

# 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:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March:  
Y5 & Y6 Lenten Liturgy 9am

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March:  
World Book Day

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March:  
Bringing Books to Life

Wednesday 11 March:  
EYFS Moment with God 9am

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March:  
Mothers Day Workshop 3:30pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March:  
Y3 & Y4 Lenten Liturgy 9am

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:  
Parents Evening 3:30-7pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March:  
Y1 & Y2 Lenten Liturgy 9am

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March:  
Parents Evening 3:30-7pm

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April:  
EYFS Lenten Liturgy 9am

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April:  
Easter Break 3:10pm

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April:  
Coffee Morning 9am

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April:  
Children return to school

March sees the beginning of Lent, a time in the Church calendar when we take time out to reflect and prepare for Easter. In school we will be doing this through various liturgies and opportunities to pray together during the coming weeks.



Below are the dates for the Key Stage Lenten Liturgies in school: Lent is a very special time for our Christian family. During Lent, we will have worships led by different key stages. Please see the dates and times below:

Y5/6 Lenten Liturgy Wednesday 4th March 9am  
EYFS Moment with God Wednesday 11th March 9am  
Y3/4 Lenten Liturgy Wednesday 18th March 9am  
Y1/2 Lenten Liturgy Wednesday 25th March 9am  
EYFS Lenten Liturgy Wednesday 1st April 9am

Our Lenten boxes are making their way home to pupils each night. We hope you enjoy sharing the story and prayerful time with your family. Thank you so much to those families who have posted on twitter or shared a prayer or thoughts in the book.

### PARENT CONSULTATION



Look out for a parent consultation letter so that you can book an appointment to discuss your child's mid-term review. Letters will be sent out this week.

Please check the school calendar for upcoming events:

<https://stbedes.npcat.org.uk/>



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## COFFEE MORNINGS



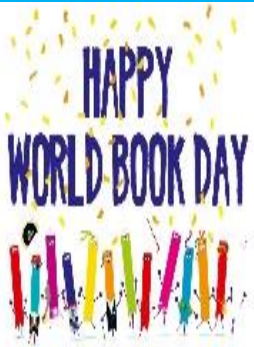
Thank you to all of the parents who attended the behaviour and Catholic life of the school coffee mornings. We have found these really useful and we hope you have too. Our next coffee morning will be 7th April at 9am with a focus on how reading is taught in school and how you can help at home.

## FAIR TRADE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thank you so much to everyone who came to Fairtrade Pancake Breakfast last Tuesday. It was a wonderful way to celebrate Shrove Tuesday as a school family and also raise money for the CAFOD Fair Trade appeal. We raised a fantastic £115. A huge thank you to our kitchen staff, school staff and school Governor, Mrs Thomson, who all helped us make over 100 pancakes!



## WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 5th MARCH 2020

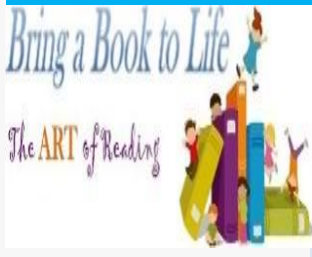


This year, World Book Day will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Children can celebrate this special day by coming to school dressed as a character from a favourite book that they have read.

In school children will be invited to recreate a scene from their favourite story, inside a box (shoe box/cereal box etc). They will be given the opportunity to use their box to retell the story to their classmates during World Book Week. For inspiration, please see this gallery for examples of stories in boxes. Mrs Bennett will also be providing potatoes for those who want to create their favourite book character. Please ensure your child brings items to go inside their boxes and for their potato characters, for example, cotton wool, felt for jackets etc.



## BRING A BOOK TO LIFE – Friday 6th March 2020



On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 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.**

## PARENT SUGGESTION SLIPS

Thank you so much for your suggestions. As a school it is so important for us to continue building strong working relationships and your ideas and suggestions are vital in building a happy successful community.

You have asked about:

- Trips and visits - Educational visits and experiences are linked to and enhance the wider curriculum. All children will experience at least one visit per year and have access to experiences within school, for example: More than dance and Bringing books to life and visits and workshops from outside agencies.
- Fun activities - Our teachers work very hard to make learning fun and engaging for all children. Extra activities this term include: Spring disco 2<sup>nd</sup> April, World book day, Bringing books to life, Pancake breakfast.
- Parent volunteers - Our Friends of the school are always looking to welcome new recruits to work with staff on initiatives around school. If you have time and think you can help with other activities within school such as listening to readers, gardening or becoming a member of the chaplaincy team then please leave your details in the office and a member of staff will contact you. Please be aware that all volunteers undergo safeguarding checks for the safety of our children.
- Homework and reading records - Our homework policy is currently under review. Please come along to the next coffee morning to find out more about our approach to reading within school.



## BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



Thank you to all of our staff who give up their time to run additional clubs for our children. A new club letter will be sent home next week with a range of activities for your children to choose from.

## MOTHERS DAY GIFT WORKSHOP

After the success of the wreath making workshop, Miss Walker has arranged another exciting opportunity for adults & children, along with an expert jeweller, to make a hanging sea glass heart decoration. Tickets are available from the school office and are £10 which will admit one child and adult to work together to make a decoration. The workshop is on Thursday 12th March, 3:30-5:00pm.



## OFFICE OPENING TIMES



Communication with parents is really important to us as a school. Our school office is open from 8.30am until 4pm Monday to Friday. Outside of these hours you are able to leave a voicemail and a member of staff will contact you at the earliest opportunity. Please be aware that as messages are only accessed by office and not teaching staff, messages left after 4pm may not be picked up until the next working day. Another line of communication is through the school enquiries email: [Enquiries@stbedes.npcat.org.uk](mailto:Enquiries@stbedes.npcat.org.uk)

## ATTENDANCE WEEK ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2020

<b>Morning Nursery</b> – 91.7%	<b>Year 3</b> – 97.6%
<b>Afternoon Nursery</b> - 100%	<b>Year 4</b> - 96.4%
<b>Reception</b> – 95.9%	<b>Year 5</b> – 100%
<b>Year 1</b> – 99.3%	<b>Year 6</b> - 100%
<b>Year 2</b> – 95%	



A huge well done to **Afternoon Nursery, Year 5 & Year 6** who had 100% attendance!

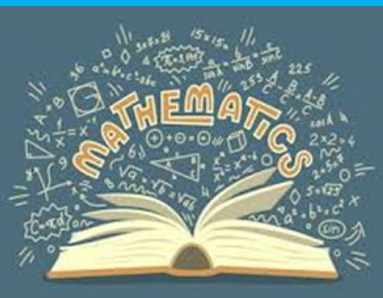
## COLLECTION FROM AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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.

## MATHS PARENTS WORKSHOPS



Thank you to all of the parents who attended the maths parents' workshops. I hope that they have been useful, and I know that the children have really enjoyed the chance to show off how hard they are working in class and what they know. I'm not sure any of us expected to be doing actions to go with the times tables in Year 2! We will be looking at running some further sessions on problem solving and reasoning in the Summer Term.

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**THIS WEEK'S RIGHT:** Article 13 - You have the right to find out things and share what you think with others, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms or offends other people.