

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 14th February:
Break up for Half Term

Monday 24th February:
Children return to school

Wednesday 26th February:
Y1 Maths Session 5pm

Tuesday 3rd March:
Coffee Morning 8:45am

Wednesday 4th March:
Y5 & Y6 Lenten Liturgy 9am

Thursday 5th March:
World Book Day

Friday 6th March:
Bringing Books to Life

Wednesday 11 March:
EYFS Moment with God 9am

Wednesday 18th March:
Y3 & Y4 Lenten Liturgy 9am

Monday 23rd March:
Parents Evening 3:30-7pm

Wednesday 25th March:
Y1 & Y2 Lenten Liturgy 9am

Wednesday 25th March:
Parents Evening 3:30-7pm

Wednesday 1st April:
EYFS Lenten Liturgy 9am

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CHANGING THE WAY STUDENTS READ

INVESTMENT IN LEARNING

Much research has been carried out around the long-term benefits of reading and reading for pleasure in particular. These benefits can include mental stimulation; improved well-being and reduced anxiety; greater knowledge; improved memory retention; an increased bank of vocabulary and better articulation; greater focus and concentration as well as improved thinking skills. St Bede's has been trialling a programme called **Reading Plus** with our Year 6 children with some amazing results in terms of increased fluency and comprehension. We will be extending this programme to all of Key Stage 2 in the Summer Term. It can be accessed at home and includes a broad collection of both fiction and non-fiction engaging short texts. It gives staff an insight to the reading genres that are popular with our children. Because texts are short, children are more likely to try out genres that they would not normally choose, thereby broadening their reading experiences.

Nicholas Postgate Trust have elected for schools to be part of the Reciprocal Reading Programme. This is a project funded by Opportunity North East and delivered through a partnership between Legacy Learning Trust, Queen's University Belfast and FFT Literacy. This is a Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3 Transition project and therefore it will be our Year 6 children who will be taking part. It is an interactive teaching technique that is suitable for all readers.

Please check the school calendar for upcoming events:
<https://stbedes.npcat.org.uk/>



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MRS BROWN



It has been lovely having Mrs Brown in school this week to support our leadership team. Some of you will have met Mrs Brown on the playground and she has enjoyed being part of our lovely St Bede's family this week.

SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Two of our Year 6 children, Eleanor and Joseph, represented St Bede's at the School Sports Partnership Showcase Event on Wednesday evening.

We are proud to announce that St Bede's received the Gold Award, which Eleanor & Joseph were presented with, along with individual awards for their own personal achievements for teamwork and helping others with sports.

Thank you to Eleanor & Joseph and their families for attending the event on behalf of the school.



YEAR 1 - MISS COOPER

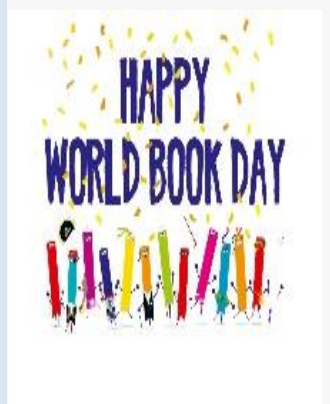


We welcome Miss Laura Cooper into our St Bede's family. Miss Cooper has been in school this week, familiarising herself with the classroom and routines and getting to know our lovely Year 1 children. Mrs Alderton and Miss Cooper will be holding a meeting for Year 1 parents shortly. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend so that you can meet Miss Cooper. It will give you the opportunity to meet and speak with both teachers at the same time. Mrs Alderton and Miss Cooper will be working closely together to ensure a smooth handover before Mrs Alderton starts her maternity leave.

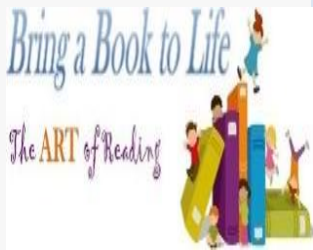
WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 5th MARCH 2020

This year, World Book Day will take place on 5th March 2020. Children can celebrate this special day by coming to school dressed as a character from a favourite book that they have read. For anyone looking for a simple idea, dressing as a character from 'The Day the Crayons Quit' would only need a plain coloured t-shirt or long-sleeved top with leggings or jeans or 'Where's Wally' would need a red and white striped top and blue leggings or jeans. We are sure you will have many more ideas and we are looking forward to seeing your lovely creations.

On World Book Day, children will have the opportunity to design their own book covers; act out favourite stories; create book characters; write their own stories in 500 words and create a book in a box. In order to make the book in a box, **children will need to bring into school a box (you choose the appropriate size) and any resources specific to the book that are not normally found in school.**



FRIDAY 6th MARCH 2020 – BRINGING BOOKS TO LIFE



On Friday 6th March, we will be joined by a dance and drama company who will be working with the children to bring a book to life. Each class will attend a workshop at some point during the day, centred around the book 'Where the Wild Things Are.' We are very grateful to our 'Friends of School' for supporting us in providing this opportunity for our children. **The children will not need any special clothing as all activities will be performed in school uniform.**

FRIENDS OF ST BEDE'S PTA MEETING

The Friends of St Bede's will be holding a PTA meeting on Thursday 27th February at 3:20pm in the school hall. All parents are welcome to attend.



