



ST BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

7th Nov 2017

St Bede's 30th Anniversary

To commemorate the 30th Anniversary of St Bede's R C Primary School, we were delighted to welcome Bishop Séamus Cunningham and Father David Russell to celebrate Mass on Thursday 19th October. We thank all the staff who helped prepare this very special event and to all our children who represented the school beautifully. Thank you also to all the parents and special guests who were able to attend.

30th Anniversary Whole School Photo

The whole school photo taken to commemorate the School's 30th Anniversary has been sent out to all families. Should you wish to order your copy please return the order form by Wednesday 8th November.

Parents Evenings – Tuesday 28th November and Thursday 30th November 3.30pm – 5.50pm

Appointments for the upcoming Parent Evenings can be requested from **Tuesday 21st November** by telephoning the school office or emailing office@stbedesrc.darlington.sch.uk. Appointments will be from 3.30pm with the last appointment being 5.50pm on both days. The appointments will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Fundraising in school

Friday 10th November - Friends of St Bede's 'Dress Down Friday'

The Friends of St Bede's will be supporting two **non-uniform days** on **Friday 10th November and Friday 1st December** in preparation for their Christmas Fair, we would like to ask for non-cash donations on these two non-uniform days.

On 10th 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

Friday 17th November – Children in Need



We will be taking part in a spotty themed fund raising by dressing up wearing spots. Please, on this occasion, can you make cash donations which then can be paid directly to the Children in Need Appeal?

Friday 1st December - Friends of St Bede's 'Dress Down Friday'

On Friday 1st December we are asking for donations for the Christmas Fair of any type of bottle e.g. alcohol, juice, toiletries, etc.

Open Afternoon for Primary Admission for September 2017

On Wednesday 15th November we will be holding an open evening at 5.00pm. We would urge you to attend if your child is due to start school in September 2018 to ensure advice regarding the current procedure is given. Please pass this information on to anyone who has children ready to start school September 2018.

Slapped Cheek Virus

School emailed out some information from the school nurse regarding 'slapped cheek' virus. We have been informed of a number of cases of this in school and should be obliged if you would note the signs and symptoms of this should this affect your child.

Appointments and absences

Please can you ensure that you inform the school office of any absences or appointments?

Sports news

Well done to the children who took part in the Darlington Schools Partnership Cross Country! We have two St Bede's children going through to the county finals at Tees Valley Cross Country Finals next year. Well done!

Judo Demonstration – Y1–Y6

Danny from Destination Judo will be giving a judo demonstration in school on 29th and 30th November for Y1 – Y6. The children find these sessions fun, motivation and very beneficial. There are several Community Clubs open to children who are keen and interested in taking up the sport further.

Friends of St Bede's

The Disco was a resounding success and the Friends of the School will be sending out details of amount raised as soon as this is available. Next event is



Friends of St Bede's. Christmas Fair

Saturday 9th December 1pm-3pm

Come along and support our school! There will be lots of stalls and craft activities to enjoy. All donations will be gratefully received! Thankyou

Dates for Your Diary 2017-18

Thurs 9 th Nov		Sports Hall Athletics Y5/6
Fri 10 th Nov		Friends of St Bede's Dress Down Friday Donation of items for Christmas Fayre
Wed 15 th Nov	5.00pm	Primary School Admissions 2018 Information session
Fri 17 th Nov		Children in Need – 'Spotacular'
Tues 28 th Nov		Parents Evening 3pm-6pm (appointments available to book from Tuesday 21 st November)
Wed 29 th Nov	AM	Judo Demonstration
Thurs 29 th Nov	AM	Judo Demonstration
Thurs 30 th Nov		Parents Evening 3pm-6pm (appointments available to book from Tuesday 21 st November)
Fri 1 st Dec		Friends of St Bede's Dress Down Friday Donations of bottles for Christmas Fayre
Tues 5 th Dec	9.30am 2pm	Early Years Christmas Performance Classes 3R, 3N and 4 Christmas Performance
Wed 6 th Dec	9.30am 2pm	Classes 3R and 3N and 4 Christmas Performance Early Years Christmas Performance
Thurs 7 th Dec		Influenza vaccinations- Reception Classes, Class1, Class 1 / 2, Class 2 and Classes 3N and 3R
Sat 9 th Dec	1.00-3.00pm	Christmas Fair
Tues 12 th Dec	9.30am 2pm	Classes 5 and 6 Christmas Performance Class 1 Class 1 / 2 and Class 2 Christmas Performance
Wed 13 th Dec	9.30 2pm	Class 1 Class 1 / 2 and Class 2 Christmas Performance Class 5 and 6 Christmas Performance
Thurs 14 th Dec		Christmas Jumper day Christmas Dinner
Fri 15 th Dec	PM	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party
Tues 19 th Dec	PM	Class 1, class 1 / 2 and class 2 Christmas Party
Wed 20 th Dec	PM	Classes 3N, 3R and Class 4 Christmas Party
Thurs 21 st Dec	PM	Class 5 and 6 Christmas Party
Fri 22 nd Dec	2pm	Advent Mass School Closes for Christmas Holiday
Mon 8 th Jan 2018		School re-opens for teaching purposes

ATTENDANCE

Class attendance 30th Oct – 3rd Nov 2017:

RED – Danger Zone – Below 90%

AMBER – At Risk Zone – 90%-94%

GREEN– Safety Zone – 95%-100%

Class 1	98.67 %
Class 1/2	93.79%
Class 2	97.33%
Class 3N	99.09%
Class 3R	98.18%
Class 4	90.91%
Class 5	90.65%
Class 6	93.67%

Our whole school attendance for 5th Sept – 3rd Nov 2017: 95.85 %

OFSTED requires whole school attendance to be 97% or above, this is our target.

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.