out these commandments through our core Christian values of perseverance, compassion and friendship. We learn to love ourselves, each other, our community and our world.*

There are numerous opportunities for you to come into school in the term ahead. Please see the list of dates down the side—workshops, open evenings, SATs talk for Year 6 parents. Look out for letters every Friday. We try to make Friday our letter day so it is easier for you to always check your child's bag on a Friday. There is a calendar on our website which is kept up to date and you should also receive texts when specific events are happening. NB if you have changed your mobile number please inform the school office.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the 'Reverse Advent Calendar' in December. The contributions were gratefully accepted by a local foodbank and were used to provide food supplies for those in need over the Christmas period.

## FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

Your child should have brought letters home regarding dates and timings for the next film club, disco and also a letter asking for help. We would appreciate any help you are able to give at these forthcoming events.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

A letter has been sent separately regarding this but just in case the date is Thursday 5th March and children are invited to dress up as a character from a book.

## ARRIVING TO SCHOOL

A gentle reminder that children must arrive at school in time for registration at 8.55 am. As you will see from the back page, we have had a lot of pupils regularly arriving late to school.

### Reception News

We've had a wonderful first fortnight in EYFS, diving into our new topic of China with enthusiasm. The children have been exploring maps; discovering where the UK and China are and how long it would take to travel between the two. We've also enjoyed designing our own islands, thinking about what would be useful to have on them.

To complement our topic we have had a Chinese dance workshop, learning the moves linked to different animals and culminating in a 'Lion Dance', showing the children how Chinese New Year is traditionally celebrated.



Thank you for supporting our new guidance on home reading. The Children are really enjoying the new book selection and it is developing their confidence and independence.

The children have come back ready to learn and did a great job with their sentence writing last week. We had a super first swimming session on Friday and the children were great at getting themselves dressed and ready afterwards.

### Year 1 News

If your child is in Mrs Hunter's class remember we need to leave school at 8.50.



In history we are looking at old toys. If you have any examples of old toys at home we would love to see them. Please see your child's class teacher.

**Year 2:** The children have all come back to school refreshed after the Christmas holidays and have made a super start to our new topic 'Castles'.

## Year 2 News

Please remember to help your child learn their maths target. You will find this in their reading diary. It is really important that your child knows their 2,5,10 and 3 times tables before starting year 3 as it build the foundations for lots of different maths topics. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Year 2 children are now doing outdoor and indoor PE each week. Please make sure they have shorts and trousers in their PE bags as well as a t-shirt, jumper and trainers.

## Year 3 News

What a start we've had to 2020 in year 3. Last week was the launch of our Egyptian topic. The children have already shown so much interest in how the Ancient Civilisation lived.

English and science lessons have been wonderfully linked, writing about the adventures of Tadeo Jones and learning lots about light. Once again, we are having a big push on spellings and timetables to help our writing and maths.

Our history focus this term is Anglo Saxon and Viking Invaders which follows on nicely from the Romans. In art we have started drawing with charcoal and sketching various parts of a Viking long ship.

## Year 4 News

Our maths work this half term is focusing on multiplication and division. Please keep working on times tables targets at home.

We were lucky enough to experience some Chinese dancing this week. The music and colours of the ribbons were so vibrant and lively. The children really enjoy learning about different cultures and traditions.

Just a reminder that there will be a year 3 and 4 writing workshop on the 5th of February - further details to follow.

**Year 5:** We've had a couple of visits this week to start off Spring Term. On Monday we had a Chinese dance workshop along with the rest of KS2. We will be following this up with some work on traditional Chinese stories and Chinese New Year work in the coming weeks.

## Year 5 News

To link to our geography work on mountains, James Foxwell from Swaledale Mountain Rescue came to talk to us about the Yorkshire Dales' landscape and the dangers it can pose, as well as how to stay safe if exploring our local area.

The children have all made a great start to the term after a much needed rest over the holidays. We have begun our geography work on learning about human and physical similarities and differences between places and will be having an educational visit to Whitby after half term.

**Year 6 News**

Our class books is Room 13 by Robert Swindell, which is a story set in Whitby. He has also written Inside the Worm, Blitzed and Nightmare Stairs, which the children might enjoy reading independently.

**SPORTING SUCCESS**

A HUGE ‘well done’ to the following pupils:

India Walsh in year 3 for taking part in the Richmond Dales swimming gala, achieving a silver medal in the 25m front crawl and a gold medal in the 50m back stroke


Coco Oldham in year 6 for passing her grade 3 ballet exam

Lola Beeney in year 5 for passing her grade 2 ballet exam

**ATTENDANCE FOR THE AUTUMN TERM**

Good attendance has been shown to have a positive effect on the performance of children during their school life. Thank you to all parents and carers for working with us on this.

Let’s now try to improve lateness please!

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>No of Lates Recorded</b>
Rec	95.3%	64
Y1	96.4%	41
Y2	95.3%	17
Y3	96.1%	22
Y4	96.5%	20
Y5	96.3%	12 
Y6	95.4%	25

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Parental Consultation Evenings:

These are due to take place in the Spring term on the following dates:

Monday 10th February 2020—3.30—6.00 pm

Tuesday 11th February 2020—3.30—6.00 pm

On Tuesday 4th February there will be a SATs talk for parents of Year 6 pupils at 5.30 pm in Mrs Foster’s Classroom.