



ST BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9th January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to welcome children back for the Spring Term. We hope everyone had a peaceful Christmas and New Year. We've had a very busy first week back with lots of exciting events coming up and exciting topics.

Free School Meals - we are currently up-dating school records and it is very important for school funding that we know if your child is entitled to free school meals. **This information is still required even though your child may be receiving Universal Infant Free School meals. (Key Stage One children, please inform the school if you are entitled to Free School Meals not under the Universal System).** Please contact Mrs Alderson before 26th January 2017 if you feel that you may be eligible.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Good to be Green - please see attached information

Library - Writing competition winner for January is Ollie Curran from Reception. Ollie wrote and illustrated a wonderful book about a fox. It's great to see some work coming in from the younger children. Parents, if your child has great ideas for writing but more limited writing skills please feel free to act as a scribe for them and they can illustrate their work. Ollie was presented with a certificate and book for his amazing writing. Well done Ollie! Please note that library sessions are now on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with KS1 sessions starting next week.

Mile A Day – we would like to take the children outside to run 'a mile a day' to improve health and fitness throughout the school. We are looking to secure some funding to lay a running track around the perimeter of the school field. If anyone would be like to support the school in this through any business/work connections please could you contact Mrs Alderson?

School Holidays 2017-2018 – please see attached sheet

Mobile Phones – Safeguarding

Due to the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education Act' no multi-media devices including smart watches should be brought into school. If your child walks home alone and needs to bring a phone in order to communicate with their parents please ensure that you have given your written consent for them to bring their phone to school. Pupils bringing their phones must hand their phone to the member of staff on gate duty on a morning who will ensure that they are safely stored during the day. The class teacher will hand these back to the children at the end of the school day.

Thank you

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

School Website

Please take some time to visit our website at www.stbedesrc.co.uk as there are lots of information and photos for you to enjoy. **In the event of school closures due to bad weather messages will be posted on the website as well as via Parentpay texting service.** When accessing the website we advise that you use Google Chrome and not Internet Explorer, as the site will be viewed best this way.

Minnie Vinnies

As you will be aware we collected for food for people before Christmas, Kings Foodbank was able to give out 129 individual bags of food for the week before Christmas and they have thanked us for our support. The Mini Vinnie's would like to continue this support during the coming year. The following are the basic items that are needed to feed families:-

Pasta/bolognaise sauce, beans, soup, pot noodles, mug shots, tins of tuna, tea bags, cereal bars, pasta, individual chocolate bars, UHT milk, dried rice, tin of peas, tin chopped pork, packet of cereal, tin of potatoes.

These will be handed in to Kings Church on a weekly bases. Any donations large or small will be most gratefully received and will help those in need throughout the year.

Parish News

Changes to weekend Mass times at St Augustine's and Holy Family Churches in the light of Fr Seamus Doyle's continued ill-health:

Sunday Masses as from 21/22nd January 2017

St Anne's Saturday 5.00 pm

Holy Family Saturday 6.00 pm

St Williams' Sunday 9.00 am

St Augustine's Sunday 9.15 am

St Teresa's Sunday 10.30 am

St Thomas' Sunday 11.00 am

St Augustine's Sunday 6.30 pm

Forward in Hope

At this time we would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to help us on the journey so far.

Finding out More

For the latest information about Forward Together in Hope and for access to the range of resources, please visit www.hope.rcdhn.org.uk. To contact one of the Forward Together in Hope team (Jim O'Keefe, Nancy Gash, Amy Cameron and Tony Sacco) e-mail: hope@diocesehn.org.uk phone: 0191 243 3304

First Reconciliation (Y4)

First Reconciliation will take place for St Anne's, St William de Sales and St Thomas Aquinas Y4 children who are making their First Holy Communion this year at **St Thomas Aquinas Church, North Road on Wednesday 8th February at 6.00pm**

Dates for your diary

Monday 9 th January		Y6 Booster Classes (up until 3 rd April)
Wednesday 11 th January	3.15-4.15pm	Football team trials Y5/Y6
Thursdays 12/01/17 – 06/04/17	3.15-4.15pm	Homework after school club – Year 5/6
Wednesday 18 th January	PM	Road Safety – People Who Help us (Reception Classes)
Thursday 26 th January Thurs 26/01/17 – Wed 01/01/17	9.00 – 3.00pm	Y5 Trip to Beamish National Story Telling Week
Tuesday 31 st January	9.00 – 9.30am 2.00 – 2.30pm	Story Telling Café (Reception and Nursery) – parents welcome Story Telling Café (Reception and Nursery) – parents welcome
Wednesday 1st February	2.45 – 3.00pm pm	Class 6 Collective Worship – parents welcome Youth Friday Mass Diocesan Celebration
Thursday 2nd February	2.45 – 3.00pm	Class 4 Collective Worship - parents welcome
Wednesday 8th February	2.45 – 3.00pm 6.00pm	Reception and Nursery Collective Worship – parents welcome First Reconciliation at St Thomas Aquinas
Thursday 9th February	2.45 – 3.00pm	Class 3 Collective Worship – parents welcome
Friday 10 th February	6.00pm	Primary Eurovision Contest, Civic Theatre
Tuesday 14 th February	12.30 – 3.00pm	Y4 Girls Football (Eastbourne Sports Complex)
Wednesday 15th February	2.45 – 3.00pm	Class 1 Collective Worship – parents welcome
Thursday 16 th February	12.30 – 3.00pm 2.45 – 3.00pm	Y5/6 Boys Football (Eastbourne Sports Complex) Class 2 Collective Worship – parents welcome
Friday 17th February		Break up for Spring half-term holiday
Monday 27th February		School re-opens for teaching purposes
Tuesday 28 th February	9.30am – 12.00	Go Run for Fun
Wednesday 1st March	2.45 – 3.00pm	Class 1/2 Collective Worship – parents welcome
Thursday 2 nd March		World Book Day Author visit (information to follow)
Friday 3rd March	2.45 – 3.00pm	Class 5 Collective Worship – parents welcome
Thursday 9 th March		School photos (individuals)
Tuesday 14 th March	9.30am-1.00pm	Swimming Gala (information to follow)
Saturday 18 th March	10.00 – 2.30pm	Primary Netball (Polam Hall School)
Tuesday 28 th March		Dance Festival
Friday 7 th April	10.00 – 2.30pm	Primary Netball Competition (Polam Hall School)
Lenten Liturgies (10 mins)		Parents welcome to attend their child's class Lenten Liturgy Please be seated by 9.10am
Wednesday 29th March	9.15am	How we have been preparing for Lent Y1
Thursday 30th March	9.15am	Palm Sunday Y1/2
Friday 31st March	9.15am	Washing of Feet Y2
Monday 3rd April	9.15am	Last Supper Y3
Tuesday 4th April	9.15am	Garden of Gethsemane Y4
Wednesday 5th April	9.15am	Crucifixion Y5
Thursday 6th April	9.15am	Resurrection Y6
Friday 7th April	2.00pm	Easter Mass School closes for Easter Holiday
Monday 24th April		Staff Training Day
Tuesday 25th April		School re-opens for teaching purposes
Thursday 4th May	9.15am	New Life Reception Class & Nursery
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