



ST BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

28th March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Lent/Easter

As our Lenten Liturgies come to an end, we hope our children have been reminded of our faith in the death and resurrection of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

Every child has received a Easter booklet to take home and share with their families. It is our hope that by all of us taking time from our busy schedules to develop our relationship with God, we can use this time to develop a greater appreciation of the life that God is calling each of us to lead.

When we return the Early Years children will be leading us in an Easter Liturgy celebrating new life (19th April 2.45pm).

Year of Mary

In school we are following a Year of Mary. Pope Francis has asked young people to journey with Mary, describing her as 'a role model to be imitated'. The Pope has chosen to focus on Mary for the next two years' World Youth celebrations.

Each month is linked to a virtue shown by Mary and celebrates her many names. Within school we will link these to prayer, liturgy, prayer stations, resources, artwork and the liturgical and global calendar. There is also a Year of Mary prayer bag to share with families.

As an additional award during our celebration assembly on Friday we will now be sending home a Mary prayer bag. The bag will be awarded to the children who have shown that month's virtue, the virtue for March is 'Faith Filled.'

Vacancy for Breakfast Club Assistant

We require a Breakfast Club Assistant from 16th April 2018. The hours are term time only 7.30am – 9.00am Monday to Friday. Please contact the school office on 01325 466411 or office@stbedesrc.darlington.sch.uk for more information and an application if you are interested.

Book Fair – 16th – 23rd April 2018

As part of World Book Day we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in school during week commencing 16th April (further information to following with opening times). The children will be able to use their World Book Day book vouchers against the purchase of a book. All purchases will help school funds.

After School Clubs

Please note that there will be letters coming out this week about After School Clubs that will be offered from next week until May Half-Term.

Request

If anyone has any small sponge headphones at home that they don't use we are in great need of them throughout school. If anyone would like to help school out with this they are available to purchase in Poundland. Thank you for your support.

Sports Events

Swimming

We had some fantastic results with the Rochester girls both coming first in their individual events. We also had a couple of 2nd place positions for Anya Storey, Niamh Rochester and our Y6 girls' relay and medley team. Áine Rochester is taking part in the Tees Valley Swimming Finals today. Good Luck!

Friends of St Bede's

DRESS DOWN DAYS – These help us with prizes for upcoming events.
Own clothes and sensible shoes.

THURSDAY 29TH MARCH AND FRIDAY 20TH APRIL

Please could children bring a donation into school from a choice of:

Bottles – any type – wine, bubble bath etc

Sweets, Chocolates and Biscuits

Cash donation, suggested minimum £1

Thank you

BINGO NIGHT

Tickets available from the School Office for the Bingo Night, from Monday 16th April at £5 each to include a pie and pea supper. There is limited availability due to fire regulations, therefore once they have gone they have gone!

Parish News

HOGARTH PARTNERSHIP MISSION 2018 The proposed cycle of dates is Primary Schools 29th October—2 November Parishes 5th—9th November Carmel College 12th - 16th November The aim is to strengthen our outreach to young people and families using school and parish communities with a variety of events over a 2/3 week period in November 2018. At the two meetings so far we are in the process of setting up two teams; one to work with Mary Hughes to focus on young people and one to work with Amy Cameron to focus on the Parish aspect of the Mission. For parishes to be involved we are looking for people with time, enthusiasm and commitment to help make this a meaningful Mission. We hope we will have a good response from St William's when we start the preparations and look for your input.

Easter Mass Times

Holy Thursday – 1 mass for whole town - St Teresa's 7.00pm

Good Friday Services;

St Anne's 3pm

St William's 4pm

St Thomas Aquinas Church & Holy Family Church – Children's Stations of the Cross 11am,

St Augustine's 3pm

St Teresa's 3pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil;

St Anne's 8.00pm

St Teresa's 7.00pm

St Augustine's 8.00pm

Easter Sunday Mass;

St Williams 9.00am

Holy Family 9.00am

St Augustine's 9.15am

St Teresa's 10.30am

St Thomas' 11.00am



Dates for your diary 2018

Lenten Liturgies (10 mins)		Parents welcome to attend their child's class Lenten Liturgy Please be seated by 9.10am
Wednesday 28th March	2.00pm	Whole School Liturgy – all welcome
Thursday 29th March	9.15am and 2.30pm End of school day	Maundy Thursday Dress Down Day donations of bottles/chocolate/sweets or £1 Lenten Market School closes for Easter holiday
Monday 16th April		School re-opens for teaching purposes Scholastic Book Fair (16th – 20th April) Pedestrian Training (Y1/Y2/Y3 – each class dates will be given)
Wednesday 18th April		Y1 Trip 'Big Sheep, Little Cow'
Thursday 19 th April	2.45pm 3.15pm	Reception and Nursery Lenten Liturgy 'New Life' KS2 SATs Meeting
Friday 20 th April		Dress Down Day donations of bottles/chocolate/sweets or £1
Monday 23 rd April		Pedestrian Training commences
Thursday 26 th April	6.00pm – 8.00pm	Bingo Night/Pie & Peas £5.00 adult/£3 child (Friends Newsletter sent out)
Friday 27 th April		'Big Me' Day – someone I would like to be when I grow up
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th May		Y6 SATS week
Saturday 19 th May		St Anne First Holy Communions
Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th May		Y2 Tests
Thursday 24 th May		Y6 Police Funded Workshop
Friday 25th May	End of school day	Good to be Green Reward Shop St Bede's Feast Day School closes for half-term holiday
Monday 4th June		CPD Day – school closed
Tuesday 5th June		School re-opens for teaching purposes Y5/6 Athletics
Thursday 7 th June		Y5 Bikeability commences
Sunday 10 th June		Y6 Kingswood residential
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th June		Y1 Phonics tests
Wednesday 13 th June	5.00pm	Reception Newstarter Meeting
Thursday 14 th June		Carmel Festival of Choirs
Friday 15 th June		Teams/Leavers Photos Dress up in sports clothes and bring donations for Friends of School Football Tournament
Saturday 16 th June		St Thomas Aquinas First Holy Communions
Friday 22 nd June		Y6 Youth Festival – Youth Ministry Village
Sunday 24 th June		Friends of the School Football Tournament
Tuesday 26 th June		Y6 Bike Ride Y2 Quadkids (TBC)
Wednesday 27 th June		Y2 Quadkids (TBC)
Thursday 28 th June Friday 29 th June		Y6 Transition Days to Carmel College
Friday 29 th June		School Transition Day
Thursday 5 th July	All Day	Community Games Y4
Friday 6 th July		School Sports Day and Family Picnic (more information to follow)
Wednesday 11 th July	1.30pm	Y6 Show (more information to follow)
Thursday 12 th July	6.00pm	Y6 Show (more information to follow)
Friday 13 th July		Y6 involved in Carmel Show 'Hairspray'
Friday 13 th July		Good to be Green Reward Day

Tuesday 17 th July	6.00pm	Y6 Leavers' Presentation Evening
Friday 20 th July	2.00pm	End of Year Mass at St Thomas Aquinas Church Parents welcome