



# Newsletter

'In St Bede's we welcome everyone, grow and learn together as God's family, and use our gifts to serve with love'

## Welcome

### Dates for your Diary:

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May:  
Year 1 Class Assembly 2:30pm

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May:  
Key Stage Two SATS

Thursday 23 May:  
Year 4 Class Worship 2:45pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May:  
Break up for Half Term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:  
Children Return to School

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June:  
Year 1 Class Worship 2:45pm

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June:  
KS2 Performance 1:30 & 6pm

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June:  
Summer Fayre

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July:  
Y6 Residential

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July:  
Y6 Sacred Heart Transition

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July:  
PD Day

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July:  
PD Day

According to the church calendar, the season of Eastertide lasts for 50 days - 10 days longer than Lent! During the May assemblies and collective worship in school, children have celebrated Jesus' miraculous resurrection, the cornerstone of our faith. They have marvelled with Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb; they have been detectives seeking evidence for Jesus' resurrection through the story of Doubting Thomas; they have learned that, like in nature, sometimes our hearts can be cold and wintry, but that because of Jesus' death and resurrection we are offered new life and new direction.

Yet after Jesus had died, some of His disciples went back to their former way of life - fishing. But then the risen Jesus appeared to them on the shore and had other ideas. Jesus intended them to continue His mission of spreading the good news, healing people, loving others and demonstrating God's kingdom values in a society where those values were counter-cultural. Jesus once again facilitated a miraculous catch of fish and shared breakfast with His disciples. At the end of breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Look after my sheep." Jesus was calling Simon Peter to return to the mission He had planned for Him.

### OUR BLESSED LADY

The month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Lady and it is the occasion for a tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. It would be lovely if each child could bring a flower to school, over the coming weeks, to decorate our statue of Mary in the school entrance.

Week beginning 7th May Early Years  
Week beginning 13th May Years 1, 2 and 3  
Week beginning 20th May Years 4, 5 and 6



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## ATTENDANCE

I am delighted that the school is improving its attendance. This can only happen with the support of parents. I know you are trying hard to ensure that your child attends school regularly. We cannot teach children who are not at school and children who miss lessons regularly simply fall behind with their learning.

I know that we are heading towards the summer where holidays may be requested. **We are now part of a new Academy Trust and the policy for attendance reflects the high expectations of pupils and parents. School cannot simply grant holidays in term times unless they are exceptional circumstances.**

These circumstances are:

- **A recent serious illness/bereavement of an immediate family member;**
- **A member of the Armed Forces whereby they need to undertake a tour of duty which conflicts with school holidays;**
- **Restrictions on police leave, where a police officer has specific duties in relation to a national event which conflicts with school holidays.**

The request should be made providing at least one month's notice and a separate application is required to be completed for each child.

Evidence may need to be provided with each application and each parent will be informed in writing within 10 school days of the application being received.

Where the decision is made not to grant leave of absence in term time and the leave is taken without prior approval, or without application, each parent may be informed in writing of the decision to refer the matter to the local authority.

Section 444 of the Education Act 1996, says:

"If a child of compulsory school age, who is a registered pupil at a school fails to attend regularly at the school, their parents are guilty of an offence".

If the reasons for your child's irregular school attendance are not satisfactory, then the local authority may take legal proceedings against you for failure to comply with the Law. This may result in:

- A Penalty Notice payable up to £120 fine
- Prosecution under Section 444 (1) Education Act 1996 where if convicted you may be fined up to £1000.
- Prosecution under Section 444 (1a) Education Act 1996 where if convicted you may be fined up to £2500 and/or 3 months imprisonment.

**We obviously want to work with parents so that they are not issued with fixed penalty notices.**



### Year Group Attendance Week Ending 3 May 2019

Morning Nursery – 91.9%	Year 3 – 100%
Afternoon Nursery – 95.3%	Year 4 - 88.8%
UFS – 95.0%	Year 5 – 92.7%
Year 1 – 100%	Year 6 - 95.5%
Year 2 – 95.9%	

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**THIS WEEK'S RIGHT: Article 17** - You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being, from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful, and help you find and understand the information you need.

### MISSIO BOXES/CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS



A huge thank you to everyone that has filled and returned their red Missio boxes to the school office. The last day to return the boxes is Friday 10th May. The final day for Class Photograph Orders is also Friday 10th May.

## PACKED LUNCH GUIDANCE

People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

First aid staff in the school are trained to use the Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which is required immediately if this happens. **We cannot have nuts in school in any form.** So please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats.

For example:

Peanut butter sandwiches

Chocolate spreads

Cereal bars

Some granola bars

Cakes that contain nuts

Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts

Peanut butter cakes

Some Asian food, including satay Sauces that contain nuts

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely. We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check and we know that you recognise the importance of it. We do have to insist we are a nut free school. I know if this was your child you would expect that we all help, especially as it is a life-threatening condition. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.