



# 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

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please enjoy this newsletter showcasing pupils' learning this very special Holy Week. Your children have been a credit to you and the school during what is a testing time for us all. The positivity from children accessing Google Classrooms; work packs and the general communication with the staff has been a joy to observe.

We would like to particularly mention the children coming into school every day (the children of key workers). What a set of mature, polite and happy children. It is incredibly hard for them to continue schooling in the building without their peers, but they continue to do so.

Please keep yourselves safe and enjoy your Easter holiday. Teachers will not be assigning any learning activities during this period.

With best wishes,

Mrs Brown, Mrs Haslam and Mrs Bennett



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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER DEREK

Dear Children and families

I hope that you will find a new and special way to celebrate Easter in these challenging times.

Please join in the Masses and Services that the parish will be streaming on Facebook:

Holy Thursday 6.00 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday: 12.00 pm Family Stations of the Cross

Good Friday: 6.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday: 6.00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Day: 9.00 am Sunday Mass

Our Facebook page is: 'Blessed Nicholas Postgate, Redcar and Marske'

Here is a prayer for you to use at home:

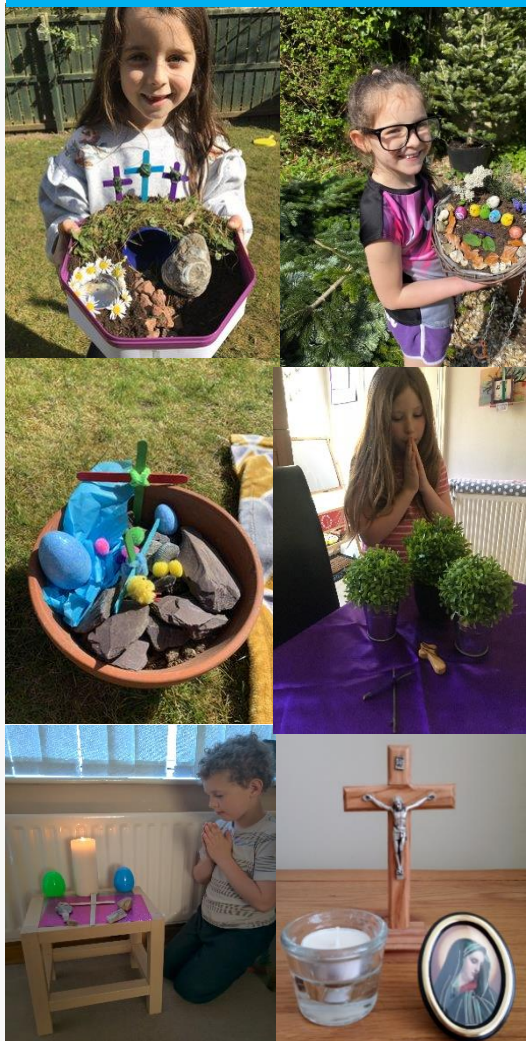
May the celebration of Jesus's resurrection bring new hope to our homes and families.

May the Jesus's victory over earthly death turn our eyes to the hope of heaven.

May the empty tomb help us to leave our sorrows at the foot of the cross so that God's hope, promises and forgiveness reign in our lives forever. Amen



## EASTER AT ST BEDE'S SCHOOL



Although we are not all together, we have been touched by the many ways in which our lovely children are celebrating, what would normally be such a special time at school. We wanted to share with you a beautiful and thoughtful prayer written by one of our Year 3 pupils:

Dear Lord Jesus

We pray for the people who are suffering with this virus.

We pray for people who have lost loved ones.

We pray for our NHS workers who are working hard to make people better.

We pray for our teachers who are working hard to help the children.

We pray for all the key workers who are working hard to keep our country safe.

We pray from Boris Johnson, may he have the strength to overcome the virus and the strength to lead our country into better times.

We pray for all our friends, may they all be safe.

We look forward to the day we can all be together again.

Amen



## E-SAFETY

All of us at St Bede's are using the internet more than ever at the moment whether it's accessing the Google classroom, watching fitness videos on Youtube, participating in live streaming events such as ballet classes or reading clubs, posting on twitter and other social media outlets or facetimeing those loved ones we are unable to see. However, we are using it, it is important to remember to stay safe whilst doing so. In school, we teach children how they can stay safe on the internet and during this time we will continue to do this through lessons provided on the Google Classrooms - you will have noticed some included in your child's learning this week. The lessons are important to remind children how and why we practise e-safety, and are even beneficial to remind us of the steps we could be taking to remain safe. I have also provided a leaflet, shown below, which includes key information about how to stay safe on some of the apps and social media outlets that are helping us maintain social distancing without feeling isolated. Please take a moment to read it and if you have any questions that I can help with, email [enquiries@stbedes.npcat.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stbedes.npcat.org.uk).

Stay safe - Miss Walker

### Security

#### Think about

##### 1. Passwords

Create a separate password for your email account. Make it strong with three random words using capital & lower letters, numbers & symbols. It's safe to do so save the passwords in your browser.

##### 2. Two factor authentication

Turn on two factor authentication where possible.

##### 3. Your old accounts

If you've stopped using a social media site or forum there's no point in leaving personal information out there unnecessarily, deactivate the account and if you can, delete it.

##### 4. Keep your anti-virus software up to date

Make sure you have anti-virus software installed on your device and be careful what you download or install on your computer.

##### 5. Guard personal information

Unless necessary, restrict posting any personal information- your address, email address or mobile number - publicly online.

