



ST BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

17th Oct 2017

St Bede's 30th Anniversary

This week we are commemorating the 30th Anniversary of St Bede's R C Primary School from 21st October 1987 – 2017. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Séamus Cunningham and Father David Russell on Thursday 19th October at 2pm. Parents and special guests are invited to attend.

On Friday 13th October we had a whole school photo taken to commemorate the school's 30th Anniversary and copies will be available to purchase shortly.

Fundraising in school

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you for all the kind donations of cakes and biscuits for our school coffee afternoon on Thursday 28th September. Great fun was had eating yummy treats and we raised a fantastic £438.16 for MacMillan, a truly worth cause.



Harvest Fast Day

Following a 'brighten the world' assembly by Margaret Hodgson from CAFOD the sum of £205.65 was raised by the children on their 'brighter the better' non-uniform day. We also received a large number of donations of basic food items, which have been donated to Kings Church Foodbank (photos on website). Thank you for your continued generosity.



We would like to say 'good-bye' and thank you to Mrs Dubbeldam who is leaving St Bede's school office at the end of this week to take up a post in a school nearer to her home.

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant. 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-1:00pm each day, to start as soon as possible. If you are interested, please contact the school office for an application form and further information.

Open Afternoon for Primary Admission for September 2018

On Wednesday 15th November we will be holding an open evening at 5.00pm. 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.

Sports news

Y6 had a fantastic time at the Primary Tag Rugby Competition at Mowden Park RFC on 9th October. They showed great determination and were great ambassadors for St Bede's. Well done to all who took part.

Good luck to all of our runners who will be representing St Bede's in the Darlington Primary Schools Cross Country competition on Thursday 19th October.



Places are still available for in Years 4, 5 and 6 Football Training, which will be taking place on Thursdays starting on Thursday 2nd November. Should your child wish to take part, please contact the school office for a consent letter.

Friends of St Bede's

Hallowe'en Disco

Tickets are still available for the Friends of St Bede's Hallowe'en Disco on Wednesday 1st November at £2 each payable on Parentpay. Nursery and Reception disco is from 2-3pm; Year 1 and 2 from 3.15 – 4.15pm and Years 3 to 6 from 4.30-5.45pm



Autumn Half Term

School closes for Autumn half term holiday at the end of the school day on Thursday 19th October and reopens for teaching purposes on Monday 30th October. Please note that Friday 20th October is a Staff Training Day.

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.

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
Wed 1 st Nov		Friends of St Bede's Halloween Disco
Fri 10 th Nov		Friends of St Bede's Dress Down Friday Donation of items for Christmas Fayre
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)
Fri 1 st Dec		Friends of St Bede's Dress Down Friday Donations of bottles for Christmas Fayre
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
Sat 9 th Dec		Christmas Fayre
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

ATTENDANCE

Class attendance 5th Sept – 17th Oct 2017:

RED – Danger Zone – Below 90%

AMBER – At Risk Zone – 90%-94%

GREEN– Safety Zone – 95%-100%

Class 1	97.2 %
Class 1/2	96.0 %
Class 2	96.1 %
Class 3N	96.8 %
Class 3R	96.6%
Class 4	97.7 %
Class 5	96.8%
Class 6	97.2 %

Our whole school attendance for 5th Sept – 17th Oct 2017: 96.8 %

OFSTED requires whole school attendance to be 97% or above, this is our target.

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.