

# Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 18th January 2019

## Dates for your Diary

### Thurs 24th Jan

Y2 Maths Workshop

FSG Film Club  
3.15—5.15 pm

### Tues 29th Jan

Y6 SATs talk for  
parents  
5:30pm

### Thurs 7th Feb

FSG Disco  
EYFS—KS1  
5:00pm—6:15pm  
  
KS2  
6:30pm—7:45pm

### Tues 12th Feb

Open evening for  
Edinburgh visit  
6.00 pm

### Mon 18th & Tues

#### 19th Feb

Parental  
Consultation  
Evenings  
3:30pm—6:00pm

### Fri 22nd Feb

Break up for  
Half Term

### Mon 4th March

School re opens

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and a Happy New Year to you all.

The term started with a training day and the staff used the day to focus on planning for foundation subjects and, in particular for developing their science teaching. We hope the children really enjoy the lessons that are coming their way!

I have been walking round the school a great deal this last two weeks and also teaching in KS2; I have been very impressed to see the pupils immersed in their learning. The ones I have worked with have shown great resilience and a real desire to learn and improve. Keep up the great start children.

Attendance at school has also been fantastic these past two weeks. Lateness has improved. However, there is still a small minority of children who are continually late. This means they continually miss the input to their lessons, as well as continually disrupt lessons for their fellow pupils. School begins at 8.55 am and we need all the children in their class ready to learn at this time please. Thank you to the huge majority who are always on time, always have the right equipment ready and are always eager to learn.

Well done to our younger pupils who I have noticed have come on in leaps and bounds with their independence at lunchtime. I am seeing so many more of our pupils using their knives and forks correctly when eating their meals.

Last week we had a fire drill (whilst the weather remained dry and quite mild). The children filed out of school incredibly well and their behaviour was impeccable. A special well done must go to Mrs Lucas/ Mrs Hall's class who were doing PE at the time and made no fuss at all. Also the EYFS children were fabulous, exiting the building through the nearest fire doors in a very calm manner.

With the weather in mind (just in case we do get snow) our snow plan is on the back of this newsletter. Last year was the first time as Head Teacher that I had to close the school. Here's hoping for no snow this year!

Mrs Turnbull, Headteacher

## SMARTNESS

Reminder please can pupils not wear large hair accessories or have coloured hair. In addition no trainers or shoes with flashing lights. Thank you for your continued support.

## TOUR DE YORKSHIRE

Yesterday evening I attended a meeting regarding the Tour De Yorkshire. I will keep you updated when we get the relevant information about our plans for the day!



## SCHOOL MEAL ACCOUNTS

As of today we have 39 pupils whose school meal accounts are in arrears. School meals should be paid for in advance. Please can all parents check their child's meal account on Parentpay and top up where necessary.

## STAFFING

This term we welcome Mrs Nuttall and Miss Shippen as new teaching assistants to our school.

## NETBALL TOURNAMENT



Well done to our netball team Jake B, Kieran W, Rachael W, Natasha C, Gracie G, Evie W, Lily-Mai C and Phoebe H who won the recent Cluster netball tournament on Friday 11th January. They have now qualified for the Level 2 tournament which is due to take place today at Richmond Secondary school. Good luck!

## Reception News

The children have quickly settled back into school and have had a lovely 2 weeks. We have really enjoyed hearing all about their Christmas holidays at home.



This week we have introduced our new Space topic which is so exciting. We are busy building a moon buggy for the space corner and are learning about our own planet and the solar system.

Forest schools and PE will continue on Fridays just like last term and we welcome any boxes and tubs for our very busy making area. Thank you for your continued effort with early morning handwriting; the children are making good progress.

Happy New Year to you all! The children have all made a fantastic start back to the new term with our new topic 'Habitats'. Over the next few weeks we will be thinking about the habitats close to us and using our wildlife area which will be very exciting.

## Year 1/2 News

Last week the children all re-wrote the story of The Three Little Pigs and it was fantastic to see how much progress they have all made in their writing since September!

Year 1, please remember your swimming kits on a Friday morning. Year 2 children will now need their PE kits in school for both Tuesday and Friday.

There is a Maths afternoon for year 2 parents coming up. A separate letter has been sent home. We hope to see lots of you there on Thursday 24th January 2019.

## Year 3/4 News

What a wonderfully positive start to the New Year we have had. The children have come back raring to go and have quickly found themselves to be Anglo-Saxon experts! We have been studying these invaders during both our topic lessons and our English lessons. We have learnt many fascinating facts (please ask your child to share these with you!) which we have organised into interesting and engaging fact-files.

Furthermore, our Science lessons have kept us busy over the last couple of weeks. We have been exploring forces and magnets and have designed and carried out a number of practical experiments to test out our theories. We've really enjoyed these lessons and are looking forward to many more.

Finally, please can we remind you all to record your super home reading in your diaries so you can zoom up the reading race tracks. I know so many children got exciting books for Christmas and it would be lovely to hear all about how much they are enjoying them. Thank you for your continued support in this.

Some of our Year Five and Six pupils have been busy in competitions over the last couple of weeks.

## Year 5/6 News

Mrs Nunn led our netball team to victory in our cluster event on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and as a result the team is taking part in the Richmondshire area finals this week (again on Friday) aiming to book a place at the School Games North Yorkshire Finals in York in the summer. Mr Collins also took a group of four pupils from across Key Stage Two to the area Quiz Club competition where the team finished a respectable 5<sup>th</sup>.

In class we are learning about the planets in our solar system and have enjoyed making our spaceship models. You can see some of these on our school blog.

## **PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF THE ENFORCED CLOSURE OF SCHOOL DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Before a decision is made whether school should open or not (enforced closure), consideration should be given to:

- The distance that staff have to travel
- Road/traffic conditions
- Local conditions for staff/pupils and parents who travel on foot.

The Head teacher will make a decision based on the outcome of the above consultation bearing in mind the following options:

- Closure for the full day
- Late opening e.g. at 10.00am to allow time for staff to arrive safely

### **If the school is to close**

Parents/carers will be alerted to the closure via the Teachers 2 Parents text messaging service as well as the school's facebook page.

The closure will be recorded on the school website ([www.bedaleprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.bedaleprimaryschool.co.uk)).

The media (local radio stations) will be utilised to broadcast the details if required.

The school will make all practicable efforts to keep parents/carers informed as to the situation with the school during adverse weather conditions, as we appreciate that such conditions and the uncertainty places very considerable difficulties upon parents/carers. However, parents/carers are expected to regularly check the website and the radio broadcasts when it is clear that a closure is a possibility.

The school appreciates that during bad weather children may arrive later than normal; parents/carers should endeavour to contact the school to let them know they are on their way if they are likely to be delayed.

The Head teacher will ensure that should the school open the provision of staffing in place is in accordance with Health and Safety legislation, bearing in mind pupil/teacher ratios, job descriptions and correct procedures for staff covering other classes, playtime arrangements, heating and lunchtime provision.