



ST BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

4th May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Nursery

From September 2017 the school nursery will be offering 30 free hours for those families who meet the eligibility criteria. If you think you may be eligible please contact school for further details.

Reception Class September 2017

There are still some places available at St Bede's for September 2017 in Reception Class – please contact Mrs Alderson on 01325 466411 for information.

Y6 Assessment Week – Breakfast Club

Just a reminder for Y6 parents that breakfast will be available for Y6 children during their assessment week (8th – 12th May) from 8.00am each day.

Fundraising during Lent

The fundraising activities that the children took part in over the course of Lent, raised an amazing £879.86 for the Good Shepherd Appeal and a very large number of food items were donated to the food bank. Well done to all who took part and thank you for all your support and generosity. The sum raised will be presented by representatives from St Bede's at the Good Shepherd Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 16th May.

Sporting Success

Well done to St Bede's footballers who played really well in the Lee Stephenson Cup finals at Rockliffe Park. They had a fantastic time taking part in a training session with a professional coach and meeting famous footballers before coming 3rd overall in the competition. Well done to the team, they were fantastic ambassadors for the school!

You will notice that we now have new football goal posts. A big THANK YOU to a generous parent for his donation and the Friends of St Bede's for their help.



Drop Off Drop In

Please note that there will be no Drop Off, Drop in session on Friday 12th May due to Y6 Assessment Week. This will resume on Friday 19th May.

Refurbishment of Y4 and Y5 Toilets

The refurbishment of the Year 4 and Year 5 toilets is now complete and they are looking great.

Newsletter by email

We recently sent out letters informing parents that we intend to send out the newsletter by email in future. Please ensure that you provide your email address by Friday 12th May as our next newsletter will be sent out via email.



School Website

Please take some time to visit our website at www.stbedesrc.co.uk as there are lots of information and photos for you to enjoy. When accessing the website we advise that you use Google Chrome and not Internet Explorer, as the site will be viewed best this way.

Twitter

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

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**

Friends of St Bede's

The Friends of St Bede's will be organising a Football Tournament on Sunday 11th June 2017 (please see attached newsletter).

5th May 2017 - Friends of St Bede's 'Wear your own clothes to school day'. Please can children bring in any type of bottle for the Friends Football Tournament?

26th May 2017 - Friends of St Bede's 'Wear sports clothes to school day'. The Friends of St Bede's would like children to donate following item according to their year group for the Football Tournament:



Nursery and Reception – Sweets (Haribo, chews, lollies etc)
Year 1 and Year ½ - Colouring books, pens, pencils and stationery
Year 2 and Year ½ - Pocket money toys, crafts or books
Year 3 - Sports/outdoor toys (bubbles, balls, yo-yos etc)
Year 4 – Biscuits
Year 5 – Toiletries
Year 6 - Chocolates

These are optional suggestions and helps to ensure that a good mix of items is received. All donations for the raffle, tombola and prizes are very gratefully received from all year groups.

Dates for your diary

Some of these dates for your diary are for future information. Closer to the event time we will send out further information as and when we receive it.

Wednesday 3rd May	3.30-6pm	Parents evening for Year 1/2 and Year 2
Thursday 4th May	9.15am 3.30-6pm	New Life Liturgy Nursery and Reception. Parents evening for Year 1/2 and Year 2
Friday 5th May		Own clothes day – Friends of St Bede's
Monday 8th-Friday 12th May		Assessment Week for Year 6
During May		KS1 Assessments
Friday 12th May	9.15am	New Life Liturgy Y1/2 and Y2
Tuesday 16th May	9.15-2.45pm	Table Top and Target Games Event
Wednesday 17th May		Year 3 /4 Quadkids Athletics Competition
Thursday 18th May		Y2 Quadkids Start Athletics Competition
Friday 19th May	All day	Y3 and Y4 More than Dance (Performance for Parents date/time TBC)
Monday 22nd May	9.30-2.30pm	Y6 Mixed Cricket Competition

