



ST BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

22nd Sept 2017

St Bede's 30th Anniversary

This term we will be commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the opening of St Bede's R C Primary School on 21st October 1987. We are delighted to welcome Bishop Séamus Cunningham into school to celebrate our 30th Anniversary School Mass on Thursday 19th October at 2pm, parents are welcome to attend. Also, we will be having a whole school photo to mark the occasion on Friday 13th October.

Congratulations Mrs Whem

We would like to say congratulations to Mrs Whem who welcomed baby Cole Joseph into the world on 13th September. St Bede's school family would like to send Mr and Mrs Whem our love and prayers as they begin their exciting journey as new parents.

Goodbye Mrs Walker

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Walker, who will be leaving St Bede's at the beginning of October. She has chosen to take up a new post in Carmel College as one of their well-being leads. We wish Mrs Walker lots of luck in her new venture and hope that she will continue to be a frequent visitor to our school.



Upcoming events in school:



Class Photographs

Class photos will be taken on 26th September 2017

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Parents are welcome to enjoy a cake and a drink with their children in school on **Thursday 28th September from 3.15pm** at our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon organised by Year 6 children. Please come along and support this very worthy cause.



Open Afternoon for Primary Admission September 2018

Monday 9th October from 1.30pm-2.30pm. An advisor from Darlington Borough Council Admissions Department will be available to discuss the application process. We would urge you to attend if your child is due to start school in September 2018 to ensure advice regarding the current procedure is given. Please pass this information on to anyone who has children ready to start school September 2018.

Bags 2 School

The children have been given bags2school, please could you fill them with any unwanted items listed on the bag and return them to the layby opposite school on **Friday 13th October**. The more bags we collect the more money we raise to buy items for school.

After school clubs

After school clubs start from Monday 25th September.

Harvest Fast Day

As part of our Harvest Fast Day we are requesting donations of the following basic food items, which will be donated to Kings Church Foodbank:

Pasta/bolognaise sauce, beans, soup, pot noodles, mug shots, tins of tuna, tea bags, cereal bars, pasta, individual chocolate bars, UHT milk, dried rice, tin of peas, tin chopped pork, packet of cereal, tin of potatoes. Any donations large or small will be most gratefully received and will help those in need.

Annual indemnity forms 2017-18

If you haven't already done so please complete and return the set of annual indemnity forms your child has brought home, as soon as possible. It is vital we have up to date emergency and medical information for each child. The forms are a combination of single and double sided, please ensure **ALL sections** are completed. If you have siblings in school we **MUST have one form per child**.

A gentle reminder of our school uniform policy

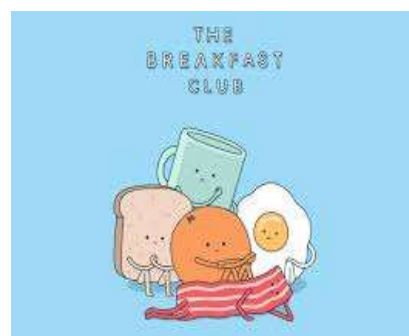
Long hair must be tied up (big hair bows are not allowed). Haircuts must be suitable for school (no shavings), no ear rings, jewellery or nail varnish. Black sensible school shoes must be worn, trainers are not suitable footwear and cannot be worn in school or be brought in for break times. School bags are to be the school book bags only (our cloakrooms are not able to accommodate backpacks). Please ensure that all school uniform and PE has your child's name in it.

School Office

If your child has a medical or dental appointment please could you ensure that the school office has a copy of the appointment letter prior to your child's appointment? Also, please ensure that you report any pupil absence to the school office by telephone or in person, on the first day of the period of absence and follow up each day that they will be off school.

Breakfast Club Vacancy (Temporary)

The Breakfast Club at St Bede's provides many children with a healthy and nutritious start to the day and is vital for many families who need their children in school early because of work commitments. We are seeking a person who would be willing to help set up, prepare and serve breakfast each morning on a temporary basis. We can offer a competitive salary for the post which would be for 1 1/2 hours per day 7 1/2 hours per week with hours being from 7.30am-9am. If you are interested please contact the school office for an application form and further information. The closing date for applications is: noon on Wednesday 4th October.



Is your child starting school in September 2018?

Children born between 1st September 2013 and 31 August 2014 are eligible to start school in Reception in September 2018. You can start applying for your child's place from Monday 11th Sept through the local authority. The brochure is online and Information is available from the Darlington Borough Council

<http://www.darlington.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-years/admissions/starting-primary-education/>

If you have no internet access please contact the admissions department on Tel: 406333 and one will be posted out to you. Deadlines for Reception applications is 15th January 2018.

