

# Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 7th December 2018

## Dates for your Diary

### Mon 10th Dec

Y2 Christmas Songs  
to Parents  
2.30 pm

### Tuesday 11th Dec

EYFS Christmas  
Production  
2.00 pm & 6.00 pm

Individual  
Photographs

Level 2 Girls  
Football

### Thurs 13th Dec

Year 1 Christmas  
Production 2.00 pm  
& 6.00 pm

### Friday 14th Dec

Y1 & Y2 Christmas  
Party

### Mon 17th Dec

Y3 Christmas Party

### Tue 18th Dec

Y4 Christmas Party

Carol Service—St  
Gregory's Church—  
10.00 am

### Wed 19th Dec

Y5 Christmas Party

### Thurs 20th Dec

Y6 Christmas Party

Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware we had visitors for two days last week. As always, our staff worked extremely hard and we all had a couple of very late nights! I am expecting the report to be published before the Christmas holiday. Thank you so much for bearing with us when we had to make changes to our individual photographs plan. I have been assured photographs will be back in time for the end of term.

Our Christmas Fair was a great success last Friday. The hall was packed and I think most of you who attended left the school with very rosy cheeks. We made £1213.00 for our funds which is a terrific result and I cannot thank you enough. This money will go towards buying more I pads for classes to use.

On 26th November Bedale C of E girls had their eagerly awaited chance to show off their football skills at the Cluster Level 1 competition. It was a cold, rainy and windy day, but each and every one of the girls didn't seem to mind. They just wanted to play. Showing tremendous attitudes, respect and teamwork, the team came out on top, winning all 5 games to nil! What an achievement!

Goals came from everywhere, especially from the fantastic Evie and Natasha up front. We are all really excited for the next round which is due to take place on Tuesday 11th December. Good luck girls! And thank you to Mr Holmes for organising such a successful team.

We do hope your child has enjoyed their Christmas dinner today and the Christmas Sing Song led by our Year 2 pupils. I look forward to seeing you in school next week if you are a parent of a child in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2 to watch our Christmas productions. Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

Following our 2 day OFSTED inspection last week I would like to thank all those parents and carers who spoke to the inspectors and gave them such positive comments about our school. I would also like to thank all the children for their excellent behaviour while we had the visitors in our school – you were marvellous.

Mrs K Loughlin, Chair of Governors

### CAR PARKING

Thank you for your consideration when parking on Firby Road before and after school. Mrs Ramsay, our crossing patrol lady reports things are much calmer outside.

### LATENESS

This is becoming a real concern. On a daily basis we are having a significant number of pupils late into school. Not only does this disrupt learning, it also has a huge impact on the office staff managing to complete the attendance registers in good time. For safeguarding reasons which I am sure you will appreciate, the school registers need to be completed swiftly, with all pupils accounted for. If office staff are relied upon to take late children to classes this slows the whole process down, as well as interrupts lessons for those children (the majority) who are at school in good time. Please can we remind you that school begins at 8.55 am. Registers are returned to the office by 9.00 am. Thank you.

### NON UNIFORM DAY

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 21st December with a suggested donation of £1.00 in aid of Cancer Research. This Charity has been voted for by our children following a proposal by our school Council.



### APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

The application window is now open to apply for a primary place for September 2019. The information you need to apply for a primary school place is available at:

[www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions).

The deadline for applications is **Monday 15th January 2019**

### Reception News

Monday morning we got such a surprise when we received a letter from Father Christmas asking all of us elves to help him out with some jobs. We really did help him by writing lists, making and wrapping gifts and preparing the classrooms for Christmas.

We have been singing and learning where to stand on the stage ready for our play for our families next week. The Early Years staff are very proud of how confident we are and our beautiful behaviour.

Reminders:

Tickets are available for the Christmas play.

We welcome boxes and cartons for the making area.

You will have received a separate letter about the Christmas party.





Thank you to everyone for making such a big effort on Monday for Elf Day- the children (and staff!) all looked fantastic.

## Year 1/2 News

It is coming up to the busy time of year where there is lots going on. Party letters should have come home with your child this week asking them to bring an item of food to share-please see your child's class teacher if you have not received this letter. Remember they can come to school in their party clothes for the whole day but they do need to be warm and practical (Y2 will still be swimming).

Please remember that the Christmas performances for Y1 and the Christmas sing-a-long for Y2 take place next week. We hope to see you all there.

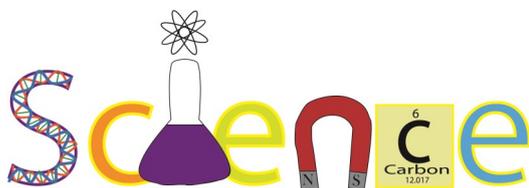
Finally, please could you make sure that you help your child learn their weekly spellings. It is important that they are given the opportunity to learn these as we are always using them in our writing in class and they need to be correct. The time and effort that you put in at home to help is much appreciated. Many Thanks.

## Year 3/4 News

We would like to start by saying how proud we are of all the children. They had such a positive attitude towards the recent assessments and have shown great resilience. Keep up the good work.



We have also been testing our physical stamina and skills in the recent Dodgeball House tournament. The children quickly picked up the rules in PE lessons and demonstrated fantastic tactical play during the competition. Well done to Wycar who were the overall winners. We look forward to practising our gymnastic skills in the next house competition in January.



Well done and thank you to all our Y6 pupils who helped by running stalls by themselves and running errands for Santa at last Friday's Christmas fair. They were busy again today as they helped the kitchen staff serve our Christmas lunch.

## Year 5/6 News

Last week Mrs Hopps and Mrs Durham's class visited Bedale High School for a Science afternoon, looking at polymers and plastics. Mr Hartley-Haw's class will also be visiting in the new year for a drama workshop. Details will follow nearer the time.

## ATTENDANCE

Year Group	Attendance	No of Lates Recorded
Rec	97.5%	8
Y1	95.9%	25
Y2	97.1%	25
Y3	97.2%	55

Year Group	Attendance	No of Lates Recorded
Y4	97.6%	28
Y5	96.0%	28
Y6	96.7%	36

A huge well done to all pupils in year 4!

## CLUBS

Please note that all After School clubs finish week ending 14th December. A letter with a list of new clubs will be sent out in the New Year and will start week commencing 14th January 2019.

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Individual year group Christmas parties commence next week. You will receive a separate letter from your child's class explaining the format of the party as each year group has different arrangements. Thank you.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

As we are approaching Christmas we have some wonderful events to look forward to and I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers about the safeguarding policy we have in place. Can I please ask that should you take photographs or videos of your children at any of our events you keep these for your personal use and do not share them on any social media sites. If you wish to see the policy in full it can be found on our website.

Can I also request that should any parent or carer have any issues relating to school to contact the school office or Head teacher directly and not put anything on social media. Our school agreement policy does highlight that complaints should be dealt with directly by staff in person and not online.

Mrs K Loughlin, Chair of Governors