



ST BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

15th January 2018

We would like to welcome children and Mrs King 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 18th January 2018 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

Request for Parent Donations

In light of a reduction in school funding the Governors of St Bede's are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £5 per month which will be used towards buying a range of resources for your children. This will be added to Parentpay and we would be most grateful if you would consider making this contribution to school. Thank you.

Lunchtime Assistants Required

We are looking to urgently appoint two temporary lunchtime assistants. Duties include assisting with the care and welfare of pupils over the lunch period including the patrol of the school both inside and out in line with the school policy. If you are interested please contact Mrs Alderson by Wednesday 17th January. As with ALL positions in school, be it paid or voluntary, all adults MUST undergo a DBS (originally called CRB) check. This is a safeguarding requirement of St Bede's RC Primary School and all schools.

Admissions Policy 2019-2020 Consultation

Where changes to admission arrangements are intended, all schools are required to consult before these are determined and published. The consultation period is from Monday 4th December for a period of six weeks on the Admissions Policy 2019-2020. A consultation response form is available by request from the school.

2018 Community Flu Catch-up clinics

Due to the current high profile of flu in the media the Immunisation team have arranged community catch up clinics Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th for children who have not previously had them. You can arrange an appointment by calling the Immunisation Team on 0300 0030 013. This will be your final opportunity to have your child vaccinated this season.

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 16 th January	3pm – 5pm	One Point Hub, Front Street, Stanley DH9 0TE (next to Louisa Centre)
	3pm – 5pm	Dolphin Centre, Horsemarket, Darlington DL1 5RP

	3pm – 5pm	Barnard Castle Hub, Stainton Bank, Barnard Castle DL12 8TD
Wednesday 17th January	3pm – 5pm	One Point Hub, DCBC, Bracken Court, Ushaw Moor DH7 7NG
	3.15pm–5pm	Woodhouse close Children’s centre, Walker Drive, Woodhouse Close, Bishop Auckland DL14 6QW
	3pm – 5pm	Hillrigg House Children’s Centre, Lowhills Road, Peterlee SR8 2DW

Appointments and absences

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

The school office hours are 8.00am – 4.00pm, however, should you wish to report an absence you can leave a message or email office@stbedesrc.darlington.sch.uk

Parish News



FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE – St Thomas Aquinas Church welcome St Bede’s Y4 children and their families in celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (penance/confession) on **Thursday 25th January** at **6.00pm** at St Thomas’. This includes children from sister parishes of Holy Family, St Anne’s and St Williams, and all parishioners to support them in their presence and example.

Foodbank and Coffee Morning at St Thomas Aquinas - Please encourage your child to bring a tin or packet for the foodbank offertory next Sunday **21st January**. Also there will be a Coffee Morning in the hall after Mass next Sunday. Please come along for coffee, cakes and a catch-up. All are welcome.

PARISH DISCO AND KARAOKE NIGHT



IN AID OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH FUNDS

SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 7.00PM – 11.00PM

ST THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH HALL.

Tickets: £2.50 each available from Paul and Nicola Bowman – ☎01325 264474 – fund raising raffle. Please provide your own refreshments. Please see poster for further details.

All welcome!

Friends of St Bede’s

The Friends of St Bede’s have arranged a Valentine’s Disco for Thursday 8th February 2018 – more information to follow shortly.

Dates for your diary 2018

Monday 8 th January		Start of Spring Term Y6 After School Booster Class
Friday 12 th January	8.45 – 11.00am	Astronaut: Are you Y4 session at St Augustine's School
Thursday 25 th January	6.00pm	First Reconciliations at St Thomas Aquinas Church
Friday 26 th January	PM	Basketball Festival Y5/6
Saturday 27 th January		National Holocaust Day
Sunday 28 th January		Rehearsal Holocaust Memorial Dance
Monday 29 th January	11.45 – 3.00pm	Holocaust Ceremony Dance
Tuesday 30 th January	9.00 – 9.30am 2.30 – 3.00pm	Story Telling Café (Reception and Nursery) – parents welcome Story Telling Café (Reception and Nursery) – parents welcome
Friday 2 nd February	AM	Bikeability Learn to Ride (various year groups)
Monday 5 th February	3.30 – 5.50pm	Safer Internet Day Nursery and Reception Parents Evening
Tuesday 6 th February	3.30 – 5.50pm	Mini-Tennis Festival Y3 Nursery and Reception Parents Evening
Wednesday 7 th February	10.00 – 2.00pm 1.30 – 2.30pm	Table Tennis Festival Y5/6 Youth Friday Mass St Mary's Cathedral Newcastle
Thursday 8 th February	pm	Friends of the School Valentine's Disco
Friday 9 th February	AM	Good to be Green Reward Shop Bikeability Learn to Ride (various year groups) School closes for Half-Term holiday
Friday 9 th February	6.00pm	Primary Eurovision Contest, Dolphin Centre
Wednesday 21 st February	10.00 – 2.30pm	Y5/6 Girls Football (Eastbourne Sports Complex) TBC
Thursday 23 rd February	10.00 – 2.30pm	Y5/6 Boys Football (Eastbourne Sports Complex) TBC
Monday 19th February		School re-opens for teaching purposes
Tuesday 20 th February	9.30am – 12.00	Go Run for Fun
Thursday 22 nd February		Y5/6 Girls Football
Friday 23 rd February	AM	Bikeability Learn to Ride (various year groups)
Thursday 1 st March		World Book Day Dress up as your favourite book character
Friday 2 nd March	AM	Bikeability Learn to Ride (various year groups)
Tuesday 6 th March	9.30 – 12.30pm	Swimming Gala
Thursday 8 th March	AM	School photos (individuals)
Tuesday 20 th March	3.30 – 5.50pm	Y1 – Y6 Parents Evening
Wednesday 21 st March	PM 3.30 – 5.50pm	Tees Valley Cross Country Y1 – Y6 Parents Evening
Thursday 22 nd March/Friday 23 rd March		Y5 Residential Trip to Youth Village
Lenten Liturgies (10 mins)		Parents welcome to attend their child's class Lenten Liturgy Please be seated by 9.10am
Tuesday 20 th March	9.15am	How we have been preparing for Lent Y1
Wednesday 21 st March	9.15am	Palm Sunday Y1/2
Thursday 22 nd March	9.15am	Washing of Feet Y2
Friday 23 rd March	9.15am	Last Supper Y3N/Y3R
Monday 26 th March	9.15am	Garden of Gethsemane Y4
Tuesday 27 th March	9.15am	Crucifixion Y5
Wednesday 28 th March	9.15am	Resurrection Y6
Wednesday 28 th March	2.00pm	Mass in school – all welcome
Thursday 29th March		Maundy Thursday Dress Down Day donations of bottles/chocolate/sweets or £1 School closes for Easter holiday
Monday 16th April		School re-opens for teaching purposes

Friday 20th April		Dress Down Day donations of bottles/chocolate/sweets or £1
Thursday 26th April	6.00pm – 8.00pm	Bingo Night/Pie & Peas £5.00 adult/£3 child