



ST BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12th Sept 2017

I'd like to take this opportunity to say what a delightful beginning to the new term we have had here at St Bede's. Our whole team of staff are very pleased at how quickly children have settled into their new classes and routines and are looking forward to a very busy term.

I would like to ask all parents to read through the notices on our newsletters to ensure important information about events and school activities are not missed. Please check your child's bag each night.

Mrs King

Headteacher

St Bede's 30th Anniversary

This term we will be commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the opening of St Bede's R C Primary School on 21st October 1987. We are delighted to welcome Bishop Séamus Cunningham into school to celebrate our 30th Anniversary School Mass on Thursday 19th October at 2pm, parents are welcome to attend. Also, we will be having a whole school photo to mark the occasion on Friday 13th October.



Goodbye Mrs Murphy

We say a sad farewell to a loved and treasured member of staff, Mrs Murphy, as she retires at the end of this week. Mrs Murphy has been a vital member of our school team, having a thirty three years connection with St Bede's School as a parent, member of staff, Friend of the School and school governor. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

Annual indemnity forms 2017-18

If you haven't already done so please complete and return the set of annual indemnity forms your child has brought home, as soon as possible. It is vital we have up to date emergency and medical information for each child. The forms are a combination of single and double sided, please ensure **ALL sections** are completed. If you have siblings in school we **MUST have one form per child**.

A gentle reminder of our school uniform policy. Long hair must be tied up (big hair bows are not allowed). Haircuts must be suitable for school (no shavings), no ear rings, jewellery or nail varnish. Black sensible school shoes must be worn, trainers are not suitable footwear and cannot be worn in school or be brought in for break times. School bags are to be the school book bags only (our cloakrooms are not able to accommodate backpacks). Please ensure that all school uniform and PE has your child's name in it.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

We are holding a MacMillan Coffee Afternoon on **Thursday 28th September from 3.15pm** organised by Year 6 children. Letters will be sent out with further details.



Class Photographs

Class photos will be taken on 26th September 2017



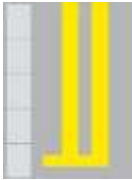
Is your child starting school in September 2018?

Children born between 1st September 2013 and 31 August 2014 are eligible to start school in Reception in September 2018. You can start applying for your child's place from Monday 11th Sept through the local authority. The brochure is online and Information is available from the Darlington Borough Council

<http://www.darlington.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-years/admissions/starting-primary-education/>

If you have no internet access please contact the admissions department on Tel: 406333 and one will be posted out to you. Deadlines for Reception applications is 15th January 2018.

We are holding an Open Afternoon Monday 9th October from 1.30pm-2.30pm. An advisor from Darlington Borough Council Admissions Department will be available to discuss the application process. We would urge you to attend if your child is due to start school in September 2018 to ensure advice regarding the current procedure is given. Please pass this information on to anyone who has children ready to start school September 2018.



Parking around school

Please can we appeal to parents to be very mindful when parking around school? We have received information of various upsetting incidents. It is vital for the safety of our children cars are not parked over the yellow lines or on the corners. Please also be mindful of the local residents who require access to their property.

Morning break snacks and Water bottles

Children in Years 3 - 6 can bring in one piece of fruit as a morning break time snack. Chocolate, crisps, nuts and other sweet snacks are not permitted. All children can bring in their own water bottle for use in class, but it must only be filled with water.



Catering Assistant Vacancy

Grade 2, 22.5 hours per week.

North Tyneside Council are currently recruiting a catering assistant for St Bede's R C Primary School, Darlington. Some cooking skills would be an advantage, however, full training will be given to the successful candidate. To apply, please contact the catering admin team on 0191 643 8355.



Accelerated Reader

As part of our accelerated reading programme, the children in KS2 have been reading longer books and the word count have been registered once the children have completed a quiz about the book. Our class readers of the week:

Y3N – Aimee Wilson with 29,999 words read; **Y3R - Kaitlyn Weston** with 13,508 words read; **Y4 – Jay Thurston** with 231,713 word read; **Y5 - Joe Pearson** with 177,000 words read and **Y6 - Hassan Mughal** with 171, 131.

