



# ST BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

## Fundraising during Lent Update

During Lent we have been taking part in activities to raise money for the Good Shepherd Appeal and for donations of food items for the food bank. We have had a tremendous response. The pyjama day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March raised £221, the cake sale raised £161.89 and the Easter egg hunt raised £125.31 for the Good Shepherd Appeal. The crazy hair and wear green for St Patrick's Day generated a very large number of food items that were taken to the food bank. Thank you for your continued support and overwhelming generosity.

Upcoming fundraising activities:

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Easter egg raffle** – for a donation of £1 your child's name will be entered into the raffle. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April.



**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Easter egg/Easter garden decorating competition.** As we approach Holy Week the children are invited to take part in making an Easter garden or decorating an egg. £1 donation to enter and a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for each class will be given.

## Sporting Success

Well done to St Bede's footballers who played really well in the Lee Stephenson Cup last week. They are through to the finals this week and we wish them all the very best of luck

## Darlington Dance Festival

Well done to the Y4 dancers who put on an amazing performance at the Darlington Dance Festival at the Dolphin Centre. They have worked very hard with Mrs Harbin on their Russian dance moves and looked stunning in the fantastic costumes kindly made by Mrs Merritt. Thank you to everybody involved to make the performance such a great success.

## Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor. We can offer a competitive salary for the post which would be for 1.25 hours per day/6.25 hours per week with hours being from 11.45am - 1pm. If you are interested please contact the school office for an application form and further information by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May.



## Knitting Nanas

We will be starting a Knitting Nanas group after the Easter holidays. Our lovely Nanas have kindly offered to work with small groups of children from Y5 on Friday afternoons.

## School Library

All school library books must be returned as soon as possible as we are busy setting up the new accelerated reader system.

## Running Track.

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?



### **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

### **Refurbishment of Y4 and Y5 Toilets**

The refurbishment of the Year 4 and Year 5 toilets will be completed during the Easter holidays.

### **School Mass**

Mass will be taking place in school at 2pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Parents are welcome to join us in celebrating The Last Supper.

### **Newsletter by email**

We recently sent out letters informing parents that we intend to send out the newsletter by email in future. Please could you ensure that you complete the slip on the letter with details of the email address you wish the newsletter to be sent?

### **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. 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 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Please keep checking the newsletter for more information.

The Friends of St Bede's will be organising wear your own clothes to school day on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and a wear sports clothes to school day on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Friends of the School newsletter to follow.

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April		Easter egg raffle £1 donation to Good Shepherd Appeal to enter.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April		Easter egg / Easter garden decoration competition £1 donation to Good Shepherd Appeal to enter.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am	Resurrection Liturgy Y6.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	2.00pm	School Mass Celebrating The Last Supper (parents welcome) School closes for Easter Holiday.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April		Staff Training Day.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April		School re-opens for teaching purposes.
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30pm	Y2 KS1 Assessments Meeting followed by
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	3.45 pm	Y1 KS1 Phonics Assessment Meeting.
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30pm	Year 6 KS2 Assessments Meeting.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	3.30-6pm	Parents evening for Year 1/2 and Year 2.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	3.30-6pm	Parents evening for Year 1/2 and Year 2.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	New Life Reception Class & Nursery
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May		Wear your own clothes to school day. Donation of items for the football tournament. (Friends of St Bede's).
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15-2.45pm	Table Top and Target Games for All.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May		KS2 Assessments Week.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2016		Wear sports Clothes to school day. Donation of items for the Football tournament (Friends of St Bede's).
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	TBC	Football tournament (Friends of St Bede's).

## ATTENDANCE

**RED – Danger Zone – Below 90%**

**AMBER – At Risk Zone – 90%-94%**

**GREEN – Safety Zone – 95%-100%**

**Class attendance for week ended 17/03/17:**

<b>Class 1</b>	<b>97.6%</b>
<b>Class 1/2</b>	<b>93.8%</b>
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>93.1%</b>
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>95.8%</b>
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>99.0%</b>
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>94.3%</b>
<b>Class 6</b>	<b>97.3%%</b>

**Class attendance for week ended 24/03/17:    Class attendance for week ended 31/03/17:**

<b>Class 1</b>	<b>87.0%</b>
<b>Class 1/2</b>	<b>84.7%</b>
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>86.2%</b>
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>88.2%</b>
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>88.9%</b>
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<b>Class 6</b>	<b>87.1%%</b>

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

**w/e 17<sup>th</sup> March: Y4,**

**w/e 24<sup>th</sup> March Y4**

**w/e 31<sup>st</sup> March Y5**

**WELL DONE**

**Our whole school attendance is currently 97.2%**

**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.**