

ST. BEDE C. E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER

Introduction

'That most wonderful time of the year' is almost upon us again and the children have started rehearsing for their Christmas productions and learning their Christmas songs. There are a lot of exciting activities taking place this half term, including the St. Bede Christmas Markets, which was held three years ago. We hope you can support as many events as you can in the lead up to Christmas. Letters will be sent out in due course and the dates/times can also be found on the reverse of this Newsletter ... and don't forget our 'Occasional Day' off on Friday 30th November.

Staffing

Miss Elsworth left us before half term to start her maternity leave and has since given birth to a beautiful baby girl. Both mum and baby are doing well and we send our love and best wishes. We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Sankey in Nursery who is taking up a post in another school closer to her home. She will be dearly missed. We are also sad to be saying goodbye to Mr Wood who is taking up another caretaking role closer to home. He has only been with us a short time but has been very valuable to us. We will, however, be left in the very capable hands of Mr Green who will shortly take up the role full time. We also have several new TAs starting shortly.

Trips and Events

Year 4 will be visiting Smithills Hall on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th November as part of their Learning Links topic about 'The Tudors'. They will be taking part in a workshop called 'Tudor Celebrations'.

On Wednesday 19th December our Year 6 children will visit the Fire and Rescue Training Centre in Bury where the children will learn how to prevent fires in the home and other fire safety skills.

All trip correspondence and money is now dealt with by our main school office. Can we please ask that reply slips and the **correct** money are handed to your child's class teacher in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class and details of the trip written clearly on the envelope. Thank you.

PRIDE

Our recent PRIDE day was a real success and we saw many children displaying, and indeed continue to display, positive learning. Thank you for your support with this. Our next PRIDE day will take place on Monday 17th December and the focus this time is Resilience. Perhaps you can start to chat to your child about this to prepare them for this day, looking at how we can cope with and handle difficult situations?

Attendance

Our attendance to the end of October was a fantastic 96.99% which certainly put a big smile on Mrs Hardman's face! Thank you for your support in improving attendance - **School Matters** ... if your child **Attends Today**, they will **Achieve Tomorrow**. Please remember to ring the school **EACH DAY** that your child is absent from school. Towards the end of term we will be sending home a copy of your child's attendance report. If you have any concerns about attendance, or punctuality, Mrs Hardman is available each Thursday by appointment.

Children's Birthdays

We always love children to celebrate their birthdays in school and to have a great day. Can we please, however, ask that you only send in cakes or sweets to school and no other celebratory items such as banners, balloons, party activities/bags etc. Thank you.

Telephoning the school

The school office is very busy and unfortunately we can't always be available to answer the telephone. If this is the case, please leave a voicemail. These are picked up regularly and will always be dealt with.

Young Entrepreneurs

Our Young Entrepreneurs will once again be taking part in the St. Bede Parish Christmas Fayre which takes place on Saturday 17th November 10.30am-2:00pm, in St. Bede's Church. Please come along to support our fantastic team. Our school choir will also be opening the event.

PGL 2019

A reminder for parents of children who are attending PGL next year that a further £50.00 is required by **Friday 14th December**. Reminder slips will be sent out before this time and payments should be made

at the school office. If you have difficulty in making this payment, please speak to Mrs Rostron, please don't just ignore the date. Thank you.

The Friends of St. Bede (PTA)

The PTA are very busy this term organising activities to raise funds for the school. They held a 'Disco' in October, and their next event is the St. Bede Christmas Markets which takes place on Thursday 29th November, 6:00pm – 8:30pm in the school yard. There will be a variety of stalls to browse together with a Santa's Grotto, fairground rides and hot food. The last time they held this event was three years ago where it was a resounding success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We do hope you will be able to support this event and fingers crossed for dry weather!

Also on Thursday 29th November there is a non-uniform day in exchange for items for our very popular Christmas Hampers. This is a great fund-raising event for the school and raises in excess of £1,000 each year. Hamper raffle tickets will be on sale at the beginning of December and the draw will take place on Friday 21st December. There are 20 hampers to be won plus a special 'children's hamper' for the child who sells the most tickets.

The PTA always welcome new members. If you are interested please speak to the school office.

Mobile phones on the school premises

At St. Bede we take the safeguarding of our children very seriously and as such would ask that all parents/carers refrain from using their mobile phones whilst on the school premises, including the playground. This is purely to protect **your** children, and it is so much nicer to say goodbye in a morning and greet your child in an afternoon with a smile, and not a mobile phone. Thank you for your co-operation.

Headlice

Just a reminder. Headlice are, unfortunately, a fact of life in schools and other places where children work and play closely together. All we can do as a school is to send out leaflets to the relevant classes when headlice are spotted, and we have to rely on you to check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary. Treatments are quick and easy, but they often need repeating a week later. If an adult in school notices that your child has headlice, you will be asked to take them home, treat them, and bring them back to school. There is no need to keep them off school once treatment has been given.

If you are having difficulty getting rid of headlice from your child's head, please contact the school nurse based at Pikes Lane Medical Centre.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all those parents who completed the Parent Questionnaires at Parent's Evening. Your thoughts are so important to us. We will look through all your feedback and report our findings in the Spring 1 Newsletter in January.

Dates for your Diary

Wed 14 th Nov	9:00am 2E Assembly Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Sat 17 th Nov	St. Bede Church Christmas Fair
Wed 21 st Nov	9:00am 4M Assembly
Mon 26 th Nov	Year 1 Audiology Testing
Tue 27 th Nov	Year 1 Audiology Testing
Wed 28 th Nov	9:00am 3W Assembly
Thu 29 th Nov	PTA non-uniform day 6:00pm St. Bede Christmas Markets
Fri 30 th Nov	Occasional Day
Mon 3 rd Dec	1:45pm EYFS Performance
Tue 4 th Dec	10:00am EYFS Performance
Wed 5 th Dec	9:30am Year 2 Performance
Thu 6 th Dec	10:00am EYFS Performance 1:45pm Year 2 Performance
Fri 7 th Dec	9:30am Year 2 Performance 1:45pm EYFS Performance
Mon 10 th Dec	Year 2 singing at Kenyon Rise 1:30pm Year 1 Christmas Concert
Tue 11 th Dec	Grandparents Christmas Craft Day in Nursery 6:00pm – Year 3 to 6 Carol Service
Mon 17 th Dec	PRIDE Day – Resilience Year 1 & 2 Christmas Parties
Tue 18 th Dec	9:30am Pantomime – Aladdin
Wed 19 th Dec	9:00am 5B Assembly Year 3 & 4 Christmas Parties
Thu 20 th Dec	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Parties
Fri 21 st Dec	'Special' visitor in school PTA Christmas Hamper Draw

And finally ...

School will close for the Christmas holidays at 3:15pm on Friday 21st December and re-opens on Monday 7th January at 8:55am.

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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.....