

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: Friday 20th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a particularly busy couple of weeks. I am delighted to inform you that our Children in Need COVID style appeal made a total of £381.62. A great amount considering all that is going on at the moment.

On Monday our children were invited to come to school wearing odd socks to start our focus on Anti-Bullying for this week. The teachers have incorporated this theme into lessons and class assemblies, and I believe our children really do focus brilliantly well on being kind to others.

Today has been all about supporting Bailey and his family, and raising money for the Children's Cancer Fund. We have all enjoyed wearing blue, even those staff who are not Chelsea supporters! Thank you to those of you who have already donated on the Just Giving page. Both Bailey's mum and myself have been overwhelmed by your generosity. In the words of Mrs Brown, 'Bailey and family you are the epitome of grace under fire'. A real inspiration! Those of you who are supporting by doing a sponsored walk this weekend, I have my fingers crossed for some dry weather.

Our 'Happy Birthday' wishes to Bailey can be seen on google classroom on Monday 23rd November— 'Happy Birthday Bailey!'

COVID Update

We have updated our risk assessment again for this period of national lockdown and a copy can be seen on our website. Can I also remind you please to arrive at school at the time your child's bubble opens at. If families are very early it leads to additional congestion (obviously families with siblings are the exception). Start times are as follows:

EYFS:	9.00 am		Year 4:	8.45 am
Year 1:	9.00 am		Year 5:	8.55 am
Year 2:	8.55 am		Year 6:	8.55 am
Year 3:	9.00 am			

I do hope every family is now logged on to Google Classroom. We are required by law to provide work when children are isolating from Day 2. I know Mrs Ball spent time contacting some families last week to get any final hiccups ironed out.

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As part of our Covid risk assessment, we need to keep windows open in classrooms for ventilation and it is becoming colder. Children are encouraged to wear layers under their school uniform to stay warm.

Finally, today you will receive information about Christmas in school this year. We are hoping to make it a lovely celebration for our children despite it being rather different to usual.

Have a relaxing weekend and thank you for your continued support both with fundraising and Covid in particular.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

SCOOTERS

The police have been in touch and asked us to remind children who come to school on scooters not to ride them in the middle of the road. If your child comes to school on a scooter please remind them of safety issues on the roads. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL—FIRBY ROAD

The Local Authority still has a vacancy for a school crossing patrol person. If anyone is interested in this position please contact: 07971 543548. During the absence of a crossing patrol officer please could we ask parents to be mindful of where they park on Firby Road when dropping off/picking up from school as some parents/pupils are having to cross between parked cars. In addition, for those pupils who walk to school on their own please could parents remind them of safety measures to consider before crossing roads.

Reception News

The children have settled so beautifully into school and we feel very proud of them. This week we have been thinking about friendships and what it takes to be a good friend. Their understanding of friendship and compassion towards each other has been a delight to see. They have all made someone else in our class happy this week by saying and doing something kind. They have been talking about their unique qualities and why they are special. We enjoyed some lovely books including 'We're all wonders'.

We also wanted to let you know that Mrs Harland was very impressed with them in Forest Schools. She said that they were very keen and interested. Thank you for sending them to school in old trousers and their wellies in a bag.

The children have worked so hard with their assessments this week and we are so proud of them.

Year 1 News

In science we have been finding out about different materials and the children had a great time choosing materials to build a den in forest schools.

We hope you are finding the google classroom videos useful. Please message if there are any problems.

This week the children have worked really hard on their assessments and we are really pleased with the progress that we have seen. We will be speaking to parents if we feel there is a particular area that your child would benefit from additional support at home.

Year 2 News

Please remember that homework and spellings are uploaded weekly to Google Classroom and this should be accessed and completed every week. Please speak to your child's class teacher if there are any problems with accessing this.

Also, please make sure that you are recording reading in your child's diary. We will only change their reading book if there is evidence in the diary that the book has been read. Many thanks.

Year 3 News

As the rest of school, year 3 have been working extremely hard in our assessment week. The children have made so much progress already from the start of September and there is evidence shown of bridging the gap already.

Beside from assessments, we have been extending our settlements knowledge in Geography by thinking of ideas of how Bedale could expand from a town. What do you think Bedale needs for it to become a city?

Since half term, the children have really enjoyed our PE units of circuit training and football. Mr Holmes is really missing his football! On that note, as the field is getting muddier, and to keep school carpets clean, please could you bring a spare pair of school shoes/trainers to swap into. Thank you.

The children have been working so hard in English on writing a story about the Roman invasion on Celtic Britain. We have explored ways to describe a setting and ways to build tension to engage our reader.

Year 4 News

In science we have been looking at the purpose of different switches and how they work. We have created our own switches and investigated which one would work best for Mrs Pennock's school bell! We have been very lucky with the weather for outdoor PE so far but as we continue through winter your child may wish to bring to school gloves and a hat to wear during these sessions.

Year 5 News

In year 5, we have been writing our own version of 'The Wild Wood' from The Wind in the Willows. The children then had the opportunity to record their stories as a podcast which they thoroughly enjoyed! In maths, we have been working on statistics and have been drawing our own graphs and reading from timetables.

With this week being anti-bullying week, we have looked at how we can all make a choice in the fight against bullying, for example, I choose to include others in my games.

We've had a gloriously gory couple of weeks in Year 6! From writing super explanations of the Ancient Maya game of Pok-A-Tok (where the losing team also lost their heads - literally) to making our own 'blood' out of various cereals, food colouring and marshmallows, we've been truly immersed! The children have worked hard to learn the layout of the circulatory system and are now experts. Please ask them to share this learning with you - you will be impressed .

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

These will take place on Wednesday 2nd December in the school hall. Due to current restrictions photographs will only be taken of 'individual' pupils. There will be no 'sibling' photographs taken. Children will go into the hall in their class bubbles and will stand for photographs to keep Covid Safe. Phototronics, the photographers, have undertaken a comprehensive risk assessment in light of the current pandemic. If any parent would like a copy please contact the school office.

CHILDREN IN NEED

It was lovely to see the children dressed in their sportswear on Children in Need day. They took part in various physical activities, including workouts and yoga, and they discussed how exercise supports them both physically and mentally. Many thanks again for your generous donations which totalled £381.62

MUSIC IN SCHOOL

This year I have the great privilege of delivering music lessons to most classes across the school. The children have been enthusiastic and eager to learn new vocabulary, skills and find out more about a style of music. They have had determination to keep practising a tricky part of the music and I have been amazed at how many children have started to understand how to read the notation. During these challenging times music can be a great help for our mental wellbeing, and it has been such a joy to see so many happy faces during music lessons.

We made the decision as a school not to use recorders as a class instrument this year, due to COVID, but instead we have purchased a new class set of glockenspiels which we are then able to clean in between each session so that it is safe. I think the children would agree that these instruments have been a great success and learning to play them, has been very enjoyable.

More children this year are also participating in private music lessons, including flute, piano, guitar and violin. We have waiting lists for guitar and piano, however there are a few spaces after Christmas for flute and violin. Please contact school on admin@bedale-ce.n-yorks.sch.uk if your child is interested.

Mrs Harding