

Service Premium at Bedale CE Primary School

Service Premium monies have been used within the school for a variety of purposes to support service children. Our Armed Forces children make up just 12% of our total pupil numbers, the majority of whom stay with us for the whole of their Primary School education. Families come from far and wide, some from overseas, but they all integrate well into the local community and school life. Those who arrive or leave partway through their primary education are greeted warmly, or, waved goodbye wishing them well.



Ways in which the monies have been used are:

- A Team Leader within the school has been given time, and been responsible for, to ensure those service children's achievements, attainment levels and personal progress are at the appropriate level. We have found that a very high percentage of service children do achieve their personal progress and high percentages are working at or above national expected levels. A new member of staff has been employed this academic year to give support and work with those children not achieving their personal progress, hopefully with her support these children will achieve and close the gap.

- We have established a well-attended HMS Heroes club, 50% of service children now attend ranging from year 1 to year 6 with EYFS children being invited during the summer term. Parents have also made comment on how much they appreciate the work the school has put into supporting the club. One parent has said it was 'amazing how much we had achieved over the year' another stated that the group 'has been excellent for B..... self-esteem and being around kids in the same situation as him.' Also how 'HMS Heroes has given B..... a sense of belonging.' During the autumn and spring terms, whilst settling into school life, EYFS families and children are given the opportunity to see the Heroes at community events, school events, read the club blog which is accessible through the school website and read a leaflet from the Heroes which was produced with the aim of letting everyone know who they are and what they do. A parent has told us that her daughter, who is in EYFS, 'can't wait for the summer term so she can come to HMS Heroes after school.' There is also a notice board and a separate display piece within the school which is valued by both staff and children. When a parent or parents are away either on deployment or working in another part of the UK the office staff are made aware and will then ensure that those working with HMS Heroes, as well as other members of staff, are aware and therefore be able to support the child and their family.



- Close links have been made with the local RBL (Royal British Legion), the local Service Pupils' Champion, neighbouring schools and the local community. These

have culminated in the Royal British Legion coming into school twice, once to talk to families after school hours and once to talk to all the children in school in a Collective Worship. Other schools within our area were invited to come and hear about the RBL. HMS Heroes also supports the Royal British Legion with their Poppy Appeal by selling poppies in school and being with them when they collect on the local High Street, also parading with them on Remembrance Sunday.

- The school aims, wherever possible to ensure that HMS Heroes are able to attend events organised by the local Service Pupils' Champion and to take part in any large events when invited. The school has, on occasion, also hosted, and provided a room and lunch, for the Area HMS Heroes meetings.
- A small tree was purchased, and planted with a small plaque, in the Education Garden at Thorpe Perrow to commemorate all those who gave their lives for their country.
- To take part in community events has been successful, not only do we support Homecoming Parades in the town we have taken part in church services. These church services have not only been at the church in our town but also at Catterick Garrison and Ripon Cathedral. Children are also given the opportunity to take part in competitions, one such competition was a 'Dog Awareness' one run by the Post Office, as a result of their hard work they were invited to go to the local Sorting Office for a visit, this was also supported by the school.
- A social event is always organised for the families to get together, the families have told us verbally that they found to this be beneficial as some did not realise how many, or who, other service families were.

We feel that all of the above is an excellent use of the Service Pupils Premium.