PARENTPAY



We will begin to take cashless payments via ParentPay from Monday 24 February 2020.

You should have now received an activation letter with your login details on, please ensure that you login and set up your accounts. If you have any questions or require a copy of your activation letter, please contact Mrs McCormick for assistance.

WHOLE SCHOOL PARENTS EVENING

Apart from Year 1, the whole school parents evenings will now be held on Monday 23rd March & Wednesday 25th March 2020. For Year 1, the dates are 2nd and 3rd March so that Mrs Alderton and Miss Cooper can meet parents of our Year 1 children together. A separate letter is being sent out to Year 1 parents tonight.



ATTENDANCE WEEK ENDING 7 JANUARY 2020

Morning Nursery – 86%	Year 3 – 93.8%
Afternoon Nursery - 100%	Year 4 - 100%
Reception – 92.8%	Year 5 – 100%
Year 1 – 99.3%	Year 6 - 98.3%
Year 2 – 98.2%	



A huge well done to **Afternoon Nursery, Year 4 & Year 5** who had 100% attendance!

YEAR 6 SATS DATES & TIMETABLE

	Monday 11 th May	SPAG Grammar and Punctuation	45 Minutes
		SPAG Spelling	20 Minutes
	Tuesday 12 th May	Reading	60 Minutes
	Wednesday 13 th May	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)	30 Minutes
		Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)	30 Minutes
	Thursday 14 th May	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)	40 Minutes

SCHOOL PREMISES NEWS



During the half-term holiday, work will commence on the Hall floor to resolve the heating issue. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding when gathering with us for our Moments with God and coffee morning.

New blinds are to be fitted in Years 5 and 6 and we are awaiting a date for this first week back after half-term.

New fencing has been installed between the Early Years and Key Stage 2 playground to improve the safeguarding of our lovely children.

A new entry system has been installed to give a better sense of security for our children, staff and visitors.

In Year 3 and in Nursery, new, improved interactive boards were fitted earlier this term. This has made a significant improved enhancement to those learning environments.

Watch this space for more improvements to our lovely school coming in the Summer holidays.

NEW ENTRY SYSTEM / COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS FROM AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We have had a new entry system to school installed this week. Please note access to school, for parents, is through the Main school gate on Redcar Road. There is no longer a facility to gain access to and from the staff carpark.

For health and safety reasons, parents are not permitted to park in the staff car park, without prior arrangement with a member of the senior leadership team. Children should not enter school via the staff car park, with or without an adult.

If your child is attending an after school club, please collect your children from the Key Stage 1 entrance at 4:15pm.

CLASS NEWS

EYFS

This term EYFS have enjoyed their once upon a time topic. The children have loved reading traditional tales, enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year and also had a wonderful time at Stay, Play and Learn with their parents, grandparents and carers. We have also welcomed new children into afternoon nursery and they have settled in brilliantly. What a fantastic start to the year. We look forward to our new topic of "growing" next half term.



YEAR 2

Year 2 have worked extremely hard learning how to multiply and divide by 2, 3, 5 and 10. The children have conducted different surveys and produced graphs to display the information. In poetry sessions, we wrote riddles for family pets with some children writing fantastic riddles for local landmarks. We have finished our sea art projects and they are on display in our art gallery. We have ended this term by building different bridge structures so we can create our own pier for Marske.



YEAR 3

Year 3 children have clearly been enjoying their learning about the Ancient Greeks and we have had some wonderful homework projects being sent into class. A lot of time and thought has obviously gone into the work and we thank you very much for all your support. We will be continuing with this learning after the February half-term, as well as starting to learn about some of the history in our local area.

All our children are 'Stars' and so it is difficult to choose particular children each week. However, Katherine, Tom, Poppy and Zoe have been outstanding in showing their respect for others and have received certificates this week.



YEAR 4

This week, Year 4 have had a really good discussion in Science about endangered species. The children have been learning about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and have really enjoyed learning about the artefacts in his tomb. They have written a diary entry about finding the tomb from the perspective of Howard Carter.

YEAR 5

In Year 5, this term we have developed our basketball skills during our PE lessons with Mr Buckby. Year 5 have also participated in the local schools basketball competition. Both of our teams showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the competition. Year 5 gave thanks in our Moment with God worship for their unique gifts and talents. Thank you for that joined Year 5 for our worship.

YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 have been finishing the work we have been doing on *Pig Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman. The children have written some excellent character descriptions and used a mixture of dialogue and narration in their story extract. In maths, they been working hard on finding decimal equivalents of fractions and using this knowledge to solve word problems. It has been a busy end to the week and I think the children are ready for the break.