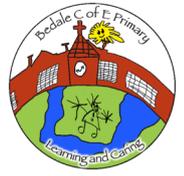


Bedale Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter Date: 8th March 2019

Dates for your Diary

Mon 11th March

Y6 Debating
Competition

Tues 12th March

EYFS Alien Picnic
2:30pm

Wed 13th March

FSG Film Club
3.15—5.15 pm

Thurs 14th—

Sat 16th March

Y5-6 Edinburgh
Residential

Fri 15th March

Red Nose Day

Wed 27th March

Stay & Play for 2019
Sept Starters
9:15am-10:15am

Girls Cluster
Football Tournament

Thurs 28th

March

EYFS Maths
Workshop
2:30pm-3:00pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a lovely first week back. All the children (and staff) seemed refreshed and raring to go after our half term break in the beautiful weather.

Last half term we acknowledged Internet Safety Day—you may remember seeing things about this in the news. The children took part in presentations in assemblies and followed this up in lessons. We spend time every week trying to help children who are caught up in difficulties relating to social media friendships and see the upset this causes to both children and parents, when things go wrong (and sadly they seem to regularly). We have had conversations about Facebook and Snapchat etc and would appreciate it if you could help us with this. This also includes the younger children too. Younger children appear to now also be having mobile phones (in years 3 and 4). We teach safer internet at school but it is the access at home where the issues seem to arise, especially when the children are not supervised and social media is not monitored. Thank you for your help and support with this.

We have seen a huge reduction in the past few weeks of children arriving late to school. Many thanks for supporting us with this, it makes such a difference to all our children if their lessons are not disrupted at the start of the day by children arriving late, having to go to the office and then not knowing what they are supposed to be doing in class as they have missed the input.

A special well done to all the children in our Early Years who at the moment are the front runners in the year groups attendance (from September to February) at an impressive 97.2%. I think this is an amazing achievement as it is usually at this start to their education that they catch every germ that is going!

Driving carefully on Firby Road

Please take extra care on Firby Road. One of our parents was bumped by a car mounting the pavement at the end of last half term. Luckily her children were tucked on the inside of her, away from the kerb.

Assessment Week

The children will be assessed quite formally in reading and maths in these weeks:

Years 1-4—Week commencing Monday 18th March

Years 5-6—Week commencing Monday 11th March

Thank you for all your support. Mrs Turnbull, Headteacher.

EASY FUNDRAISING

You can help raise additional money for school every time you shop online. It's free and very easy to do! Just visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search 'Bedale Primary FSG' and then do your shopping as normal.

Lots of well known brands are available through this website including:

John Lewis	Asos	Amazon	Marks & Spencer
Next	Argos	Apple	Tesco
Sainsburys	Very	Premier Inn	Lakeland
Debenhams	eBay	Asda	



There are lots of other brands available too. We would really appreciate it if you could help support us using this charity. Thank you.

FSG EVENTS

Next week there is another FSG Film Club night. Please note the change of day to a Wednesday. Sweets will be available to buy at this event, but each child will receive a drink and a snack included in the price of £2.50. You should have already received a letter regarding this event and any requests must be returned to school by no later than Tuesday 12th March in order for the registers to be produced. As with our last two film nights, children will be handed over to parents at 5:15pm on the back playground via the following classrooms:

EYFS	Miss Jefferson's Classroom
Y1 & Y2	Mrs Hall & Mrs Lucas' Classroom
Y3 & Y4	Miss Woods' Classroom
Y5 & Y6	Mrs Durham & Mrs Hopps' Classroom

Also, please note a change to our Summer Fair. This year this will be held on a **Friday, 28th June** 3:15 pm—6:00 pm. We do hope you will support this event, it is usually a huge success (despite clashing with the World Cup and England's match last year!).

FIRE FIGHTERS CHARITY BAG COLLECTION

We would really appreciate it if you could support our charity bag collection for the Fire Fighters Charity. Please fill any bag at home with any unused or old clothing and return to school by 9:00am on Monday 11th March. Thank you.

Y5/6 EDINBURGH RESIDENTIAL

Next week we take a group of 44 children from years 5 and 6 to Edinburgh for three days. Excitement is rising; the crucial thing of food choices at Bella Italia and Hard Rock Café have been made. My thanks to Mrs Foster, Mr Hartley-Haw, Miss Dobson and Mr Collins for agreeing to accompany me on this visit and make it possible. I am sure we will all have a wonderful time.

Reception News

The children have come back to school after the half term and have settled straight into their work beautifully. We feel very proud of the progress they're all making and how much they have achieved in such a short space of time.

We are busy planning for the Alien picnic on March 12th and look forward to you joining us if you are able to. Please don't worry if you are at work and cannot come - the children can sit with friends and staff for their picnic. The children should have all brought home a new Forest Schools letter with dates on for their class. Please can we ask that the children bring the correct clothing from home to take part.

On Monday 4th March Year 2 made their habitats for Art Day as it fitted in with our topic. First we did our plans for the habitats. Secondly we got our boxes so that we could do the background. The backgrounds all looked fantastic. Then they got better and better! Eventually the teacher started going WOW! Amazing! about the habitats. Next we decorated them and when they were done they looked really good. Finally we had a picture and some went on display. Come and see them in our classrooms.

Year 1/2 News

By Katie-Beth Miller

A polite reminder to all parents - trainers are not school uniform and should not be worn as school shoes. PE kits should be brought into school on Monday and remain in school until Friday. They should include both indoor and outdoor kits. Also, if anyone has any unused lego at home that they would like to donate to school we would greatly appreciate it.

Year 3/4 News

Welcome back. The half term started very quickly with the year 4s taking part in the Cluster Quick Sticks hockey tournament. All three teams performed really well and showed tremendous teamwork and sportsmanship.

On the topic of sport, can we take this opportunity to remind you that PE kit should be in school from Monday morning and go home on a Friday. Spring weather can be unpredictable so your child must have kit suitable for indoor and outdoor. **Indoor** – shorts and plain t-shirt. **Outdoor** – tracksuit bottoms, a plain t-shirt and a plain hoodie or tracksuit top. Thank you.

We've had a good start back to the half term and it was great to see how many children had been busy reading over half term and putting comments in their diaries. Please keep this up over this half term as we are having a push on quality reading at home and updating our reading diaries. New prizes for the prize pot have already been ordered in anticipation!

Year 5/6 News

Our pupils are very busy in extra activities over the next couple of weeks with the debating team in action on Monday, the tag rugby team taking to the field again on Tuesday in the Richmondshire finals, some pupils attending Bedale High School for a science afternoon and almost half of us heading north of the border on Thursday for our Edinburgh residential. Look out for news of all these events on our blog, Facebook page and of course the next newsletter.

