

ST. BEDE C. E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

SPRING 2 NEWSLETTER

Introduction

Spring term at St. Bede is a busy time of year with children preparing for the Lent and Easter celebrations, and our office staff starting the admissions process for September. It also has, and continues to be an exciting time for us. We recently met our new Parish Vicar, the Reverend Vincent Whitworth, who came to visit the school and will be part of our Governing body, and on Monday 25th March we are very excited to welcome Bishop Mark (Bishop of Bolton) to school. Bishop Mark will lead our school assembly followed by a tour of the school.

Staffing

We recently welcomed Mrs Black back from her maternity leave as Deputy Headteacher for Years 1 to 3, which means our senior management team is now back to full strength. Miss Morris will shortly be joining us as Reception teaching assistant, working with Miss Phillips, and Mrs Majeed recently started her maternity leave and has given birth to a beautiful baby girl ... we send our love and congratulations!

Theme Week

Our theme week last focused on 'Authors' and as part of this we invited a poet into school, Andy Tooze. Before working as a full-time poet, Andy spent nine years working in primary schools, from where he draws a lot of his inspiration. He delivered a very exciting poetry experience with dynamic and interactive sessions involving speaking, listening, reading, writing and drama. He read poems, answered questions and gave the children a variety of simple, helpful hints to enable them to compose their own poems. The children, and staff, thought he was wonderful, here's what they said ...

"We loved it ... some of his poems were really funny ... it was a lot of fun" – class 1K

"Amazing! ... very inspiring ... it's inspired me to write my own poems ... it was really exciting meeting an actual author ... it was a really special event to happen in school" – class 3W

"Andy's passion for poetry is infectious" – Miss Sowerby

"The workshop was absolutely amazing. The children were so engaged. Andy made writing poetry enjoyable and accessible for all" – Mr Briggs

"All children and staff really enjoyed Andy's visit. It's been a fabulous two days!" – Mrs Greenwood

Attendance

Attendance up to the end of February was 96.25% which is not far off our overall target of 96.5%. Thank you for all your support. Any concerns regarding your child's attendance will have been raised with you at last week's parents' evening. Mrs Hardman, our attendance officer, will continue to monitor closely the children who are in the yellow and red zones. An education is one of the finest gifts we can give to our children and it is important that children are in school each day, on time, to ensure they reach their full potential. If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, Mrs Hardman is available each Thursday by appointment.

Dinner Money

Just a reminder that dinner monies are due each Monday morning at a cost of £7.00 per week. Unfortunately, if we do not receive dinner money for two consecutive weeks, your child will need to bring in a packed lunch. If you have any concerns regarding payments, please contact our finance department on 01204 323375. If you wish to change from school dinners to packed lunches, or vice versa, please inform the school office and remember we do need one week's notice. Thank you for your support.

Nursery & Baby Bede Entrances

Can we please remind parents to use the correct entrances for Baby Bede and the School Nursery. There was an incident recently where a parent jumped over the fence in between the two nurseries, which impressionable children can potentially see, and copy, which is a safeguarding issue. Thank you.

Red Nose Day

Our children will celebrate 'Red Nose Day' on Friday 15th March. On that day we are asking children to come to school wearing a red T-shirt, or a 'Red Nose Day' top (worn with school skirts/trousers) for 50p.

There will be fun activities throughout the day which will cost 20p each, including a cake sale. We would greatly appreciate any cake donations on the day.

Contact Information

Do we have up to date emergency contact telephone numbers for you? It is really important that you let us know if you have changed your contact numbers, should we need to contact you in an emergency. These can be updated at the school office.

PGL 2019

A reminder for parents of children who are attending PGL in June that the final balance is required by **Friday 29th March**. Payments, including interim payments, should be made at the school office. Thank you.

The Friends of St. Bede (PTA)

The Friends of St. Bede have recently appointed a new Chairman, Natalie Cummins, who has taken over the role from Kelly Fitton. Kelly did a tremendous amount of work for the PTA over the last few years and, together with PTA members, raised thousands of pounds for the school. We are very grateful to both Kelly, Natalie and all the PTA members for their hard work. Details will be sent out shortly regarding forthcoming PTA events.

Headlice

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 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 team based at Pikes Lane Medical Centre, who will advise you.

PRIDE Day

We recently held our second PRIDE day which focused on Resilience, with children having the chance to win a rosette if they demonstrate great resilience. Our next PRIDE day will take place on Monday 8th April, looking at Independence.

Lent Activities

Our children will be doing lots of activities, as part of Lent, and this year we are raising money for Save the Children. Last year our Lent activities raised £315, which was fantastic!

Dates for your Diary

Mon 11 th Mar	Year 6 mock SAT week begins Nursery and Year 3 Lent activities week
Wed 13 th Mar	9:00am - 1G assembly
Fri 15 th Mar	'Red Nose Day'
Mon 18 th Mar	Year 1 and Year 4 Lent activities week
Wed 20 th Mar	9:00am - ECO assembly
Mon 25 th Mar	Bishop Mark, Bishop of Bolton visiting Year 2 and Year 5 Lent activities week
Wed 27 th Mar	9:00am - 2P assembly
Thu 28 th Mar	9:00am & 12:45pm Nursery Stay & Play for Mothers' Day
Fri 29 th Mar	Closing date for Nursery 2019 applications PGL Final Balance due
Mon 1 st Apr	Reception and Year 6 Lent activities week
Wed 3 rd Apr	9:00am - Year 6 assembly
Mon 8 th Apr	PRIDE Day – Independence
Wed 10 th Apr	9:00am – 3T assembly
Fri 12 th Apr	EASTER SERVICES 9:30am, Years 1 to 3, Church 10:15am, Reception and AM Nursery, school hall 1:45pm, Years 4 to 6, Church 2:00pm, Reception and PM Nursery, school hall

And finally ...

School will close for the Easter break on Friday 12th April and re-opens on Tuesday 23rd April 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.

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My child is in Class.....