Well done to all our super readers!

Dates for Your Diary 2017-18

Parents are invited to your child's class liturgy. Further information will follow regarding events closer to the time.

Wed 13 th Sept	2.30pm-3pm	Class 1 and class 1 / 2 - Meet the Teacher
Thurs 14 th Sept	2.30pm-3pm	Class 2 - Meet the Teacher
Mon 18 th Sept	2.30pm-3pm	Class 5 - Meet the Teacher
Wed 20 th Sept	2.30pm-3pm	Class 4 - Meet the Teacher
Thurs 21 st Sept	2.30pm-3pm	Class 6 - Meet the Teacher
Fri 22 nd Sept	2pm	Welcome mass – parents welcome
Tues 26 th Sept	AM	Class photos Nursery meet the teacher
Wed 27 th Sept	2.30pm-3pm 3.15pm	Class 3N - Meet the Teacher Nursery meet the teacher Kingswood Meeting - Y6 parents
Thurs 28 th Sept	2.30pm-3pm 3.15pm	Class 3R Meet the Teacher MacMillan Coffee Afternoon
Fri 29 th Sept	2.30pm	Class 4 liturgy – Class 4 parents welcome
Mon 2 nd Oct	2.30pm-3pm	Reception M- Meet the Teacher
Tues 3 rd Oct	2.30pm-3pm 2.30pm	Reception R - Meet the Teacher Class 3N and 3R liturgy – Class 3 parents welcome
Thurs 5 th Oct	2.30pm	Class 5 liturgy – Class 5 parents welcome
Fri 6 th Oct		Harvest Fast Day
Mon 9 th Oct	1.30pm	Open Afternoon – Primary Admissions 2018
Tues 10 th Oct	2.30pm	Reception classes and Y6 Class joint liturgy - Reception and Class 6 parents welcome
Wed 11 th Oct	2.30pm	Class 2 liturgy – Class 2 parents welcome
Thurs 12 th Oct	2.30pm	Class 1/2 liturgy - Class 1 / 2 parents welcome
Fri 13 th Oct	2.30pm	Whole School 30 th Anniversary Photo Bags 2 School Collection Class 1 liturgy – Class 1 parents welcome
Thurs 19 th Oct	2pm	30 th Anniversary School Mass celebrated by Bishop Cunningham School Closes for Half term holiday
Fri 20 th Oct		Staff Training Day
Fri 20 th – Fri 27 th Oct		Half Term Holiday
Mon 30 th Oct		School reopens for teaching purposes
Fri 17 th Nov		Children in Need (more information to follow)
Tues 28 th Nov		Parents Evening 3pm-6pm (appointments available to book from Tuesday 21 st November)
Thurs 30 th Nov		Parents Evening 3pm-6pm (appointments available to book from Tuesday 21 st November)
Tues 5 th Dec	9.30am 2pm	Early Years Christmas Performance Classes 3R, 3N and 4 Christmas Performance
Wed 6 th Dec	9.30am 2pm	Classes 3R and 3N and 4 Christmas Performance Early Years Christmas Performance
Thurs 7 th Dec		Influenza vaccinations- Class1, Class 1 / 2, Class 2 and Classes 3N and 3R
Tues 12 th Dec	9.30am 2pm	Classes 5 and 6 Christmas Performance Class 1 Class 1 / 2 and Class 2 Christmas Performance
Wed 13 th Dec	9.30 2pm	Class 1 Class 1 / 2 and Class 2 Christmas Performance Class 5 and 6 Christmas Performance
Thurs 14 th Dec		Christmas Jumper day Christmas Dinner
Fri 15 th Dec	PM	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party
Tues 19 th Dec	PM	Class 1, class 1 / 2 and class 2 Christmas Party
Wed 20 th Dec	PM	Classes 3N, 3R and Class 4 Christmas Party
Thurs 21 st Dec	PM	Class 5 and 6 Christmas Party
Fri 22 nd Dec	2pm	Advent Mass School Closes for Christmas Holiday
Mon 8 th Jan 2018		School Reopens for teaching purposes

