

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'Learning & Caring Together'



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Dear Parents & Carers

It has been lovely being able to welcome everyone back to school. It seems such a long time ago we were able to have everyone on our school playground. I am sure, like us, you are hoping we have a normal year. We have been able to hold assemblies with the children, and run clubs for mixed age groups. We are looking forward to planning a disco, a Christmas fair and many sporting events starting with inter schools cross country at the end of this month for our KS2 pupils. Life is getting back to how it used to be.

The children really have been amazing. They have adapted to new (or very old routines) with no fuss at all. It is easy to forget how many of them have not actually experienced normalities. I do hope you will all enjoy being part of our school community. We look forward to working closely with you (in person!). Everybody should have received a home school diary, which tells you all about what the children are learning.

A special welcome to our two new teaching assistants Miss Kay and Mrs Myers who are based in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4. We hope they are very happy in their time with us here at Bedale. We are very lucky to have them, especially as both ladies are qualified teachers.

A special congratulations to Miss Roberts that was and is now Mrs Taylor. Mrs Taylor finally managed to make it up the aisle after three attempts, due to Covid and having to cancel her wedding. We are so happy she made it right at the end of the holidays and wish her and Mr Taylor every happiness.

Over the summer holidays we have had a Multi Use Games Area installed. Our KS2 children have enjoyed this so much already. It will be great to use in the winter months when the field becomes too muddy! I am so grateful to Mr Booth for overseeing this project during the summer months.

We continue to take precautions with handwashing and ventilation where necessary. Please feel reassured. We look forward to welcoming you into the buildings over this half term as our school community goes from strength to strength. Finally, for those of you who are new to school, Friday is our newsletter day and they are sent out every other Friday.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

SECONDARY TRANSFERS

Year 6 parents will have received a separate letter regarding applying for a secondary school place from the Local Authority. Please ensure this is completed and returned by the deadline of 31st October.

A separate letter has also been sent out to our Year 5 and year 6 pupils from Bedale High School regarding their open evening which is due to take place on Wednesday 22nd September at 6.00 pm.

If any parents would like further information on Richmond Secondary school please contact the school office. Their open evening is due to take place on Thursday 23rd September at 6.30 pm. SFX School in Richmond are holding their open evening on Tuesday 21st September at 5.45 pm

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please be reminded that we are a nut free school. Please be mindful of this when sending snacks/packed lunches into school for your child(ren).



PARENTAL SESSION

Mrs York our SENCO is looking at running a session for parents/carers around supporting your children build resilience around anxiety, alongside Cath Preston, an Early Help Advisor. If this is something that you would be interested in attending, please leave a message with admin or email admin@bedale-ce.n-yorks.sch.uk by no later than Friday 24th September. Thank you.

BENKHILL DRIVE

We have had communication from the local school bus provider for Bedale High School expressing huge concerns regarding congestion on Benkhill Drive. Please can parents be mindful of where they park when dropping off and picking up, as cars are blocking the road making it difficult for the school buses to get through. In addition, they expressed concern as to primary pupils cycling in front of their buses. Please can you remind your child(ren) to be vigilant when walking/cycling to school.

PUPIL ABSENCE

Please ensure you contact the school if your child is going to be absent by no later than 8.45 am. Messages can be left on the school answer phone. Thank you.

School Meal Parentpay Accounts



As of today we have 27 pupils accounts on parentpay that are in arrears for school meals. Please can we remind parents that we do not offer credit for school meals. All meals ordered should be paid for in advance. Please log onto Parentpay and check your account. Thank you.

EYFS News

What an amazing start to school! The early years children have been fantastic and have had such fun already.

They have eaten well at snack and lunchtimes and are enjoying sitting together and getting to know new friends.

PE will be on Thursdays and will start next week, in week 3. They will need black/navy shorts and a white t-shirt but no shoes as it is indoors and they will do in their bare feet.

Information will follow soon about woodland learning which will be taking place on Fridays—dates to follow.

We hope you have all received your google classroom logins (in the reading diaries) and we can see that 14 of you have logged in already. Homework will be uploaded each Friday and the children have until the following Thursday to complete the activity. If you have any problems accessing Google classroom please let us know. The first homework is about themselves and will go on today.

Starting School



Year 1 News



Our theme at the moment is 'All about me' and the children have been thinking about their families. Thank you to everyone who sent family pictures on google classroom, the children have enjoyed showing them to their friends and talking about their family members. If you haven't managed to get logged on yet please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

We have been really impressed with all of the reading going on at home. Please make sure your child has their reading diary and reading book in school every day.

