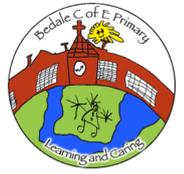


Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: Friday 14th February 2020

Diary Dates

Fri 14th Feb

School Closes for
half term at
3.15 pm

Mon 24th Feb

School Re-opens
at 8.55 am

Tues 25th Feb

Y1 Maths
Workshop
2.30 pm

Tues 3rd March

Y6 Visit to Whitby

Thurs 5th

March

World Book Day
(pupils come to
school as a book
character)

KS1 & KS2 Poetry
Competition

Mon 9th March

Y2 Visit to Bolton
Castle

Thurs 12th

March

Y4 Visit to Jorvik
Viking Centre

Wed 18th

March

FSG Film Club
3.15—5.15 pm

Dear Parents/ Carers

As you will be aware this week was parents' evenings. I do hope you found the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher useful and informative.

Our workshops this half term have been very well attended and again, I hope you have found them useful. Mrs Hunter and Mrs Ball will be sending out a date for an additional phonics workshop for all those parents who are new to our school, so you have the opportunity to look at how we teach phonics in school and the best way to support your child.

SIAMS Inspection: We had a SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection on Thursday 30th January and last week I received the full report back. This is now on our website. We are thrilled with it and feel this fully reflects our school vision.

Comments in the report include:

"Standards of behaviour are very high".

"This is a very caring school where pupils and staff are valued as individuals".

"Pupils enjoy a broad and balanced curriculum".

"Pupils are confident in presenting topics during Worship".

"Pupils flourish in a supportive environment. Pupils, including those who are vulnerable, achieve well in the core subjects of reading, writing and mathematics."

The inspector spent a great deal of time talking to our children, and as you can see from some of the feedback in the report she was highly impressed.

Thank you also to the parents who shared their views with the inspector; this is always an important part of any review of the school and helps us form our improvement priorities.

I hope everyone has a lovely half term.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

Our Friends Support Group have been incredibly generous this term giving us a large amount of money to help support pupils learning by improving our resources with both computing and reading. These extras make such a difference!

I would like to thank all those parents who have helped at discos and film clubs these past two terms and in particular our small FSG committee for working so hard. We are always in need of more members and helpers. Please contact Emily McLean on 07581 250790 if you can give a bit of extra time.

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. We have a lot of pupils regularly arriving late to school.

Reception News

We cannot believe we are halfway through their first year at school already. The children have made such good progress and are enjoying learning about China and how it compares to their life in England.

The judo class was a big success this week and the children enjoyed the games and skills session thoroughly. The instructor praised them at the end and said how fabulously they had listened and worked.



After the holidays we are going to be making little Chinese dragon boats in class and the children brought home further information about this on Thursday. Thank you for all your home support with homework and reading. It is very much appreciated.

AQUATIC FINATIC

The children have loved our animals topic and we know from parents evening that lots of you have found out lots about meerkats from them. We enjoyed meeting lots of different creatures when Aquatic Finatic came to visit and this has helped the children with their science.

Year 1 News

You will have received a separate letter inviting you to a maths workshop on Tuesday 25th February. We hope to see lots of you there.

We are well into our topic on castles now and the children are enjoying learning lots of new information. We are all ready for our visit to Bolton Castle in March where we hope to find out even more!

Year 2 News

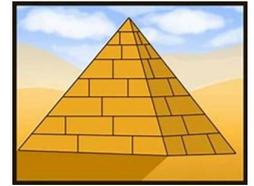
The progress the children have made with their reading over the last term has been fantastic and we are very proud of them all. Remember to keep reading at home!



The children have written some wonderful castles poems this week which we are hoping to perform to each other at the end of the week- well done to them all!

Year 3 News

What a fantastic first half term year 3 have had! The children have really thrown themselves into history and thoroughly enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt so far. The standard of pyramids and sarcophagus' is absolutely outstanding. Thank you very much for your extreme dedication.



We have also looked more in depth at the structure and design of the infamous invention of the shaduf. Hopefully you will see some amazing models made by the children. Thank you to everyone who could attend open evening this week. It was great to hear so much positive feedback from parents and carers. Have a great half-term break.

Last week we walked into Bedale to find some inspiration for our stories 'The Dragon of Bedale' that we are basing on an ancient legend.

Year 4 News



In art we have been learning to develop our skills of drawing with charcoal and have created some pictures of Viking Longships. We are really looking forward to visiting the Yorvik Viking Centre next half term to enhance our history lessons.

Over the half term week please keep practising those times tables in readiness for the multiplication test later this year.

Year Five have been very busy with our mountains work in Geography and Art this week, learning about the formation of mountains and producing some wonderful ink drawing which you can see on our blog. Thank you to everyone who brought in their fantastic research about the history of Bedale.

Year 5 News

We will be using this amazing set of resources to form the basis of our local area history topic for the second half of the spring term. We will look after everything with great care and return it to you after half term once we've had chance to work through everything.

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who attended the reading afternoon and/or the SATs talk. We hope you found them informative. If anyone has any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

The children have worked really hard over this half term and have learnt a lot about how we see and how light travels in science and developed their map work skills in geography. We think we will be ready for a well deserved rest!

Next half term we will be preparing our class poem for the school competition. We will also be visiting Whitby to look at why it is a tourist destination and carry out a range of field work activities.

SPORTING SUCCESS

Judo sessions

This week in school children have been doing some Judo sessions with a Judo coach who visited on Monday and Tuesday. We learnt that Judo is about respect and discipline towards each other. We learnt some Judo moves including how to pin our opponent and how to safely roll and pin your opponent! This was a great new experience for us to try a new physical activity.

Netball Level 1

A few weeks ago, we went to Bedale High School to take part in a netball tournament against other local schools. Our team showed great perseverance and team spirit. Because we played so well, we qualified for the level two competition.

Level 2

For the level two competition our netball team travelled to Richmond School to compete against eight other qualifying schools. We played 3 games and were successful in winning two of our games which took us through to the semi-finals. Although, we did not win in the semi-finals we came third over all which was a fantastic achievement. Well done to the whole team.

Sports achievements Well done to the following children for their recent sports achievements outside of school:

- Lola Beeney passed her level 2 ballet exam.
- Matilda Ellis took part in a cross country final and came 3rd out of the girls and 15th overall.
- Gracie Gaskell came first place in the junior park run she took part in.
- Bedale Girls under 8s football team received medals for the most improved team in their league.