

ST. BEDE C. E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

MARCH 2018

Introduction

The 'Beast from the East' last week brought disruption to many schools, including St. Bede, however we did manage to stay open the whole time to ensure our children enjoyed a fantastic 'theme' week. We did allow children to be collected early on one of the days. This decision was made to assist parents who were worried about collecting their children on time due to the bad weather. What we weren't prepared for, however, was the amount of parents who turned up and had to wait whilst children were collected from class. As with all new initiatives lessons were learnt and we thank you for your feedback.

We did receive quite a number of comments about the fact that we don't offer a text messaging service. This is something we will research, however, it can be very expensive and we want to ensure our funding is spent on resources and staffing to enhance your child's education. You may have noticed that we recently published on our Twitter page a letter from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP congratulating us on being amongst the top 2% of schools in England in terms of progress pupils make between KS1 and the end of KS2. We are proud of this achievement which shows that we spend our money wisely on staffing and resources to enhance teaching and learning.

Staffing

Mrs Black and Mrs Briggs will soon be starting their maternity leave and we wish them all the best for their new arrivals. Miss Nield will take over as Reception teacher for class RB.

Lent Activities

Our children are busy doing lots of activities, as part of Lent, to raise money for the Chris Lucas Trust. They have already raised a fantastic £1,396.36 from the Sponsored Wake Up Shake Up, with one child in Reception raising a record breaking £110! We thank you for all your support.

School Easter Services – Tuesday 27th March

9:30am	Years 3 to 6 at St. Bede's Church
10:30am	EYFS in the school hall
1:00pm	KS1 at St. Bede's Church
2:15pm	EYFS in the school hall

Trips

Our Reception children are visiting Haigh Hall on Thu 22nd March to learn about Spring. This will include a Spring walk to encourage children to use their senses to describe the seasonal changes around them.

Attendance

Attendance for the school year to date is still just below 96% however we hope that once all this cold weather has passed, and Spring arrives, we will start to see an improvement. Remember **School Matters ... if your child Attends Today, they will Achieve Tomorrow.**

PGL 2018

A reminder for parents of children who are attending PGL in June that the final remaining balance is required by **Friday 23rd March**. Reminder slips have also been sent out and payments should be made to Mrs Woods in the school office.

Young Entrepreneurs

The Young Entrepreneurs are running a breakfast bar every Tuesday morning where children can purchase a breakfast item and a juice for 50p each. They are located outside class 1W. A stationery shop is also available on the decked area every Tuesday playtime. Stationery prices range from 20p to 50p.

Supervising children in the playground

We have noticed several instances where children have been dropped off at school and left unsupervised in the playground before 8:55am. To ensure safeguarding or any potential behavioural issues, can we please ask that you remain with your child, in the playground, until their class has been collected by the teacher. Only children in Years 4 to 6, who may walk to and from school on their own, should be unsupervised. If this is the case for your child, please can you ensure that teachers are aware. Thank you.

Collecting children from school

Unfortunately there seems to be more and more parents collecting their children late from school each day. This is unfair on the teacher, who may have meetings after school or indeed may have their own children to collect, and is also unfair on the child who is waiting to be collected. **Children need to be collected promptly at 3:15pm at the end of the day.** If you know you will be late to collect your child on a regular basis, please arrange to book your child into our Out of School Club. Unfortunately, due to the increasing number of children who are collected late, we will shortly be introducing a system where parents will be fined.

School Uniform

Can parents please make sure that children are wearing the correct uniform. Our full uniform policy is available to view on our website, however, here is a reminder:

Nursery – Year 5:

- navy 'crew' neck sweatshirt/jumper, cardigan or fleece (no hoodies);
- white polo t-shirt or white shirt;
- grey school trousers (boys);
- navy skirt/pinafore dress or navy blue trousers (girls).

Year 6 children:

- navy 'v-neck' sweatshirt/jumper, cardigan or fleece;
- white cotton, collared shirt;
- grey school trousers (boys);
- navy skirt/pinafore dress or navy trousers (girls);
- St. Bede Academy school tie.

All children:

- white/grey/navy socks or navy tights;
- flat sensible black/brown school shoes (shoes are to be plain with no coloured logos) - no boots or trainers;
- in Summer, girls may wear a blue gingham dress and boys grey shorts;
- small, navy blue hair ornaments can be worn (clips, headbands);

PE - all children need:

- white t-shirt;
- navy blue PE shorts;
- black plimsolls;

R.E.S.P.E.C.T

In a previous newsletter we mentioned about the way some parents had spoken to some of our members of staff and, as a result of this, we created RESPECT posters which are displayed around the school, reminding everyone of the importance of respecting each other. This is a value which we also encourage children to demonstrate. We hope you can support us by talking to your children about this value at home.

The Friends of St. Bede (PTA)

The Friends of St. Bede will be holding an 'Easter Raffle' and running 'Chocolate Tombola' stalls in the run up to Easter. Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 12th March with the draw taking place on Wednesday 28th March. The tombola stalls will be held in the school playground.

They are also holding a 'Bunny Hop Disco' at The Ellesmere on Ellesmere Road on Wednesday 11th April. Reception to Year 2 Disco is from 4:00pm – 5:00pm and Years 3 to 6 Disco from 5:00pm – 6:00pm. Tickets will be on sale from the school office next week.

Dates for your Diary

- Wed 14th Mar 9:00am 1S Assembly
- Wed 21st Mar 9:00am 3W Assembly
- Tue 27th Mar Easter Services (see over)
- Wed 28th Mar 9:00am Ethos Assembly
- Wed 11th Apr Bunny Hop Disco, The Ellesmere

St. Bede's Church Easter Services

- Sunday 25th March, 10:00am. Palm Sunday - Holy Communion.
- Friday 30th March, 10:00am. Good Friday family workshops and worship.
- Sunday 1st April, 10:00am. Easter Day - Family Communion.

And finally ...

School will close for the Easter break on Wednesday 28th March at 3:15pm and re-opens on Monday 9th April.

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Thank you for your continued support.

Safiya's Retreat

Your Five Star Day Spa & Beauty Salon

***Massage *Facials**
***Waxing *Threading**
***Electrolysis *Mole removal**
***Skin tag removal**
***Sauna *Steam room *Jacuzzi**
***Children's pamper parties**
and much more ...

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If you wish to make any comments about this Newsletter, or about anything else in school, please make them in the box below and return to the school office.

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My child is in Class.....