Morning break snacks and water bottles

Children in Years 3 - 6 can bring in one piece of fruit as a morning break time snack. Chocolate, crisps, nuts and other sweet snacks are not permitted. All children can bring in their own water bottle for use in class, but it must only be filled with water.



Dates for Your Diary 2017-18

Parents are invited to your child's class liturgy. Further information will follow regarding events closer to the time.

Wed 13 th Sept	2.30pm-3pm	Class 1 and class 1 / 2 - Meet the Teacher
Thurs 14 th Sept	2.30pm-3pm	Class 2 - Meet the Teacher
Mon 18 th Sept	2.30pm-3pm	Class 5 - Meet the Teacher
Wed 20 th Sept	2.30pm-3pm	Class 4 - Meet the Teacher
Thurs 21 st Sept	2.30pm-3pm	Class 6 - Meet the Teacher
Fri 22 nd Sept	2pm	Welcome mass – parents welcome
Tues 26 th Sept	AM	Class photos Nursery meet the teacher
Wed 27 th Sept	2.30pm-3pm 3.15pm	Class 3N - Meet the Teacher Nursery meet the teacher Kingswood Meeting - Y6 parents
Thurs 28 th Sept	2.30pm-3pm 3.15pm	Class 3R Meet the Teacher MacMillan Coffee Afternoon
Fri 29 th Sept	2.30pm	Class 4 liturgy – Class 4 parents welcome
Mon 2 nd Oct	2.30pm-3pm	Reception M- Meet the Teacher
Tues 3 rd Oct	2.30pm-3pm 2.30pm	Reception R - Meet the Teacher Class 3N and 3R liturgy – Class 3 parents welcome
Thurs 5 th Oct	2.30pm	Class 5 liturgy – Class 5 parents welcome
Fri 6 th Oct		Harvest Fast Day
Mon 9 th Oct	1.30pm	Open Afternoon – Primary Admissions 2018
Tues 10 th Oct	2.30pm	Reception classes and Y6 Class joint liturgy - Reception and Class 6 parents welcome
Wed 11 th Oct	2.30pm	Class 2 liturgy – Class 2 parents welcome
Thurs 12 th Oct	2.30pm	Class 1/2 liturgy - Class 1 / 2 parents welcome
Fri 13 th Oct	2.30pm	Whole School 30 th Anniversary Photo Bags 2 School Collection Class 1 liturgy – Class 1 parents welcome
Thurs 19 th Oct	2pm	30 th Anniversary School Mass celebrated by Bishop Cunningham School Closes for Half term holiday
Fri 20 th Oct		Staff Training Day
Fri 20 th – Fri 27 th Oct		Half Term Holiday
Mon 30 th Oct		School reopens for teaching purposes
Wed 1 st Nov		Friends of St Bede's Halloween Disco
Fri 10 th Nov		Friends of St Bede's Dress Down Friday Donation of items for Christmas Fayre
Fri 17 th Nov		Children in Need (more information to follow)
Tues 28 th Nov		Parents Evening 3pm-6pm (appointments available to book from Tuesday 21 st November)
Thurs 30 th Nov		Parents Evening 3pm-6pm (appointments available to book from Tuesday 21 st November)
Fri 1 st Dec		Friends of St Bede's Dress Down Friday Donations of bottles for Christmas Fayre
Tues 5 th Dec	9.30am 2pm	Early Years Christmas Performance Classes 3R, 3N and 4 Christmas Performance
Wed 6 th Dec	9.30am 2pm	Classes 3R and 3N and 4 Christmas Performance Early Years Christmas Performance
Thurs 7 th Dec		Influenza vaccinations- Class1, Class 1 / 2, Class 2 and Classes 3N and 3R
Sat 9 th Dec		Christmas Fayre

Tues 12 th Dec	9.30am 2pm	Classes 5 and 6 Christmas Performance Class 1 Class 1 / 2 and Class 2 Christmas Performance
Wed 13 th Dec	9.30 2pm	Class 1 Class 1 / 2 and Class 2 Christmas Performance Class 5 and 6 Christmas Performance
Thurs 14 th Dec		Christmas Jumper day Christmas Dinner
Fri 15 th Dec	PM	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party
Tues 19 th Dec	PM	Class 1, class 1 / 2 and class 2 Christmas Party
Wed 20 th Dec	PM	Classes 3N, 3R and Class 4 Christmas Party
Thurs 21 st Dec	PM	Class 5 and 6 Christmas Party
Fri 22 nd Dec	2pm	Advent Mass School Closes for Christmas Holiday
Mon 8 th Jan 2018		School Reopens for teaching purposes