



ST BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

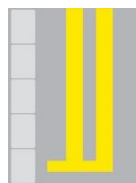
19th Sept 2016

Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the schools Governing Body. Our Board would welcome as many expressions of interest as possible, preferably by 30 September to enable them to be considered at the Board's meeting in early October. Ideally candidates will have skills such as understanding financial accounts and analysing and using data, or be willing to undertake training to acquire them. Being a Governor is very rewarding and support will be provided but it does require commitment, time and an ability to work as part of a team. If you are interested in this position please call into the school office and see Mrs Alderson.

Welcome Mass

There will be a Welcome Mass on Friday 23rd September in the school hall at 10.45am for children in Reception Class through to Year 6. (Not Nursery children) All parents are welcome to attend.



Parking around school

Please can we appeal to parents to be very mindful when parking around School. We have had information of an upsetting incident last week. 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.

A reminder of our school uniform policy. Long hair must be tied up and haircuts that are suitable for school (no shavings), no ear rings, jewellery or nail varnish. 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 ONLY to be the school book bags (our cloakrooms are not able to accommodate backpacks).



Football boots are NOT to be brought into school. Footballs are provided by school and are suitable for all children. Thank you for your cooperation.

Afternoon snacks for children in Years 3 - 6 that are brought in from home MUST be fruit based. Chocolate, crisps, nuts and other sweet snacks are not permitted. Children can bring in their own water bottle for use in class, but must only be filled with water.



Is your child starting school in September 2017?



Children born between 1st September 2012 and 31 August 2013 are eligible to start school in Reception in September 2017. You can start applying for your child's place from Monday 12th 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 are 17th January 2017.

We are holding an Open Day on Wednesday 19th 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 Sept to ensure advice regarding the current procedure is given. Please pass this information on to anyone who has children ready to start school September 2017.

Friends of St Bede's



Thank you to the Friends of St Bede's who have purchased play equipment and storage to be used outside. You may have seen our new adventure trail, sand pit and picnic benches. Hopefully your child will have had the opportunity to use it already.

The FOS will be sending out a newsletter shortly with details of upcoming fundraising events this term. Thank you all for your continued support.

Dates for Your Diary 2016-17

Parents are invited to your child's class liturgy.

Further information will follow regarding events closer to the time.

20 th Sept	2.30-3pm	Year 1/2 Meet the Teacher
	2.30-3pm	Year 2 Meet the Teacher
22 nd Sept	2.30-3pm	Class 3 Meet the Teacher
23 rd Sept	10.45am	Welcome Mass (Parent's welcome for Years R-6)
	2.30-3pm	Class 5 Meet the Teacher
26 th Sept	2.30pm-3pm	Class 4 Meet the Teacher
27 th Sept		Class photographs
	2.30-3pm	Class 6 Meet the Teacher
28 th Sept	2.30-3pm	Rec A Meet the Teacher - Hedgehogs
29 th Sept	2.30-3pm	Rec B Meet the Teacher - Owls
30 th Sept	AM	MacMillan Coffee Morning
5 th Oct	All day	Nursery AM Meet the Teacher
6 th Oct	All day	Nursery PM Meet the Teacher
11 th Oct	2.45pm	Reception Classes and Year 6 – Class Liturgy
13 th Oct	2.45pm	Class 1 Liturgy
18 th Oct	2.45pm	Class 1/2 Liturgy
19 th Oct	1.30-2.30pm	Reception Open Afternoon – for Sept 2017 new starters
20 th Oct	2.45pm	Class 2 Liturgy
21 st Oct	2.45pm	Class 3 Liturgy
21 st Oct		Half term

31 st Oct		Return to school
3 rd Nov	2.45pm	Class 4 Liturgy
4 th Nov	2.45pm	Class 5 Liturgy
30 th Nov	3-6pm	Parent's Evening
1 st Dec	3-6pm	Parent's Evening
5 th Dec		Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Lunch
6 th Dec	9.30am	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance
	2pm	Class 3/4 Christmas Performance
7 th Dec	9.30am	Class 3/4 Christmas Performance
	2pm	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance
8 th Dec	9.30am	EYFS Christmas Performance
	2pm	Class 5/6 Christmas Performance
9 th Dec	9.30am	Class 5/6 Christmas Performance
	1.30pm	EYFS Christmas Performance
12 th Dec	PM	Key Stage 1 Christmas Party
13 th Dec	PM	Class 3/4 Christmas Party
14 th Dec	PM	All EYFS Christmas Party
15 th Dec	PM	Class 5/6 Christmas Party
16 th Dec	10.45am	Christmas Mass

Parish News

St Thomas' Church will be holding an introductory talk relating to First Holy Communion on Thursday 22nd September at 6.30pm-7pm

St Anne's Church begin their preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in October. If you would like to join the programme there will be a meeting on Wednesday 28th September at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. Your child needs to have been baptised in the Catholic Church or other Church.

As part of our drive to be an outstanding school, OFSTED requires whole school attendance to be 97% or above. Therefore our attendance target for the year is 97%.

Our Whole school attendance for last week was:



95.7 % attendance!



Red - Danger Zone - Below 90%

Amber - At Risk Zone - 90%-94%

Green - Safety Zone - 95%-100%

The winners of the Attendance Cup trophy last week were:

RECEPTION A Mrs Salmond

and

CLASS 4 Miss Nicholson

WELL DONE!

Class attendance for last week was:

RECEPTION A	98.9 %	RECEPTION B	95.1 %
Class 1	95.7 %	Class 1/2	95.2 %
Class 2	97.0 %	Class 3	93.8 %
Class 4	98.9 %	Class 5	97.5 %
Class 6	95.3 %		

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.

If your child is absent due to illness, on their return to school please send in a letter confirming their absence and the reason. This information is required in our reports to the family support team.

If your child is absent for a medical appointment please bring the appointment letter to the office to be copied and returned to you before the appointment. Again, this information is required in our reports to the family support team.

As a reminder, holidays should be taken outside of term time, school cannot authorise holidays in line with government legislation.

It is really important that children attend school, as one missed day is 5 hours of lost learning! Equally, being 10 minutes late each day is the same as only having 4 English lessons that week instead of 5.