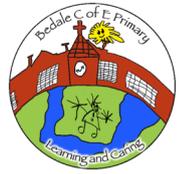


Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 21st December 2018

Dates for your Diary

Mon 7th Jan

School Closed—
Training Day

Tues 8th Jan

School re-opens for
the Spring term—
8.55 am

Fri 11th Jan

Cluster Netball—
Bedale High School

Wed 16th Jan

Y5/6 Maths
Workshop

Thurs 24th Jan

Y2 Maths Workshop

FSG Film Club

3.15—5.15 pm

Tues 29th Jan

Y6 SATs talk for
parents

Thurs 7th Feb

FSG Disco

Tues 12th Feb

Open evening for
Edinburgh visit
6.00 pm

Mon 18th & Tues

19th Feb

Parental
Consultation
Evenings

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of term I find myself reflecting on all we have accomplished. Last week we saw some delightful productions by EYFS and Year 1 pupils. Our children contributed spectacularly well to the Remembrance service and the Carol service at St Gregory's Church. We have had numerous sporting successes: football, swimming gala and cross country. Our school choir performed as part of Bedale's Christmas celebrations on Saturday 1st December and they did us proud. A huge thank you to Mrs Harland who has a continual waiting list for her choir. I think this reflects the popularity of this club, as well as her enthusiasm for singing. We continue to provide a wide range of after school clubs for our pupils (there will be a new letter for signing up for clubs for the Spring term).

I hope you all received a copy of our Ofsted report on Wednesday. We are all delighted with it and I feel it reflects the hard work and dedication our staff give to ensure children at Bedale get a fabulous education.

I think the report captures how amazing our pupils are with their behaviour and attitudes to learning. A huge well done must go to everyone. I could not be more proud to be the Head Teacher here. What a wonderful way to start our Christmas holidays.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Harding all the best as she finishes today to commence her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing of the twins arrival in the Spring. Miss Jefferson has been in school a great deal to aid a smooth transition with the class.

Sadly we are also saying goodbye to Miss Ainsley who leaves us early in January to move on to a new career. We wish her well and thank her for all her hard work. In January we have two new teaching assistants joining us. Miss Shippen will replace Miss Ainsley in year 3, and we have an additional teaching assistant Mrs Nuttall. Mrs Nuttall will work across the school supporting individual pupils and small groups of pupils.

All that remains is to thank you for working so closely with us throughout this term. Attendance at all school events has been exceptional and I think this reflects the wonderful team work we have with parents.

Merry Christmas.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

UNIFORM

The children have looked incredibly smart this term. If we can keep it up please: No large hair accessories and no trainers. Many thanks.

LATENESS—NEW YEARS RESOLUTION!

On a daily basis we continue to have 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.

HEADLICE

I am sure you are all aware this is an ongoing problem. Please continue to check your child's hair regularly and if your child has long hair, please keep it tied up (preferably plaits). Thank you.

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.

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

Reception News

What a wonderful term the children have had. They have made a fabulous start to their time at school and we feel very proud of them. We would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year with your families.



When we come back in January we are learning about space and for one of our art projects we will need shoe boxes...please can you save any over the holidays.



What a busy few weeks we have had! All the children have worked so hard and made us all very proud during their Christmas productions and sing-a-longs. We had fantastic Christmas parties last week too with lots of games and dancing!

Year 1/2 News

The children have all worked so hard this term and deserve a rest over the Christmas break. Therefore there will be no homework over the holidays and we will be keeping children's reading diaries. Feel free to keep reading but there is no need to record it.

Year 2 will still have their weekly spellings to learn to be tested the first Friday back.

Merry Christmas to you all.

Year 3/4 News

What a fantastic end to this term. The children enjoyed their parties and the Christmas Service at church. Their behaviour has remained outstanding (even though many of them are exhausted) and we could not be more proud of them.



Should Father Christmas ever need a new sleigh then he couldn't do better than to consult our children. The variety of ideas they have generated whilst writing a non chronological report, on a state of the art sleigh, have been truly amazing. Spinning baubles, beliefs in Santa and magic dust being just a few ways the children's sleighs have been powered.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and hope you enjoy the holidays. (A perfect time to snuggle up with a good book!).



As we come to the end of a very busy term we've enjoyed our Christmas celebrations and what we've achieved already so far.

Year 5/6 News

Thank you for all your help with the fantastic Secret Garden homework projects that we have been looking at in class this week – some of them are fantastic.

Thank you as well for the support shown to our Christmas service down at St Gregory's on Tuesday.

Looking ahead to Spring term, we will be learning about space and other planets with a science-themed topic. You should have had some information about the junk models we will be making on the first day back. A copy of this will also be on our blog and Facebook pages.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Years Five and Six.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WHOLE AUTUMN TERM

Year Group	Attendance	No of Lates Recorded
Rec	97.4%	14
Y1	96.1%	31
Y2	97.1%	33
Y3	97.0%	72

Year Group	Attendance	No of Lates Recorded
Y4	97.7%	31
Y5	96.2%	38
Y6	96.6%	38

A huge well done to all pupils in year 4! And every year group is above our target. No wonder Ofsted said “pupils attend very well. Attendance rates are above the national average and continue to improve”.

THEY CERTAINLY DO!! WELL DONE CHILDREN

SWIMMING

In January, the Year 1 pupils will commence swimming lessons for the Spring term. This will take place on Friday mornings. Mrs Pike will swim at 9.00 am (pupils will need to arrive at school at 8.45 promptly for registration at 8.45 am in order to arrive at the swimming pool in time for their lesson). Miss Jefferson’s class will swim at 9.30 am. Parents are asked for a voluntary contribution of £1.25 per lesson for this. A separate letter will be sent out regarding this when we return on 8th January 2019.

Bedale Cricket Club

Winter Indoor Cricket Sessions

Indoor cricket sessions for new and existing players at **Bedale High School (Newly Refurbished) Sports Hall**. It doesn't matter if you have played before or want to give it a try our fun and friendly sessions are great for all abilities.

- **Under 9's & All Stars (School Years 4 & Under) - Tuesdays 6:00pm - 7:00pm**
- **Under 15's, Under 13's & Under 11's (School Years 5 to 10) - Wednesdays 7:00pm– 8:00pm**
- **Seniors - Wednesdays 8:00pm - 9:00pm**

Sessions Start : Tue 8th January / Wednesday 9th January

Cost : £30 for 14 weeks

For more information : Club Secretary Paul Croft - bedalecc@hotmail.com - 07773677370

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