



# ST BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

**Dear Parents/Carers**

## **Lent**

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. This is the day when Catholics throughout the world come together to celebrate Mass and receive ashes on their foreheads to mark the beginning of the Lenten Season. The children received ashes in school. Information will be sent out shortly about Lent fundraising.

## **World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017**

All children have received a World Book Day voucher to use against in bookshops against the cost of a book.

Writing competition winner for February is Lilly Bowman from Year 3. Lilly wrote a funny story about a robbery, maybe we have the next David Walliams in the making! Well done Lilly! She received a certificate and book and her winning entry is on display in the library.

Author of the month is Alexis Leer in Year 2. Alexis 'wowed' us with TWO entries! She made two books, one was a wonderful story about a rabbit and the other was a song about the solar system. Both books were also beautifully illustrated. Well done Alexis!

## **Baby Announcements**

We would like to say congratulations to Mrs Curtis who welcomed baby Madeleine into the world on 11<sup>th</sup> February and also to Miss Roberts, blessed with her bundle of joy, baby Alfie, born on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. St Bede's school family would like to send them our love and prayers as they begin their exciting journey as new parents.

## **School Photos - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Just a reminder that the children will be having their individual photos taken on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**. Unfortunately we are unable to offer photos for family groups to include children under Nursery age due to the amount of time that whole school photos take.

## **Parents Evenings – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm – 5.50pm**

Appointments for the upcoming Parent Evenings can be requested from **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March** by telephoning the school office or emailing [office@stbedesrc.darlington.sch.uk](mailto:office@stbedesrc.darlington.sch.uk). Appointments will be available on a first come, first served basis from 3.30pm with the last appointment being at 5.50pm on both days.

## **Lenten Liturgies (29<sup>th</sup> March – 7<sup>th</sup> April)**



Each class will be leading a Lenten Liturgy during our final weeks of term where we will reflect on Jesus' journey during the last week of his life in Holy week. From his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his death and resurrection; this will be a chance for children to deepen their understanding of the life of Jesus and to lead the whole school community in prayer and reflection. Please note the date of your child's class Lenten Liturgy on the diary dates below.

We will also be holding a whole school liturgy at 2.00pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 'Celebrating the Last Supper' to which parents are welcome.

## **Go Run for Fun**

All classes took part in the 'Go Run for Fun' afternoon. Thank you for your donations of £31.42.

**Mile A Day** – we would like to take the children outside to run 'a mile a day' to improve health and fitness throughout the school. We are looking to secure some funding to lay a running track around the perimeter of the school field. If anyone would be like to support the school in this through any business/work connections please could you contact Mrs Alderson?

## **Knitting Nannas – St Bede's Needs You!**

We now have three volunteers for the Knitting Nannas sessions so we are hoping to start as soon as possible each Friday from 1pm-2pm. If you would like to come along and work with our children please contact the office. More information to follow.



### **Drop Off Drop In**

Pop along to St Bede's after drop off and grab some coffee and biscuits from us! This is an opportunity to meet new people and catch up with friends. Everyone is welcome! Fridays from January 9am-10am

### **Twitter**

Please follow us on [@stbedesrcprimary](https://twitter.com/stbedesrcprimary) for live updates.

### **School Website**

Please take some time to visit our website at [www.stbedesrc.co.uk](http://www.stbedesrc.co.uk) as there are lots of information and photos for you to enjoy. **In the event of school closures due to bad weather messages will be posted on the website as well as via Parentpay texting service.** When accessing the website we advise that you use Google Chrome and not Internet Explorer, as the site will be viewed best this way.

### **Mobile Phones – Safeguarding**

Due to the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education Act' no multi-media devices including smart watches should be brought into school. If your child walks home alone and needs to bring a phone in order to communicate with their parents please ensure that you have given your written consent for them to bring their phone to school. Pupils bringing their phones must hand their phone to the member of staff on gate duty on a morning who will ensure that they are safely stored during the day. The class teacher will hand these back to the children at the end of the school day. **Thank you**

### **Parishes**

We wanted to let parents know that Father Seamus Doyle has sadly passed away and we ask that you keep his family and St Augustine's Parish in your prayers.

St Anne's Saturday 5.00 pm  
Holy Family Saturday 6.00 pm  
St Williams' Sunday 9.00 am  
St Augustine's Sunday 9.15 am  
St Teresa's Sunday 10.30 am  
St Thomas' Sunday 11.00 am  
St Augustine's Sunday 6.30 pm

### **Forward in Hope**

At this time we would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to help us on the journey so far.

