

# ST. BEDE C. E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

## AUTUMN 1 2020 NEWSLETTER

### Introduction

It's been a very strange start to the new school year for everyone! We couldn't be more proud of all our children, staff and parents who have all pulled together to make sure our children have been able to continue to Learn, Care and Grow together during this difficult time.

In the six weeks we have been open, we have only had to close five classes in total which, for a school this size, has been quite remarkable. We can't thank everyone enough for their determination in ensuring the school runs as smoothly as possible, and we will continue with this determination during the weeks and months ahead.

### Trips and Events

We had Tempest photography in school recently to take photos of children in Years 1 to 6, and they are returning on Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Nov to take photos of our Reception and Nursery children.

On Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct, Year 4 are consolidating their learning about Ancient Romans by organising a fun-filled day. The children will take part in different activities throughout the day such as playing ancient board games, training like Roman soldiers or creating exciting Roman mosaics. They are also asked to dress up as Romans too!

Our Nursery children will be having their 'key group' tea party on Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct, where will see lots 'Lively Ladybirds', 'Busy Bees' and 'Spectacular Spiders'. A lovely way to end the half term!

### Parents Evening – Wed 11<sup>th</sup> & Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Nov

This year, due to COVID, Parents Evening will be held via a telephone call, or Microsoft Teams meeting, with your child's class teacher. An email was sent to all parents last week with a link to a form to request an appointment. If you did not receive this email, or you are having difficulty accessing the link, please contact the school and ask to speak to Mrs Woods.

### Snack

Should you wish your child to receive snack in school next half term (up to Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Dec) the cost is £9.90 (for children in Years 1 to 6) and £13.20 (for children in Reception & Nursery).

Please send the money in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class and the amount enclosed clearly written on the envelope. Money not sent this way will not be accepted. Children will be asked to place the envelope in a basket/tub provided in the classroom; please do not hand it to staff. **Please ensure the correct money is given as change cannot be provided at this time.**

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, however if we do have fruit leftover from Key Stage 1 we will hand out to the junior classes.

Can we also remind parents that water bottles which children bring to school should be filled with **water only**, and not juice. Thank you for your support.

### Year 6 High School Applications

Just a reminder for parents of children in Year 6 that the closing date for all applications to be submitted and received by (either via mail or online) is Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2020.

### Harvest

Our 'virtual' Harvest celebration earlier this month was a great success and we hope you were able to celebrate with us in the comfort of your own home. We also collected lots of food items for Urban Outreach, and their 'Winter Watch' scheme, a very worthwhile charity caring for the less fortunate. Thank you for your support.

Our 'virtual' celebrations will continue next term when the children celebrate Advent, and Christmas, and plans are already in place to make it as special, and as magical, as possible.

### Attendance

Attendance to date is just over 95% which is not too bad considering we are in the middle of a pandemic. We have, however, continued to see quite a bit of unauthorised absence and several requests have also been received for holidays to be taken during term time. Please remember, if your child is unable to attend school you must contact the school office on **each day** that your child is absent. Failure to do this will result in your child receiving an unauthorised mark.

To allow your child to reach their full potential it is important that they are in school on time, each day. **School Matters** ... if your child **Attends Today**, they will **Achieve Tomorrow**.

Attendance will continue to be monitored very closely and will also be discussed, if necessary, at parents' evenings in November. 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.

### Lunches

Dinner monies for next half term is £9.00 per week or £59.40 which will cover from Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov until Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. Can we also remind parents that we will shortly be stopping cash payments for school meals. If you currently pay for school dinners via cash/cheque, please can we ask that you set up a standing order as soon as possible using the account details below:

Account Name: St Bede CE Primary Academy  
Account Number: 14855860  
Sort-code: 30-91-01

Can you ensure that you quote on your payment reference Dinners/Your Childs Name. You need to ensure this is your child's full registered name (not their preferred name).

Please note that we do require a week's notice if your child wishes to change their lunchtime arrangements i.e. pack lunches to school dinners and vice versa. Just let a member of the school office know. Thank you.

### Reception 2021

Applications for Reception 2021 are now open and 'virtual' Open Days will take place on Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct and Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. Please visit our website or look out for posters around the school for further details. The closing date for Reception 2021 applications is Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021.

### Nasal Flu Vaccinations

The Intrahealth team will be in school again this year on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Nov to administer nasal flu vaccinations to children. An email will be sent to all parents around the beginning of November with further information, and instructions on how to request a vaccination for your child.

### Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting the 2020 Poppy Appeal again this year and a letter has been emailed to all parents with details of merchandise which can be purchased from school. Thank you for your support.

### Uniform Reminder – P.E. Days

Just a reminder that children should come to school in shoes, not P.E. pumps, on P.E. days and should always have a coat whilst at school. Thank you.

### Dates for your Diary

Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Reception 'virtual' Open Day
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Nursery Tea Party
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Reception 'virtual' Open Day
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	EYFS photos
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3:30pm – 6:00pm 'virtual' Parents Evening
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4:30pm – 7:00pm 'virtual' Parents Evening
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Occasional day (school closed)

### And finally ...

School will close for half term at 3:15pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and re-opens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 8:45am.

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This Newsletter and lots of other information can be found on our website: [www.stbedeacademy.org](http://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.....