

ST. BEDE C. E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Introduction

Welcome back to another school year at St. Bede, and a very warm welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children who have all settled in very well. The summer holidays was a very busy time. We created two new classrooms and the whole of the infant building was completely re-wired. Sadly, due to some last minute electrical work, we had to cancel our Open Afternoon on 31st August which we were all looking forward to. We're sure you'll agree, however, that the new classrooms, and the new lights, look great!

Staffing

We welcome four new teaching staff. Mrs Patel (5P), Miss Sowerby (4S), Mr Rushby (1R) and Miss Gillard (1G). We are particularly proud to mention the fact that Miss Gillard is an ex-pupil of St. Bede and was taught by some of our current teaching staff! We have also recruited many new TAs and support staff: Miss Singleton, Mrs Tyson, Mrs Hussain, Miss Salmon, Mrs Begum, Miss Majeed, Miss Daniels, Mrs Ashworth and Mr Haslam joins our IT team. We welcome these new members of staff and hope they will be very happy with us. We must also congratulate Mrs Devlin (nee White) and Mrs Woodward (nee Nield) on their recent weddings over the summer.

Harvest

Our Harvest celebrations this year will take place on Friday 5th October as follows:

9:30am	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Church
10:15am	Early Years in the school hall
1:30pm	Years 1 and 2 in Church
2:00pm	Early Years in school hall

We will once again be supporting Winter Watch, a very worthwhile charity which cares for the less fortunate. We will shortly be sending out a list of the kind of items we will be collecting. Please support us, as you always do, and donate generously.

Trips and Events

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 18th September to take individual photographs of all children from Years 1 to 6. If any child in Reception

class was absent when they had theirs done on Monday 10th September, they will take these too.

On Friday 28th September, the children will be inviting you to take part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning (or afternoon, in our case) and offering you delicious cakes to purchase in aid of this fantastic charity, which touches almost all our lives. A letter will be sent out shortly with details.

Letters have once again gone out to the children in Year 6 for our annual weekend trip to Boreatton Park in Shropshire in June 2019. This is an amazing opportunity for our children, but please consider carefully before reserving a place whether you have a family holiday booked which may clash, as the deposit is non-refundable. Places need to be booked by end of school on Friday 28th September after which any spare places will be offered to Year 5 children.

Attendance

Attendance last year was very disappointing with many parents taking their children out of school during term time on unauthorised holiday. Can we remind parents that, from 1st September 2018, the criteria for issuing a penalty notice was reduced and a fine will be considered where a pupil has had 10 sessions (equivalent of five days - consecutive or otherwise) of unauthorised absence over the period of two consecutive half terms, and we are monitoring this daily. An education is the finest gift we can give to our children, and we cannot stress enough the importance of children being in school each day, on time. Please help us, and your child, by ensuring that their attendance remains at a minimum of 96% (green) to allow them to achieve their full potential.

School Matters ... if your child Attends Today, they will Achieve Tomorrow.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance and wish to discuss this with the school, Mrs Hardman, our attendance officer, is available each Thursday by appointment.

Dinner Monies & School Trips

The dinner monies for this half term can be paid as follows: £7 per week or £49 which will cover from 3rd September until 19th October 2018. If paying weekly could you please make sure that this is paid each

Monday and put in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class written on. We do accept payment straight into the school bank account. If you wish to pay this way please contact Miss Maxwell on 01204 323375 for details, or call into the school office for the information. If dinner monies are not paid on time and go into arrears please be aware that your child will have to go onto packed lunches until this is paid off.

When your child receives a letter regarding a school trip, the money will now need to be paid directly to their class teacher along with the completed reply slip. Please make sure that this is also put in an envelope with their name and class clearly marked on the front. Envelopes can be purchased from the school office.

Snack

Here at St. Bede, the children in Years 1 to 6 have the option to purchase weekly snack by paying £1.50 on a **Monday** to their class teacher. Children in Years 3 to 6 also have the opportunity to purchase a daily snack item from the kitchen during their morning break for 20p.

For those children who choose not to pay for school snack, they may bring in an item from home (from the agreed list below):

- Yogurts in a tube e.g. 'Frubes'
- Fresh fruit
- Dried fruit
- Individual rice cakes (no packets please)
- Crackers and cheese
- Vegetable sticks
- Cheese triangles/individual cheese blocks
- Breadsticks

We are continuing to take part in the Government initiative to provide all infants with free fruit and vegetables during the day; this means a free fruit or vegetable snack will be offered to children in Years 1 and 2. Unfortunately Key Stage 2 children do not receive free fruit or vegetables.

Learning Mentor

This year Mrs O'Brien has taken on a new role as learning mentor. Her role is to inspire and motivate children and act as a role model to encourage respectful relationships. She is also a good listener and can offer support with changes in behaviour, developing and maintaining friendships, low self-esteem and confidence, parents/carer support with routine and managing behaviour at home,

bereavement, anxiety and in class behaviour support. Mrs O'Brien will be on the yard each morning so why not say hello. She can also be followed on Twitter: @LearningMentor3.

Lost Property

Lost property orange boxes are situated outside the hall behind the red curtain and on the Reception corridor. Please feel free to check these boxes often. Any clearly named items will always be returned to your child and once a term we allow children to take any unwanted items home for free.

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

We appreciate that sometimes parents may be upset about something that has happened in school, and we kindly ask that our staff are spoken to in a civil and respectful manner when discussing things, and NEVER in front of the children or on social media sites; children quickly pick up on negativity between parents and staff and are only too quick to emulate it. Two of the seven values which we teach our children are Kindness and Respect and we ask that parents also observe and demonstrate these values to children and to staff. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 17 th Sep	Year 6 Heights & Weights
Tue 18 th Sep	Years 1 to 6 Individual & siblings photos
Sun 23 rd Sep	Back to Church Sunday - a service of thanksgiving, Church
Fri 5 th Oct	Harvest Services: 9:30am Years 3 to 6, Church 10:15am Nursery (am) & Reception, school hall 1:30pm Years 1 & 2, Church 2:00pm Nursery (pm) & Reception, school hall
Sun 7 th Oct	10:00am, Harvest Service, Church
Fri 12 th Oct	Church Harvest Supper Quiz, 7.00pm, The Ellesmere Club
Wed 17 th Oct	9:00am Gifted & Talented Assembly

And finally ...

School will close for half term at 3:15pm on Fri 19th October and re-opens on Monday 29th October.

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This Newsletter and lots of other information can be found on our website: www.stbedeacademy.org. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

Comments:

My child is in Class.....