

ST. BEDE C. E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

APRIL 2018

Introduction

It doesn't seem five minutes since we were starting the new school year back in September and here we now are at the beginning of the Summer term.

End of year tests will shortly begin for all children when they can demonstrate all the amazing hard work they have done throughout the year. The support you give to your children at home is invaluable, and we thank you for this support.

Staffing

Before the Easter break we said goodbye to Miss Griffiths from Year 2 and last week Mr Holmes from our IT department left to go on to pastures new. He did say he would miss us all at St. Bede and has thoroughly enjoyed his time here. We will shortly be saying goodbye to Mrs Edge from Reception class who is leaving to take up an administrative role, and Mr Tonge who has obtained another caretakers role which is closer to his home. We wish them all the very best in their new roles.

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

Trips

Last week Year 5 had an exciting trip to the City of Liverpool as part of the work they have been doing on 'Liverpool Legends'. This included a trip to the Beatles Museum and the famous Albert Dock.

Following many discussions and lots of interest in whales, sharks and the sea, our Nursery children have chosen to go to the Blue Planet Aquarium on Thursday 3rd May.

Our children in Year 6 are once again having a trip to the theatre and this year they are travelling to London to see 'The Lion King' on Wednesday 23rd May. The children (and the teachers) are extremely excited about this forthcoming opportunity. Not only will this be a fantastic learning experience linked to their Summer production, but also a wonderful way to celebrate the end of SATs.

Our Year 1 children are visiting Cockfields Farm on Thursday 21st June to learn all about plants and minibeasts. During the day the children will have the

opportunity to meet some minibeasts and learn about their lifecycle, along with many other fun learning activities.

Attendance

Attendance is currently 95.58% which is still below the 96% target we aim to achieve. The coloured letters which were sent home before the Easter break highlights what percentage your child is at. If you have any concerns about attendance Mrs Hardman, our attendance officer, is happy to discuss these with you and is available each Thursday by appointment.

We have noticed, during the last week or last few days of each half term, that there seems to be a higher percentage of children absent. We would like to remind all parents/carers that the last week of each half term/end of term is still a full teaching week and not a week where children watch films or do play based activities. It is important that children are in school each day, on time, for the whole term so they can achieve their full potential. Remember **School Matters ... if your child Attends Today, they will Achieve Tomorrow!**

PGL 15^h – 18th June

A meeting about the forthcoming PGL trip will take place on Tuesday 22nd May at 3:30pm in the small hall. A separate letter will be sent out shortly.

Ordering School Uniform

In previous years we have been able to offer the facility for parents/carers to come into school during the Summer holidays to place school uniform orders. This year, however, we will only be able to accept orders up to and including Tuesday 31st July. After that date no orders can be taken until Thursday 6th September. For uniform orders which are placed on or before 31st July, you will be able to collect these from school on Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th and Friday 31st August, in time for school starting on Monday 3rd September.

Bolton Schools' Music Festival

It's that time of year again where the school choir will be singing at the Bolton Schools' Music Festival. This year the concert will be held on Thursday 21st June. The performance lasts from approx. 6:30pm to 9:15pm and never fails to raise a smile. Tickets

will soon be available to buy from the school office and a limited number will also be available at the box office on the evening of the performance. Choir members will receive a letter with more details as soon as ticket prices have been established.

Local Election Day – Thursday 3rd May

The school will be open as normal on Thursday 3rd May for the Local Election voting day. Only our school Nursery will be used as a voting station, as is our usual practice.

Reception Heights, Weights and Vision Tests

All Reception children will have their height, weight and vision checked on Wednesday to Friday 25th – 27th April. A separate communication has been sent to parents/carers.

Year 1 audio re-tests

Children in Year 1 who failed their audio test are being re-tested again on Friday 27th April. A separate communication has been sent out to parents.

Driving and parking around school

Can we please remind you that it is illegal to park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school gates. This area must be kept clear at all times. Can we also remind you again to please take care when driving and parking around the school in the mornings and afternoons. Young children are not always aware of the dangers of heavy traffic and so it is up to adults to take extra care in these situations. When parking your cars, especially on rainy days, please also be courteous and mindful to our neighbours who live in properties immediately surrounding the school. Thank you.

Building Work

Work will shortly be undertaken to extend the current music room to make a further classroom for the infants.

St. Bede Church Website

Should you wish to find out more information about St. Bede's Church their website address is: www.st-bede.org.uk

Buying 'one off' school lunches

There have been several occasions recently when children have asked to buy a 'one off' school lunch because they have forgotten to bring in their packed

lunch, or a packed lunch has not been provided for them. If your child has a packed lunch, can you please ensure that this is provided for them each day and brought in with them at 8:55am. If children want to change from school dinners to packed lunches, or vice versa, can you please ensure that you inform Mrs Woods or Mrs Hannis in the school office so that they can liaise with the kitchen. Can we also remind you that we do require one week's notice to change meal arrangements.

Dates for your Diary

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| Wed 2 nd May | 9:00am – 4M assembly |
| Mon 7 th May | Bank Holiday |
| w/c 14 th May | Year 6 SATs testing |
| Wed 16 th May | 9:00am – ECO assembly |
| w/c 21 st May | Year 3 to 5 SATs testing |
| Wed 23 rd May | 9:00am – 2E assembly |
| | Year 2 SATs testing (throughout May) |

And finally ...

School will close for the May half term break on Friday 25th May at 3:15pm and re-opens on Monday 11th June.

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My child is in Class.....