#### **Finding out More**

For the latest information about Forward Together in Hope and for access to the range of resources, please visit [www.hope.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.hope.rcdhn.org.uk). To contact one of the Forward Together in Hope team (Jim O'Keefe, Nancy Gash, Amy Cameron and Tony Sacco) e-mail: [hope@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:hope@diocesehn.org.uk) phone: 0191 243 3304

### **Friends of St Bede's Valentine Disco**

A big thank you to the Friends of St Bede's for hosting the Valentine Disco. It was enjoyed by all. We will let you know the amount raised in due course.

### Dates for your diary

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| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January         |                      | Y6 Booster Classes (up until 3 <sup>rd</sup> April)  |
| Thursdays 12/01/17 – 06/04/17          | 3.15-4.15pm          | Homework after school club – Year 5/6  |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March         |                      | World Book Day   |
| <b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>     | <b>2.45 – 3.00pm</b> | <b>Class 5 Collective Worship – parents welcome</b>  |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March        |                      | Nursery Parent Meetings  |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March         |                      | School photos (individuals)<br>Nursery Parent Meetings   |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March         | 9.30am-1.00pm        | Swimming Gala (information to follow)  |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March         |                      | Dance Festival   |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March       | 3.30 – 5.50pm        | Parents Evening  |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March        | 3.30 – 5.50pm        | Parents Evening  |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April           | 10.00 – 2.30pm       | Primary Netball Competition (Polam Hall School)  |
| <b>Lenten Liturgies (10 mins)</b>      |                      | <b>Parents welcome to attend their child's class Lenten Liturgy<br/>Please be seated by 9.10am</b> |
| <b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>9.15am</b>        | <b>How we have been preparing for Lent Y1</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | <b>9.15am</b>        | <b>Palm Sunday Y1/2</b>  |
| <b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>    | <b>9.15am</b>        | <b>Washing of Feet Y2</b>  |
| <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>     | <b>9.15am</b>        | <b>Last Supper Y3</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>    | <b>9.15am</b>        | <b>Garden of Gethsemane Y4</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>  | <b>9.15am</b>        | <b>Crucifixion Y5</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>   | <b>9.15am</b>        | <b>Resurrection Y6</b>   |
| <b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>     | <b>2.00pm</b>        | <b>Easter Liturgy (parents welcome)<br/>School closes for Easter Holiday</b>                       |
| <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>    |                      | <b>Staff Training Day</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>   |                      | <b>School re-opens for teaching purposes</b>   |
| <b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>     | <b>9.15am</b>        | <b>New Life Reception Class &amp; Nursery</b>  |
|  |                      | <b>SUMMER TERM DATES TO FOLLOW</b>   |

## **ATTENDANCE**

**RED – Danger Zone – Below 90%**

**AMBER – At Risk Zone – 90%-94%**

**GREEN– Safety Zone – 95%-100%**

**Class attendance for week ended 17/02/17:**

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| <b>Class 1</b>   | <b>96.1%</b> |
| <b>Class 1/2</b> | <b>98.7%</b> |
| <b>Class 2</b>   | <b>97.8%</b> |
| <b>Class 3</b>   | <b>96.2%</b> |
| <b>Class 4</b>   | <b>98.8%</b> |
| <b>Class 5</b>   | <b>98.8%</b> |
| <b>Class 6</b>   | <b>97.8%</b> |

**The winners of the Attendance Cup trophy:**

**Week ended 3<sup>rd</sup> February: Y3**

**Week ended 10<sup>th</sup> February: Y1/2**

**Week ended 17<sup>th</sup> February: Y4 and Y5**

**WELL DONE!!**

**Our whole school attendance for week prior to half-term was: 97.7%**

**OFSTED requires whole school attendance to be 97% or above, this is our target. We are currently in the SAFETY ZONE**

**Children must be in school unless there is a very good reason, and medical appointments should be outside of school time unless in exceptional circumstances.**

**School starts at 8.55am and we would ask that children are punctual as it is often upsetting for them to come into school later than their friends.**

**All absences must be reported to the office. School requires parents to telephone on a daily basis before 9.30am to inform us of any absences. If we have not heard by that time we will contact you for information.**