



ST BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14th November 2016

There has been a lot of sickness in school at the moment. May we please reminder parents and carers, **school policy is children must not return to school after sickness or diarrhoea, until 48hours after their last illness.**

Can parents please also remind their children the importance of flushing toilets and washing their hands after each bathroom visit.

A number of water bottles are being left in school overnight, please remind your child to bring their water bottle home each day ready to return to school the next. Water bottles must have your child's name on.



School Christmas Lunch – 5th December

Letters will be coming home with your child to order a school Christmas lunch by Thursday 17th November please. Don't forget this is also Christmas jumper day!!

School bags

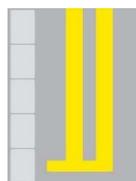
May we please remind parents that school bags **must only be the standard school PE bag and school book bag.** Our cloakrooms are very short on space and children are struggling to hang up other bags on their pegs and find space for them. We expect **ALL children** throughout school to use a burgundy school book bag. All other types of bags must not be brought into school due to this shortage of space.



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.



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.



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

Mrs Mitchell has enjoyed reading the entries into the monthly writing competition. Our winner for October was **Ceri Brown** with a thought provoking poem about making friends in the playground. Our winner for November was

Libby Woods with three poems using amazing rhyming words!

Entries can be brought in at any time and given to Mrs Mitchell. Remember the writing can take any form and each winner will receive as certificate and prize.

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.

23 rd Nov	10am-11am 2.30pm-4.15pm 4.30pm-6.15pm	Friends of St Bede's Film Day EYFS Christmas TV Shows Years 1,2 and 3
30 th Nov	3-6pm	Parent's Evening
1 st Dec	3-6pm	Parent's Evening
3 rd Dec	1-4pm	School Christmas Fayre
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
	7pm	Bishop Séamus visit to St Anne's Church 60 th Anniversary Celebrations
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

Friends of St Bede's – Christmas Movies

As a reminder please make payment for your child's class movie and notify us of any special requirements on ParentPay before 17th November. We know the children are very excited about movie day! Thankyou.

Parish News

St Thomas Aquinas - Help needed to deliver Christmas Cards

St Thomas Aquinas, together with the other churches in North Darlington, is delivering 7,500 Christmas Cards to houses in the area. The card has information of all the different Christmas Services. If you live in Harrowgate Hill / Harrowgate Farm / North Road would you be willing to push a card through letterboxes in your street or close by? Please ring: 463636 and leave a message stating 'card delivery' and your name, address and telephone number by Friday 18th November. Thank you very much!

St William and St Francis de Sales Christmas Fayre

Saturday 26th November 1pm. Free admission. Lots of stalls, books, bric a brac, cards, gifts, raffles, tombola, prize bingo and refreshments. Please come along and support us.

Salvation Army – Darlington Area Christmas Toy Appeal

The Salvation Army are once again running the Darlington Area Christmas Toy Appeal with the aim to provide every Darlington child a Christmas Day. For over 600 children in Darlington, they do not experience a 'Christmas' If you could donate brand new toys (unwrapped toys aged 0-16years) or money (in cheques made payable to 'The Salvation Army'). If you can help, all donations must be received by 30th November at The Salvation Army, Thompson Street East. Or visit the webpage www.darlingtonsalvationarmy.org.uk or email: darlingtonsalvationarmy@hotmail.co.uk Thankyou

ATTENDANCE

Class attendance for this week:

RECEPTION A	96.5 %
RECEPTION B	98.1 %
Class 1	89.3 %
Class 1/2	97.6 %
Class 2	95.5 %
Class 3	97.0 %
Class 4	97.7 %
Class 5	100.0 %
Class 6	94.8 %

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 5 - Mrs Chittenden

WELL DONE!!

Our Whole school attendance for last week was: 94.6 %

This is very disappointing. We cannot become an outstanding school with such low attendance. OFSTED requires whole school attendance to be 97% or above, this is our target. We are currently in the AT RISK 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.