

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 1st February 2019

Dates for your Diary

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

(Wed 20th & Thurs
21st Feb for Mrs
Hopps' class)

Fri 22nd Feb

Break up for
Half Term

Mon 4th March

School re opens at
8.55 am

Cluster Hockey
Tournament

Tues 5th March

Healthy Child Team
Visiting Year 6 pupils

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, I must begin by commenting on our children's manners in school. It is very, very rare now that I walk around school and do not have a door held open for me. I have also noticed a massive increase in please and thank yous at lunchtime. Last week I held a meeting for head teachers from the local cluster in our school and many of them commented on our pupils fantastic manners.

As you may be aware our Spring parental consultation evenings are approaching. These will take place on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th February (and Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st February for Y5 Mrs Hopps' class). As per last term, there will be a timetable on each classroom door, from next week (with a 10 minute time slot) which parents can book to see their child's class teacher. Mr Holmes' class time table will be put on Miss Woods' classroom door to make it a little easier to get to!

Lateness Over the past couple of weeks we have seen a huge improvement on pupils arriving late at school. Thank you for your co-operation here.

Traffic Last week we had a child involved in a collision as a result of running out into the road; luckily they were not hurt badly. Please can I reiterate the importance of reminding your children to stay on the pavement and not cross the road alone, and also to take extra care when the traffic is so busy.

Year 6 National Testing Thank you to all the parents who came to the Year 6 talk on Tuesday this week. I hope it gave you a clear picture of what happens that week in May. For those of you who were unable to attend can I remind you that your child is tested the week of 13th May. Your child will have a test to complete every day that week and will need to be in school.

Key dates for statutory tests pupils in Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking this Summer are on the inside of this newsletter.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

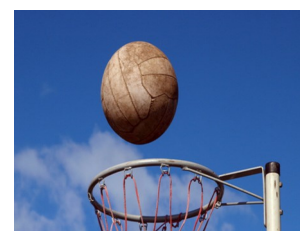
POLITE REMINDER FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please ensure your child comes to school every day with their belongings they require for the day, including packed lunch, PE kits and the knowledge of who is picking them up after school. Frequently delivering items/messages to pupils disrupts lessons and also takes the office staff away from their normal duties. Your co-operation with this would be very much appreciated.

Please also be reminded that any correspondence that needs to be returned to the school office ie. permission slips etc. can be popped into our 'drop off box' in the main foyer to school. Thank you.

NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Friday 11th January our Year 6 netball team participated in our Cluster netball tournament at Bedale High School. Although recently formed, our team played brilliantly, winning all four matches and conceding only one goal. As overall winners, we travelled the following Friday to Richmond Secondary School for the area finals. The competition was stiffer but we showed great resolve, winning our first two matches and narrowly losing the third. We achieved third place overall. Well done to our squad—Jake B, Kieran W, Rachael W, Natasha C, Gracie G, Evie W, Lily-Mai C and Phoebe H and also a special thanks to Mrs Nunn for being an excellent coach and getting us to the finals!



IMPORTANT DATES FOR STATUTORY TESTS

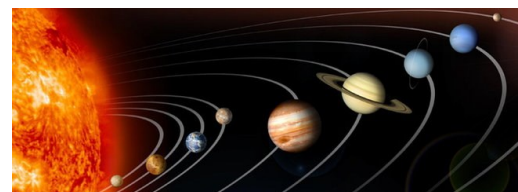
KS2 (Year 6) Statutory Tests—week commencing Monday 13th May 2019

KS1 (Year 2) Statutory Tests— between Wednesday 8th May & Friday 24th May 2019

Phonics Tests—(Year 1) - week commencing Monday 10th June 2019

Reception News

The children are having a fantastic time creating space 3D models. They have made aliens, space craft and space boxes with flair and imagination. They have been adapting their designs and talking about their creation with the group.



We will be sharing our work on this topic with our families on the afternoon of 12th March 2019 when you will be invited to come to school and have a Space picnic with the children (invitation to follow soon).

Thank you very much for the boxes, tubs and cartons you sent in from home.

Science week is coming up in a few weeks (starting Monday 11th) if you have any books/resources on Oceans you would like to bring in to share with the class please do so. Our focus will be on plastics in the ocean and how animals are affected.

Year 1/2 News

Children are working well on their early morning work at the moment. When the bell goes we are using this time to look through the answers and methods please ensure you leave your child promptly to give them chance to participate. During the science week we aim to create our very own penguins. If you have any cardboard toilet roll inners please can you send them into school?

Year 1 have their Maths Workshop on Tuesday 12th February a separate letter will go out about this with more details.

Thank you for the continued support with homework and being here promptly for swimming on a Friday.

Year 3/4 News

We have been busy writing myths this week, retelling the story of Thor and his lost hammer. This has supported our topic work learning about Anglo Saxons and Vikings as we discovered that they used to enjoy telling lots of stories such as tales like Beowulf.

During the week commencing 11th February, we are going to have a science focus. Please could you collect any recyclable plastic bottles or packaging to bring in that week to support our lessons.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming parents consultation evenings.

Y5 pupils have had the chance to share spaceship models with EYFS this week. This will continue next week when we will share writing about the solar system with them.

Year 5/6 News

Mr Hartley-Haw's class will be visiting Bedale High School next week for a drama workshop. This follows the visit made by Mrs Hopps/Mrs Durham's class last term when they attended a Science workshop.

We are preparing for a TAG rugby tournament which is due to take place on Wednesday 13th February.

Year 6 will lead Collective Worship on Monday to promote Internet Safety Day.



CURRENT ATTENDANCE FOR THE SPRING TERM

Year Group	Attendance	No of Lates Recorded
Rec	98.6%	4
Y1	97.5%	10
Y2	98.0%	18
Y3	98.9%	18
Y4	97.0%	3
Y5	97.4%	7
Y6	98.5%	4

***** A huge well done to all pupils in year 3! *****

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”.

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CURRENTLY 97.1%

WE ARE SO PROUD OF THIS! KEEP UP THE HARD WORK EVERYBODY!

Thank you to the vast majority of parents/carers that work hard with us to ensure pupils arrive at school on time, with the right equipment, ready to learn.

However we do still have a number of pupils arriving late on a regular basis.
Please try to ensure your child is on either playground, ready to go into school at 8:55am as the bell sounds.

Did you know.....

Arriving at school 5 minutes late each day is the equivalent of 3.4 school days a year!

10 minutes a day is the equivalent of 6.9 school days a year

15 minutes a day is the equivalent of 10.3 school days a year

20 minutes a day is the equivalent of 13.8 school days a year