

Cricket Match At Bedales :- Sunday 10th May 2015 - Parents v Teachers

This year's eagerly awaited annual cricket fixture between the Bedales Parents and Teachers was played last Sunday in fine weather on the School's Memorial Pitch.

The Parents won the toss and decided to bat – a decision immediately regretted as the top order batsman were blown away by the fast accurate bowling of Nic Savage. After 3 overs the Parents side were reeling having lost 3 wickets for just 5 runs. Wickets continued to fall at regular intervals and when Rob Walton joined Mike Stevens for the 7th wicket the Parents score was standing at 31 for 6 wickets down. Slowly but steadily these 2 re-established a measure of respectability and when Stevens was out for a patient 62, the score had reached 95. Walton eventually went for a fine 28 and then Will Petrie, the Parents resident 'sledger', and Rob Reynolds enjoyed an amazing over towards the end of the innings when 25 runs were scored. The Parents were all out shortly afterwards for 128.

The Teachers reply was steady with opener Al McConville playing some lovely cover drives before being well caught by George Perry at deep mid-wicket for 16. Wickets continued to fall with the dangerous Gordon Dale run out by a quite superb throw by George Perry to the Parents' wicker-keeper Marin Grubb, before Mike Truss joined Nic Savage at the crease for the 6th wicket. These two batted like true professionals and although both gave chances along the way, they saw the Teachers home with a fine unbroken stand of 61.

The result was a convincing win by the Teachers by 5 wickets.

It was a most enjoyable game, played in the true spirit of cricket and our grateful thanks go to Dave Greenman for providing the teams with a lovely tea.