



ST BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10th October 2016

Children's safety

We are aware of the incidents in the media recently in relation to pranksters dressing as clowns to deliberately scare people. Teachers have spoken to all children regarding this current craze and identified how to keep yourself safe. We would like to ask that parents also speak to your children about keeping themselves safe and being extra vigilant at the moment.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club at St Bede's provides many children with a healthy and nutritious start to the day and is vital for many families who need their children in school early because of work commitments. We want the Breakfast Club to continue but do not at present have enough staff. We are, therefore, seeking people who would be willing to help set up, prepare and serve breakfast each morning. 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 7.45am-9am. If you are interested please contact the school office for an application form and further information.



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

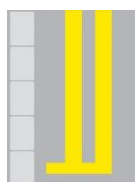
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[education/](http://www.darlington.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-years/admissions/starting-primary-education/) If you have no internet access please contact the admissions department on Tel: 406333 and one will be posted out to you. Deadlines 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.

Playground gates

On a morning when children are dropped off at the playground gates could we politely ask that once parents have dropped their child off into the playground, we can be mindful of the children still coming into school grounds for safe access. There was an instance this week where a child was unable to manoeuvre easily through the gates leading to some distress. We thank parents for their understanding.



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.

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).



Footballs and 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.





No dogs on school grounds

As a reminder dogs should not be brought onto school grounds either walking or carried please. If you bring your dog with you they must be tied up outside of school grounds away from the paths. Thankyou.



WRITING
competition

Writing competition – Calling all authors!

Mrs Mitchell is running a monthly competition to celebrate our St Bede’s authors. The competition is open to all children and we would like them to have a go at writing at home. The writing can take any form e.g: a poem, story, report,

diary entry etc. The children should bring into school before the end of each month then Mrs Mitchell will choose a piece of writing to be displayed in the library. The winning child will receive a certificate and prize. Good Luck!

Friends of St Bede’s Notice

The Friends of St Bede’s will be supporting two **non-uniform days on Friday 21st October & Friday 11th November.**

In preparation for the Christmas Fayre, we would like to ask for non-cash donations on these two non-uniform days.

On Friday 21st October, we are asking for donations of any type of Bottle! Alcohol, Juice, Toiletries, etc.

On 11th November we have suggested a theme for donations for each Class below but you can send any item you like, entirely voluntary of course 😊

Nursery & Reception: Christmas Colouring Books/Craft/Activity Sets

- Y1: Books (Preferably Christmas)
- Y2: Stationery
- Y3: Pocket Money Toys
- Y4: Pocket Money Toys
- Y5: Sweets
- Y6: Chocolate

All donations, of any kind, would be gratefully accepted!

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.

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

ATTENDANCE

Class attendance for this week:

RECEPTION A	95.2 %
RECEPTION B	99.6 %
Class 1	98.6 %
Class 1/2	100.0 %
Class 2	96.6 %
Class 3	100.0 %
Class 4	98.7 %
Class 5	97.0 %
Class 6	99.3 %

RED – Danger Zone – Below 90%

AMBER – At Risk Zone – 90%-94%

GREEN– Safety Zone – 95%-100%

The winners of the Attendance Cup trophy this week:

Class 1 / 2 Mrs Buchan and Class 3 Miss Nicholson

WELL DONE!

Our Whole school attendance for last week was: 98.2 %

This was a much better week – excellent!!

GREEN– Safety Zone – 95%-100%