



ST BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5th July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Nursery

From September 2017 the school nursery will be offering 30 free hours of flexible childcare for those families who meet the eligibility criteria. If you think you may be eligible please contact school for further details.

Nursery sessions run from 8am-4.30pm. Should you not be entitled to the 30 free hours, top up sessions are available. Please contact school for further details and top up session prices.

Reception Class September 2017

There are still some places available at St Bede's for September 2017 in Reception Class – please contact Mrs Alderson on 01325 466411 for information.

School Wrap around Care

School are exploring the options of extending our wrap around care offering. We are proposing to extend breakfast club from 7.45am until 8.45am and offering an after school club until 4.30pm or 6.00pm. We will be sending out a consultation letter to all parents to gauge interest for the proposed changes and to determine which is the most popular option with parents. We look forward to receiving your views.

School Strawberry Fayre

On Friday 7th July, St Bede's will be hosting a Strawberry Fayre to raise funds for school, from 3pm on the school field. All are welcome to come along and join us for an afternoon of family fun, strawberries and cream, a teddy tombola, bottle stall, face painting, a cake stall and much more. We are still collecting raffle prizes, teddies for the teddy tombola and bottles. Cake donations on the day please

School Meal Taster Session

From September school meals will be provided by North Tyneside Council's Catering Service. The price of the meals will increase to £2.20. There will be a school meal taster session on Monday 10th July at 3.15pm for children and parents to sample the dishes from the new providers.

Good to be Green End of Term Treat

As an end of term Good To Be Green treat, Durham University will be bringing their inflatable planetarium into school. Children will have the opportunity to take part in a planetarium show and to ask any questions they might have about planets, stars and the night sky.

Leavers Mass

The Leaver's Mass will take place at St Thomas' Church on 20th July 2017 at 1.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

School Uniform

Please note the last date for ordering school uniform from ALR Embroidery is 14th August 2017.

Y6 Production

Y6 will be performing Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits on Thursday 13th July at 6pm. Tickets are available for families with children in Year 6 and are limited to 4 tickets per family.

Sports Trips

Unfortunately, due to budget constraints, school must now charge to cover the cost of transport to and from all sporting events.

Hot Weather

During the summer term please would you ensure that children have sunscreen applied before they come to school and have a sun hat. Also, it is really important that children bring a named water bottle into school each day and that their bottle contains water only, no juice please.

Library Book Amnesty

We are currently organising our school library and are aware that lots of books are missing from our school library. Please could you return all school library books to school, at your earliest convenience? Also we would welcome any donations of unwanted children's books.

Childcare Survey

Darlington Local Authority has a statutory duty regarding childcare sufficiency in the Borough. As part of this duty, we would like to gather feedback from parents/carers about the local early years and childcare market. Please could you complete this survey using the links below

SURVEY LINK - http://eforms2.darlington.gov.uk:8080/public/servlet/ep_app?st=CORP&type=227649

WEBSITE PAGE - <http://www.darlington.gov.uk/education-and-learning/early-years-and-childcare/childcare-audit/>

The Wizard of Oz at Carmel College

Carmel College will be performing the Wizard of Oz from 13th-15th July at 6.30pm. St Bede's Year 6 will be starring as the Munchkins on Saturday 15th July. Tickets are available from Carmel College at a price of £7 for adults and £5 for concessions

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. When accessing the website we advise that you use Google Chrome and not Internet Explorer, as the site will be viewed best this way.

Twitter

Please follow us on [@stbedesrcprimary](https://twitter.com/stbedesrcprimary) for live updates.

Parish News

Disco and Karaoke Night

A disco and karaoke night to raise funds for St Thomas Aquinas Parish on Saturday 22nd July from 7-11pm at St Thomas Aquinas Church Hall. Tickets cost £2.50 each and are available from Paul and Nicola Bowman on 01325 264474.

Dates for your diary

Some of these dates for your diary are for future information. Closer to the event time we will send out further information as and when we receive it.

Wednesday 5 th July		KS1 Trip to Seven Stories, Newcastle
Thursday 6 th July	12.30-3.30 9.30-3pm	Y6 Carmel Maths Challenge Community Games
Friday 7 th July	1.30-2pm 3pm onwards	Y3 Recorder Recital School Strawberry Fayre
Tuesday 11 th July		Quadkids Finals
Thursday 13 th July	6.00pm	Y6 Show Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits
Friday 14 th July		Good to be Green Reward Day
Saturday 15 th July	6.30pm	Carmel Show – The Wizard of Oz (Y6 will be taking part)
Monday 17 th July	All day	Y6 Bike Ride
Wednesday 19 th July	6.00pm	Leavers' Presentation Evening
Thursday 20 th July	1.30pm	End of Year Mass –St Thomas's Church
Thursday 20th July		School Closes for Summer Holiday
Tuesday 5th September		School reopens for teaching purposes

ATTENDANCE

RED – Danger Zone – Below 90%

AMBER – At Risk Zone – 90%-94%

GREEN – Safety Zone – 95%-100%

Class attendance for week ended 16/6/2017:

Class 1	97.2%
Class 1/2	93.4%
Class 2	95.2%
Class 3	99.1%
Class 4	98.4%
Class 5	98.0%
Class 6	98.0%

Class attendance for week ended 23/6/2017:

Class 1	97.9%
Class 1/2	91.7%
Class 2	92.8%
Class 3	99.4%
Class 4	96.5%
Class 5	97.0%
Class 6	93.7%

Class attendance for week ended 30/6/2017:

Class 1	98.6%
Class 1/2	97.2%
Class 2	95.2%
Class 3	99.1%
Class 4	94.2%
Class 5	98.3%
Class 6	98.0%

The winners of the Attendance Cup trophy:

16/6/2017 Year 3, 23/6/2017 Year 3, 30/6/2017 Year 3

WELL DONE!

Our whole school attendance is currently 97.3%

OFSTED requires whole school attendance to be 97% or above, this is our target. We are currently in the SAFETY 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.