

Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 15th February 2019

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 7th Feb

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

Mon 11th March

Y6 Debating
Competition

Tues 12th March

EYFS Alien Picnic
2:00pm

Wed 13th March

FSG Film Club
3.15—5.15 pm

Dear Parents/Carers

Last week we held two very successful discos. I think all the children who attended had a great time. A huge thank you must go to Debbie Thompson for her wonderful organisation and to all the parents who helped on the evening. I don't think I have seen so many parent helpers for a long time. This really aided in the smooth running of the evening. We managed to raise over £800 on the evening, and this money will be put to good use developing out I.T. resources. Mr Hartley-Haw has given the FSG a 'wish list'; we are delighted to be able to purchase some additional Chrome Books with this money. I am now looking forward to our chocolate bingo night on Thursday 11th April. Last year was the first time we had ran this event and it proved to be a great success. Information about bingo night will follow after half term.

On Monday our Collective Worship was led by the three heads of our School Council, Riley, Ella and Libby. They did a splendid job presenting to our KS2 pupils. They provided information on the two current charities our pupils voted to support this year, Cancer Research and The Teenage Cancer Trust. Following their presentations all KS2 pupils have been given the opportunity to vote for which of these two worthy charities we support on our next non uniform day on Friday 22nd February. The children have chosen Cancer Research and I hope everyone will bring in a £1 donation on the day.

Edinburgh Update

Our year 5 and 6 pupils who are going to Edinburgh should now have all selected their food choices for the visit. If your child has any allergies then please contact the school office. Also, if you have any questions following the presentation night on Tuesday then again, please contact the school office.

Do not forget next week is parents' evening week. I hope you will be able to find the time to come and look at your children's achievements and meet the staff.

I would like to finish this weeks newsletter by congratulating Bedale High School on such a positive OFSTED report. It really is great news for our community.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Turnbull, Headteacher.

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. With our numbers on roll continually increasing it is impossible for the office staff to deliver personal messages on a daily basis. 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, this makes life so much easier.

WORLD BOOK DAY—THURSDAY 7TH MARCH

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March, however please note that we will not be dressing up in school this year.

TAG RUGBY

Our Year Five and Six Tag Rugby team took on teams from Masham, RAF Leeming, Hunton & Arrathorne and Crakehall on Wednesday at our cluster tournament, held at Bedale High School. Despite the distraction of fire engines turning up mid-way through the afternoon, the team maintained their strong start, winning all their games and therefore winning through to the next round in March. Well done to the team and good luck for the next round!

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

Thank you for sending in the bottles and boxes for the space making activities. The children created some fantastic pieces of work. Year 5 are also doing Space as a topic and came to visit us last week to share their work with us. They were amazed at the quality of the early years models.



Parents evening is next Monday and Tuesday please sign up for a time if you have not already done so.

Thank you very much for continuing to support your child with reading and homework at home. Mrs Turnbull was very impressed by the amount of reading our children are doing at home each week. Polite reminder - please can we ask that homework is handed in on Wednesday mornings only so that we can keep it all together. Thank you.



Year 1 and 2 have had a special visitor in their classes over the last few weeks... Sunny the Meerkat! We have enjoyed learning about Meerkats and their habitats as well as solving the mystery of his disappearance!!!

Year 1/2 News

Last week we all enjoyed learning about keeping safe online and had some brilliant ideas about what we should or shouldn't do. Well done to all the children.

This week we have been taking part in Science week. We have planned, carried out and evaluated an investigation all about keeping our waters free from plastic!

We are continuing to learn about habitats and this is leading up to an Art and DT day that we have planned for the first day back after half term (further information to follow). We are very excited about this.

Year 3/4 News

What a fantastic week we have had this week for our science themed week about plastic. In English, we have made some persuasive adverts to educate others about how plastic is damaging our environment and how we can prevent this. We have designed our own greenhouses and reused plastic to make them. Hopefully our designs will be effective and we will have grown some cress seeds in the next few days! Thank you for all of the materials that you sent in to enable the children to create these.



Our reading diaries are looking fantastic with all your comments from home. We love to hear about books you are enjoying and we also encourage the children to write their own comments too.



This week we made some of the final preparations for Edinburgh with our parents meeting. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Year 5/6 News

We have been busy learning about plastic during our science week, including alternatives for plastic and ways we can try and help clean up our environment.

Our debating team has been preparing for our forthcoming competition as well, tackling the differing views around the thorny issue of school uniforms. We will have an update on this next month.

Next week we are looking forward to seeing you at parents evening and sharing the good progress that has been made.



CURRENT ATTENDANCE FOR THE ACADMEIC YEAR SO FAR

Year Group	Attendance	No of Lates Recorded
Rec	97.4%	23
Y1	96.4%	55
Y2	97.3%	72
Y3	97.2%	109
Y4	97.3%	37
Y5	96.4%	54
Y6	96.7%	51

***** A huge well done to all pupils in EYFS *****

We are aware that sometimes pupils are absent from school due to illness. Please ensure you telephone school before 8:55am on the morning of your child's absence. There is an answering service available for you to record your child's name, class teacher and reason for absence.

As you can probably imagine, it uses valuable office staff time chasing pupils that are absent from school when no reason has been provided.

FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

Please see below for forthcoming FSG events. Please note the change of date for the Chocolate Bingo as well as the Film Club being moved to a Wednesday evening.

Film Club:	Wednesday 13th March—3.15—5.15 pm
Chocolate Bingo:	Thursday 11th April—6.00—8.00 pm
Fun Run:	Thursday 23rd May—3.15—4.15 pm
Film Club:	Wednesday 12th June—3.15—5.15 pm
Summer Fair:	Friday 28th June—3.15 pm (please note NOT a Saturday this year)
Summer Disco:	Thursday 11th July KS1 5.00—6.15 pm KS2—6.30—7.45 pm