Wednesday 24th May	All Day 3.15pm 4.30pm	Reception Classes Trip – Raby Castle Football Match Home to Springfield Reception New Starters 2017 - Parents Meeting
Thursday 25th May	1.45pm	Feast Day of St Bede Mass – parents welcome
Friday 26th May	2pm	Y6 Girls Cricket Wear sports clothes day Good to be Green shop open Ice cream at School School closes for Summer Half Term
Sunday 28th May	9.00am	First Holy Communion at St Williams
Monday 5th June		School Reopens for teaching purposes
Monday 5th June		Table Tennis After School Club (Y5/Y6)
Wednesday 7th June		KS1 Trip to Seven Stories, Newcastle Darlington Primary Athletics Competition Eastbourne Sports Complex
Thursday 8th June	PM	Y5 Bikeability (5 weeks)
Saturday 10th June	10.30am	First Holy Communion St Thomas Aquinas
Sunday 11th June	12.00 – 3.00pm	Friends of St Bede’s Football Tournament and Summer Fair
Tuesday 13 th June	12.00 noon	Sports Day and Family Picnic (if rained off it will be Monday 19th June)
Thursday 15 th June	9.45 - 1.30pm	Boys Cup Football Eastbourne Sports Complex
Thursday 15 th June	AM 5.30pm	Teams, Leavers and Nursery Photos St Bede’s Has Got Talent Show
Saturday 17 th June	10.30am	First Holy Communion St Anne’s
Tuesday 20 th June	All day	Y4 Trip to Low Barns Nature Reserve
Wednesday 21 st June		Internet Safety Year 6 (5 children) Durham Cricket Club
Thursday 22 nd June	All day 9.30 - 2.30pm Evening TBC	Y6 to Youth Ministry Trust Primary Festival Primary Maths Challenge Longfield Carmel Festival of Choirs at Carmel College
Monday 26 th June	10.00 -2.30pm	Y5 Mixed Cricket competition
Tuesday 27 th June	10.00 -2.30pm	Y5 Mixed Cricket competition
Tuesday 27 th June	All day	Y6 More Than Dance
Wednesday 28 th June	All day	Y3 Trip to Durham Botanical Gardens
Thursday 29 th June		Transition Day 1
Friday 30 th June		Transition Day 2
July TBC	TBC	Y3/4 Carmel Skipping Festival
Sunday 2 nd July – Wed 5 th July		Y6 Kingswood Residential Visit
Wednesday 12 th May	1.30pm	Y6 Show afternoon
Thursday 13 th May	6.00pm	Y6 Show evening
Friday 14 th July		Good to be Green Reward Day
Monday 17 th July	All day	Y6 Bike Ride
Wednesday 19 th	6.00pm	Leavers Presentation Evening
Thursday 20 th July	TBC	End of Year Mass – TBC
Thursday 20th July		School Closes for Summer Holiday
Tuesday 5th September		School reopens for teaching purposes

PLEASE NOTE THAT Y5 TRIP IS TO BE CONFIRMED

ATTENDANCE

RED – Danger Zone – Below 90%

AMBER – At Risk Zone – 90%-94%

GREEN – Safety Zone – 95%-100%

Class attendance for week ended 31/3/2017:

Class 1	97.7%
Class 1/2	95.0%
Class 2	97.3%
Class 3	99.3%
Class 4	97.4%
Class 5	100%
Class 6	99.6%

Class attendance for week ended 7/4/2017:

Class 1	96.9%
Class 1/2	95.2%
Class 2	97.2%
Class 3	98.8%
Class 4	96.0%
Class 5	96.0%
Class 6	96.3%

Class attendance for week ended 28/4/17:

Class 1	99.6%
Class 1/2	96.6%
Class 2	100 %
Class 3	98.9%
Class 4	98.8%
Class 5	100%
Class 6	99.2%

The winners of the Attendance Cup trophy:

31/3/2017 Year 5, 7/4/2017 Year 3 and 28/4/2017 Year 2 and Year 5

WELL DONE!

Our whole school attendance is currently 96.9%

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.