



ST BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

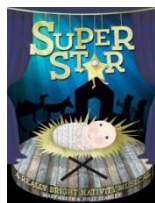
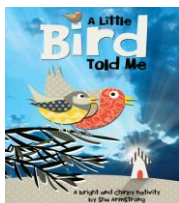
29th November 2016

Mrs Curtis and Mrs Carter, two of our wonderful Teaching Assistants have left us to begin their maternity leave. We would like to wish Mrs Curtis and Mrs Carter a relaxing break, and blessings to them as their new baby joins their families. We are very excited for them both and look forward to sharing in the news of their new arrivals. We wish them a wonderful maternity leave and look forward to welcoming them back next year.

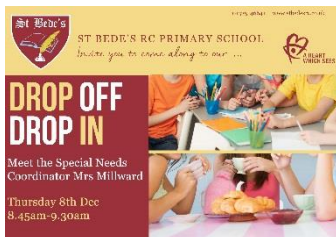


Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

A reminder that Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch is Monday 5th December. We are looking forward to seeing which delightful jumpers are worn this year, alongside enjoying our Christmas Lunch.



Our Christmas Performances take place next week – look out for letters providing more information about tickets.

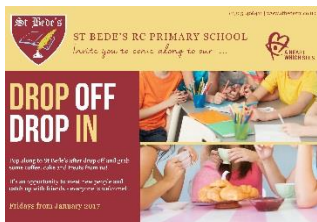


Drop Off Drop In – Special Needs Coordinator

Come along on Thursday 8th December to meet Mrs Millward as Special Needs Coordinator from 8.45am-9.30am. This is an opportunity to come along a chat about any special needs your child has whilst enjoying some light refreshments.

Knitting Nanna's – St Bede's Needs You!

From January, each Friday we will be holding a Knitting Nanna's group from 1pm-2pm. If you would like to come along and work with our children please contact the office.



Drop Off Drop In

Pop along to St Bede's after drop off and grab some coffee, cake and treats from us! This is an opportunity to meet new people and catch up with friends. Everyone is welcome! Fridays from January 9am-10am



Friends of St Bede's. Christmas Fair

Sunday 3rd December 1pm-4pm

Come along and support our school! There will be lots of stalls and craft activities to enjoy. If you have any clean jam jars with lids please bring them to the school office. We have a very 'crafty' idea for a stall but need lots of jam jars for this to work! All donations will be gratefully received! Thankyou



Christmas Arts and Crafts. Free session for parents, grandparents and carers of children.
Held at St Bede's School. Friday 2nd December. 1 session 1pm - 3pm

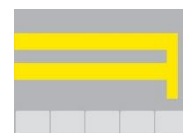
For more information please visit:

www.darlington.gov.uk/learningandskills



Parking incidents

Unfortunately due to the high level of complaints received recently, the Parking Enforcement Officers from the Council are stepping up their patrol of our school. There have been a number of incidents whereby the safety of children is being compromised leading the Enforcement Officers with no other option than to issue an instant £70 fine if cars are found to be parked over the zig zag, yellow or white lines. We hope parents/carers will support us in our safety around school.



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 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.**



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.



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.

Dates for Your Diary 2016-17

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
	PM	Choir Christmas singing
6 th Dec	9.30am	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance
	2pm	Class 3/4 Christmas Performance

7 th Dec	8.45am-9.30am	Drop Off Drop In to meet Mrs Millward as Special Needs Coordinator
	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

Parish News

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 last week:

RECEPTION A	87.1 %
RECEPTION B	85.2 %
Class 1	86.5 %
Class 1/2	86.1 %
Class 2	86.5 %
Class 3	89.4 %
Class 4	87.3 %
Class 5	86.3 %
Class 6	82.8 %

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 3 - Miss Nicholson

WELL DONE!

Our Whole school attendance for last week was: **RED – Danger Zone – Below 90%
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 **Danger Zone – Below 90%****

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.