



ST BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8th February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Lent

As we prepare for the season of Lent, we are reminded of our faith in the death and resurrection of our saviour, Jesus Christ. As in previous years, we will be embracing the idea of giving more during Lent and this year St Bede's will be organising an exciting new school event. When we return after the February half term, we will be organising a Lent Craft Market. Each class will receive £10- the idea being that the teacher and class will come up with something to make and sell at the Lent Craft Market to help raise money for CAFOD.

Our children will also be thinking about the Lenten idea of promises and giving up something for 40 days, just as Jesus did in the desert to show his dedication to God. These promises will be their focus for the forty days of Lent and will be a reminder that Lent is a time to change the things in our lives which separate us from Jesus. Some of us will choose to give-up something like sweets or TV, remembering each time we deny ourselves of the huge sacrifice that Jesus made for our sins. Others may choose to add something to their daily lives that will bring them closer to Jesus, like extra time given over to prayer or volunteering extra time in the community.

Every child will also be given a Lenten booklet to take home and complete. It is our hope that by all of us taking time from our busy schedules to develop our relationship with God, we can use the Lenten season to develop a greater appreciation of the life that God is calling each of us to lead.

Prayer for Lent

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. You have made the sun to light the day and the moon and stars to light the night. Help us walk in your light. During this season of Lent, renew us through the gift of your Holy Spirit. Help us grow in faith, hope, and love. During this special time, we remember that Jesus died and rose from the dead, so that we might be free to love. Help us grow to be the people you call us to be - letting go of old habits of selfishness, - forgiving those who have hurt us, - giving quality time to our families, - spending time in quiet prayer. Amen

Lenten Liturgies (20th March – 29th March)



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.

We will also be holding a whole school liturgy at 2.00pm on Wednesday 28th March to which parents are welcome.

Mrs Millward

Mrs Millward will begin her maternity leave week commencing 25th February and we wish her lots of luck and happiness with her new baby. Miss Hammerton will be taking over the SENCo role from this time.



Early Years Storytelling Cafés

Early Years Storytelling Cafés were a resounding success last week! Thank you to the parents who attended and shared their favourite stories with the children.

Diocesan Youth Friday Mass (St Mary's Cathedral Newcastle) - 7th February

St Bede's were represented at the Youth Friday Mass at St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle by the Head Boy, Noah Graves and the Head Girl, Niamh Rochester, accompanied by Mrs Salmond.

Good to be Green Reward Shop

The reward shop was open today Friday 9th February for children who have acquired enough points.

Friends of St Bede's

The Valentine Disco was a resounding success! We will share the amount raised as soon as this is available. You will have received a Friends Newsletter – please note the Bingo Night on Thursday 26th April! We will be having two 'Own Clothes Days' on Thursday 29th March and April 20th April to collect donations for raffle prizes for this event (please see Friends' newsletter).

World Book Day – Thursday 1st March 2018

We would like the children to come into school dressed as their favourite book character and bring their book with them to share with their class. We would like to ask for a small donation of 50p, payable on Parentpay, for school funds. Please can we request no football strips. Thank you

Science Fair Week – 9th – 18th March

The Science Fair will take place during National Science Week commencing on 9th – 18th March and we hope that the children will be excited about this event. For the Science Fair, we would like children to research an area of 'Everyday Science'; one which they are excited about and present their findings in a project. Children can bring in Fair displays on Monday 12th March and these will be displayed in the classrooms. Children will be able to go around other classrooms to view each other's projects. The winning three will be displayed in the hall for parents' evenings. There will be three prizes for the projects – prizes to be confirmed. **Good luck!**

Red Nose Day – 23rd March 2018

We will not be raising monies in school on red Nose Day, however, children will be able to wear red noses if they wish.

Sports Events

Teams from school took part in Mini-Tennis and Table Tennis Festivals this week and were very successful. Well done!

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance for 5th September 2017 – 2nd February 2018: 95.64%

This is very disappointing. We cannot become an outstanding school with such low attendance. OFSTED requires whole school attendance to be 97% or above, this is our target. We are currently in the **AT RISK 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.

Dates for your diary 2018

Wednesday 7 th February	10.00 – 2.00pm 1.30 – 2.30pm	Table Tennis Festival Y5/6 Youth Friday Mass St Mary's Cathedral Newcastle
Thursday 8 th February	pm	Friends of the School Valentine's Disco
Friday 9 th February	AM	Good to be Green Reward Shop Bikeability Learn to Ride (various year groups) School closes for Half-Term holiday
Friday 9 th February	6.00pm	Primary Eurovision Contest, Dolphin Centre
Wednesday 21 st February	10.00 – 2.30pm	Y5/6 Girls Football (Eastbourne Sports Complex) TBC
Thursday 23 rd February	10.00 – 2.30pm	Y5/6 Boys Football (Eastbourne Sports Complex) TBC
Monday 19th February		School re-opens for teaching purposes
Thursday 22 nd February		Y5/6 Girls Football Y5 YMT Retreat Parents Meeting
Friday 23 rd February	AM	Bikeability Learn to Ride (various year groups)
Thursday 1 st March		World Book Day Dress up as your favourite book character
Friday 2 nd March	AM	Bikeability Learn to Ride (various year groups)
Tuesday 6 th March	9.30 – 12.30pm	Swimming Gala
Thursday 8 th March	AM	School photos (individuals)
Friday 9 th – 18 th March		Science Week Science Fair (information letter sent out) Science Project deadline
Friday 16 th March		Lenten Market
Tuesday 20 th March	3.30 – 5.50pm	Y1 – Y6 Parents Evening
Wednesday 21 st March	PM 3.30 – 5.50pm	Tees Valley Cross Country Y1 – Y6 Parents Evening
Thursday 22 nd March/Friday 23 rd March		Y5 Residential Trip to Youth Village
Friday 23 rd March		Red Nose Day
Lenten Liturgies (10 mins)		Parents welcome to attend their child's class Lenten Liturgy Please be seated by 9.10am
Tuesday 20 th March	9.15am	How we have been preparing for Lent Y1
Wednesday 21 st March	9.15am	Palm Sunday Y1/2
Thursday 22 nd March	9.15am	Washing of Feet Y2
Friday 23 rd March	9.15am	Last Supper Y3N/Y3R
Monday 26 th March	9.15am	Garden of Gethsemane Y4
Tuesday 27 th March	9.15am	Crucifixion Y5
Wednesday 28 th March	9.15am	Resurrection Y6
Wednesday 28 th March	2.00pm	Mass in school – all welcome
Thursday 29th March		Maundy Thursday Dress Down Day donations of bottles/chocolate/sweets or £1 School closes for Easter holiday
Monday 16th April		School re-opens for teaching purposes
Friday 20th April		Dress Down Day donations of bottles/chocolate/sweets or £1
Thursday 26th April	6.00pm – 8.00pm	Bingo Night/Pie & Peas £5.00 adult/£3 child (Friends Newsletter sent out)