In Science we are learning all about the five senses and we went on a senses walk around the school to explore. Why don't you see what you can hear, smell, taste, feel and see over the weekend?

Year 2 News

What a super first fortnight back!

This week we have launched our learning theme 'Food Glorious Food.' It was wonderful to see the children dressed up in their costumes and we thank you for all of the effort everyone put into them.



The children have had a wonderful time being crop farmers and experiencing some of the daily jobs a farmer may have to do. We spent some time learning about the planting process and we now have a vegetable patch that the children prepared and planted themselves. They have been able to taste a variety of local produce including fruits, breads and cheeses. Our launch day has inspired some super writing, in which the children have recounted their experiences of being a farmer.

We hope that the children continue to be excited by our theme.



Year 3 News

We started off our 'Lights, Camera, Action' theme by looking at some of our favourite books and discussing how some books become films. This led us on to some descriptive writing around Harry Potter and writing our own instructions for an invisibility potion.

Everyone should now be able to access Google Classroom. Homework will go on every Friday and is to be handed in by the following Thursday evening. Homework will consist of a maths piece, a writing/grammar piece and spellings to learn to be tested each Friday.

PE kits are to be in school on a Monday and will be sent home on a Friday. Mrs York and Mrs Sawyer's class will have PE Monday and Wednesday, and Mr Holmes on a Thursday and Friday.

Year 4 News

Year 4 have had a lovely start to the school year and it has been so good to see everyone happy and working hard. We have begun looking at the Ancient Romans in Yorkshire and have enjoyed being archaeologists this week. Many Roman artefacts were unearthed during the building of the A1 and we are so fortunate to have been given many of these really valuable resources from 2000 years ago. Please take a look at the photographs on our Facebook page to see the fun we had.



On Wednesday next week, we will be walking to the Ice House in Bedale Park and the children will be exploring how liquids melt and freeze and why ice houses were built underground. Please could you ensure you child has a coat on that day.

As a reminder P.E. lessons are on Monday and Tuesday and we ask that the children's P.E. kit stays in school until Friday. Homework is set every Friday on Google Classroom and should be completed and returned by the following Thursday. We will test spellings each Friday morning.

Year 5 News



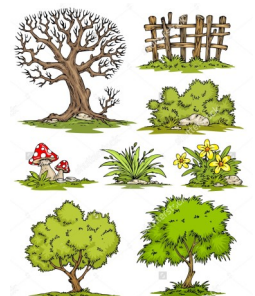
We have had a wonderful start to Y5! The children have worked extremely hard so far especially when writing a special memory from the Summer on a memory bottle for our writing display. Look out for a picture on our school Facebook page!

Our Geography this term is all about rivers, we will be learning some new vocabulary linked to the features of rivers and streams as well learning how to read a map using grid references. Don't forget to record in your home school diary when you read at home so you can progress up the reading tree and receive a prize!

Year 6 News

Already we have learnt what the 7 signs of life are and have begun to create our own criteria for classification, in Science. We've been sketching leaves found on our playing field in preparation for our walk along Keepers' Walk in a couple of weeks when we'll be sketching some of the native trees and shrubs 'en plein air'.

In English, we have introduced ourselves to our teachers in engaging autobiographies AND kept a diary for a week and considered the benefits doing so has for good mental health. (Watch out world, we have many budding Ronaldos, Gordon Ramsays and Ben Stokes!)



The many children who have been given a role of special responsibility have taken to them like ducks to water - well done all.

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SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021 / 22

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Autumn Term:

Monday 6 th September	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 7 th September	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 22 nd October	School closes for ½ term at 3.15 pm
Monday 1 st November	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 17 th December	School closes for Christmas

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Spring Term:

Monday 3 rd January	School closed. Bank holiday
Tuesday 4 th January	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Wednesday 5 th January	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 18 th February	School closes for ½ term at 3.15 pm
Monday 28 th February	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 8 th April	School closes for Easter at 3.15 pm

Summer Term:

Monday 25 th April	School opens 8.55 am
Monday 2 nd May	School closed. May Day holiday
Friday 27 th May	School closes for ½ term at 3.15 pm
Monday 6 th June	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>
Tuesday 7 th June	School opens 8.55 am
Friday 22 nd July	School closes for Summer at 3.15 pm
Monday 25 th July	<u>School closed. <i>In service training day</i></u>
Tuesday 26 th July	School closed. <i>In service training day</i>