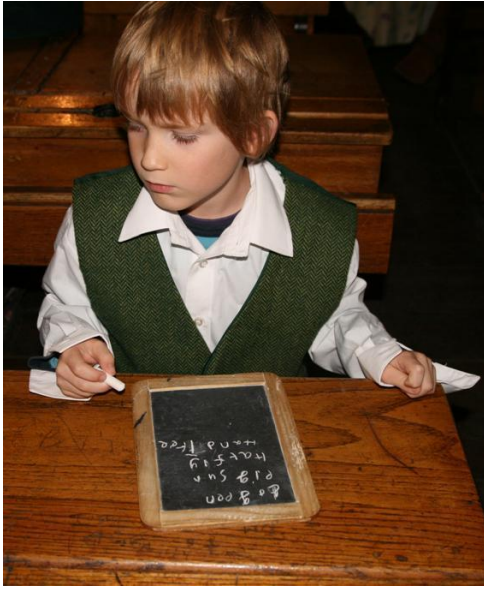


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10th November 2011



Dear Parents

Yesterday Year 1 parents thoroughly enjoyed their children's first assembly of the year. I am constantly amazed by how clever our young children are! They remembered so many lines, said them with confidence and spoke and counted in French. Thank you Amanda, Dorota, Sharon and Ellie and well done everybody.

Jacqui took Year 2 to Manor Farm on Monday

where they spent the day as Victorians. They certainly looked the part when they left here. I think the pictures show the huge range of experiences they had and the fun too! Thank you Jacqui for your organisation and Alison and Genevieve for accompanying the visit.

Our Christmas plans are well underway and many parents have come along to help. Reception class need to have a pair of blue jeans in school by 18th November and we still need white jeans or trousers for Year 2.



I have been asked by Karen to remind you that it would be very helpful if children come



to school on Wednesdays wearing clothes that they can easily get on and off when they go swimming. Tight trousers are proving to be particularly problematic – not just when changing but sitting in the classroom!

The sign-up sheets for Life Education on Monday morning are on display in the entrance hall. Please let us know if you are coming.

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Next week look out for the Christmas seating request sheet that will be on the notice board. Seats are restricted so please read the detail carefully!

We shall be supporting children in Need on Friday 18th November and raising funds by the children paying £1 (or a donation) to come to school wearing spots.





Best wishes

Jo



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REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

-  **SWALLOW CLUB MODELLING:** Please can you help by supplying us with any “junk” modelling materials you can think of? Apart from toilet roll cardboard, just anything else safe – that has not been used to package nuts and seeds - will do: material, wool, cardboard etc. Please bring to the office – we will be very grateful.
-  **OUTDOOR WORK CHRISTMAS BROCHURE** please follow this link to the <http://www.bedales.org.uk/media/00/7000-x-mas-brochure-2011-new.pdf> Copies of the order forms are available in the entrance hall. We are offering for sale a festive feast for Bedalians including: chutneys, curds, jams, mincemeat, Christmas puddings, game and poultry. Wool from the Bedales Jacob’s sheep has been spun to produce scarves and throws to make lovely Christmas gifts and a large selection of cards featuring the Bedales estate are also for sale. Please either post or email and return it to outdoorwork@bedales.org.uk by the latest **Friday 25th November**.



Congratulations to:-
Esme Curry -Bronze Award

YEAR 1 NEWS



Really Brave and Brilliant
Year 1!

Didn't your children do so well to act out the story of Really Brave Tim? I was very proud of their acting, speaking - in French and English - singing and dancing in our class assembly yesterday.



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We have been busy finding out about teeth. This is very relevant as we have almost weekly losses of milk teeth in Year One! There has been huge interest in why different animals have different types and formations of teeth.

On the Friday before half-term we were visited by Dr Jonathan – Joel's daddy, who talked about bodies and how the body fights infection. After some exciting discussion and really thoughtful questions, Dr Jonathan led a team of expert medics in our Medical Centre who examined poorly patients, prescribed medicine, bandaged limbs, performed x-rays, took temperatures and administered lots of TLC. A HUGE thank you to Jonathan for making time for us – the children loved the experience and learned a huge amount. We have had a few births in the medical centre! Phoebe and Elizabeth are now mothers of at least four babies each.....

I am delighted with the progress being made with joining up letters when writing. Do look at the wonderful Autumn spells outside the classroom.

We would welcome any empty tissue boxes, egg boxes and clean plastic pots for choosing and making.

With best wishes

Amanda, Dorota and Anne



FRENCH NEWS

Year 1 and French this term: We have really been trying to remember all the colours in French recently. Learning the colour song was very helpful as it is always easier to sing something than just trying to remember it! Sage “played” us like a xylophone, as we sang with the most beautiful French accents.

We wanted to show the grown-ups in assembly how good we were - and we were all “fantastique”!



We will now start reading another book in the series “Petit Ange Parfait”. What will Jules be up to now?! Will he learn that being nearly “parfait” is much more fun?