

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:

Thursday 26th September:
Y5 Residential Meeting 5pm

Friday 27th September:
Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
2:30pm

Wednesday 2nd October:
Walk to school day

Wednesday 2nd October:
Y1 Moment with God 2:45pm

Wednesday 9th October:
Y2 Moment with God 2:45pm

Wednesday 16th October:
Y3 Moment with God 2:45pm

Sunday 20th October:
Family Mass at St Bede's Church

Wednesday 23rd October:
Y4 Moment with God 2:45pm

Wed 23rd – Friday 25th October:
Y5 Residential

Friday 25th October:
Break up for half term

Monday 4th November:
Children return to School

Wednesday 6th November:
Y5 Moment with God 2:45pm

The past few weeks have been full of smiles, learning and new friendships. It is so wonderful to see so many happy faces around school.

In the words of the CES, 'Time spent at school should not only equip us for life in the world but instil in us a love for knowledge and a desire to seek truth and wisdom. Education is a lifelong pursuit and it is the job of parents and teachers alike to plant and nurture seeds which will continue to grow and flourish over a lifetime. True education should also recognise the different gifts and talents of each pupil. Catholic education has at its heart the mission to help students uncover the essence of who they are and what it means to be in fellowship with others, seeking vocation and celebrating differences.'

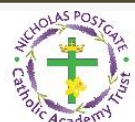
MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON



Macmillan Cancer Support is a wonderful charity which provides medical, emotional, practical and financial support for sufferers and their families. Every year, we host an event to help raise funds so the organisation can continue the valuable work they do - and this year is no different. Please come and support this wonderful charity on Friday 27th September. Tea and coffee will be available, alongside a range of cakes and tasty treats. Doors will be open from 2.30pm and all donations of money and cakes are very welcome.

YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 CHILDREN

A polite reminder that, for safeguarding purposes, all Year 1 and Year 2 children should be escorted, by an adult, to the Key Stage 1 entrance door on a morning. Thank you.



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BEING HEALTHY AT ST BEDE'S



An invaluable part of being healthy is how we fuel our bodies. Drinking water regularly throughout the day is vital – each child should come to school every day with a filled plastic water bottle. Please remember to label each bottle.

Morning play time is an opportunity for the children to have a healthy snack. Children in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage One are provided with a free healthy snack each day but can still bring their own healthy snack.

Children in Key Stage Two can bring their own healthy snack which could be fruit or vegetable based but should not contain chocolate, sweets or nuts. Similarly, at lunch time children provided with packed lunches should be being provided with a healthy lunch option which should contain some fruit or vegetable option. Again this should not contain nuts or sweets. Please remember to cut grapes in half before sending them to school in order to limit the risk of choking.

ATTENDANCE

Our policy for attendance reflects the high expectations of pupils and parents. School cannot simply grant holidays in term times unless there 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. When requesting leave please complete the holiday form which can be found on the school website or at the school office.

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.

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