##### 6. Back-ups

Turn on all back-ups.

##### 7. In-App Purchases

Deactivate in-app purchases on your devices to prevent unexpected costs whilst using apps and games.

[nsc.gov.uk/section/information-for/individuals-families](http://nsc.gov.uk/section/information-for/individuals-families)

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### Information

#### Parents

- Talk to your child about what they are doing online
- Reassure them that they can talk to you if they are worried
- Use the tools that are available to manage their access
- Always check with your child about who they are chatting with and what types of conversations are taking place.
- It's always best to keep these video chats out in the open to avoid the dangers that can take place behind closed doors.
- Set up parental controls on their devices to control the level of security.
- Recognise that at the moment this is their main communication tool so they will be keen to get online and talk to their friends


#### Online Harms

In the first online safety laws of their kind, social media companies and tech firms will be legally required to protect their users and face tough penalties if they do not comply.

Ofcom will be the Regulator.

#### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Independent regulator will be appointed to enforce stringent new standards.
- Social media firms must abide by mandatory "duty of care" to protect users and could face heavy fines if they fail to deliver.

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# Online Safety

### TIPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



#### Contact

[enquiries@stbedes.npcat.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stbedes.npcat.org.uk)  
FAO - Miss Walker

#### Resources and Assistance

Childline

0800 1111

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

Young Minds

0808 802 5544

[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

NSPCC

0808 800 5000

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

CEOP

[www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre](http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre)

The Parentzone

[www.parentzone.co.uk](http://www.parentzone.co.uk)

AACOSS

[www.aacoss.org](http://www.aacoss.org)

[enquiries@aacoss.org](mailto:enquiries@aacoss.org)

# CLASS NEWS



## NURSERY

Hello everyone thanks again for another fantastic week on google classroom. We really have enjoyed seeing you enjoy the sunshine in your gardens! We are very impressed with the learning going on at home, such a range of activities, painting, role play, bug hunts, spring hunts and more! We are really looking forward to seeing your egg entries too!

Our worker of the week is Ted. He has been working very hard at home and we love his rainbow and him practising painting his name.

We hope you have a restful Easter and look forward to seeing you again soon.

Mrs Gribbon & Mrs Robinson



## RECEPTION

Hello Reception. Thank you for a fantastic half term. You have all worked so hard both at school and home.

My worker of the week this week is Ava. Ava has been a super star working so hard over the last few weeks. She wrote a story about a fire in her street without any help from an adult and remembered all her sounds she's learnt in phonics to help her. She has been doing lots of fun activities like baking with her Daddy. Keep working hard and having fun, Ava!

I am so proud of you all. I can't wait to see what you get up to over the next half term. Enjoy your well-deserved Easter holiday with your family. Stay safe and have lots of fun! Love from Miss Brown.

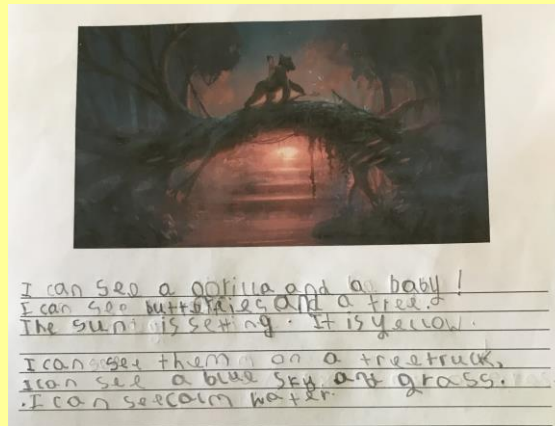


## YEAR 1

Happy half term! What a fantastic half term we have had, slightly unusual, but just as brilliant! I wanted to say thank you to you all firstly for making my first term at St Bede's magical. I have thoroughly enjoyed taking over Year 1. Secondly, thank you for all of your hard work again this week and this term. I have been blown away by your commitment and dedication to your learning. As it is half term, I have not set any work on Google Classroom! There are a number of fun Easter activities available in our classroom, if you wanted to do them.

My worker of the week is Max W for his excellent efforts with his VIPERS writing this week. Max has been able to use capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and adjectives, as well as having the most beautiful handwriting for this piece of work. I am very proud of his super attitude to learning and engagement on Google Classroom. Keep it up!

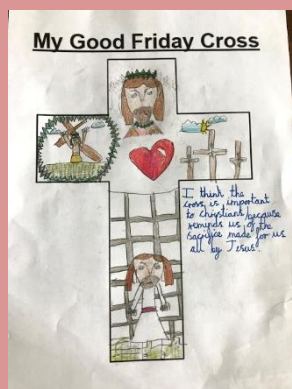
Thank you to those who have been battling on TTRockstars. Congratulations to the winning team- I have been very impressed! A big 'fantastic' to Max D, Phoebe and Adam. You have contributed the most coins to the battle, well done! Keep up the super effort and work. Have a lovely half term and enjoy your chocolate eggs! Stay safe. Miss Cooper



## YEAR 2

Another week of fantastic work from all of you. It has been lovely to watch your progress on Google Classroom. You have really got to grips with the use of technology for learning. We are the TTRockstars champions after beating Year 3 last week and we are currently beating Year 4. #Y2TOPTTEAM. I have enjoyed chatting to you both over the phone and via our online stream. Have a happy and holy Easter, from Mr Gunn.

The TTROCKSTARS for Year 2 are Ava, Fern and Alicia. Our Worker of the week certificates go to Abbie and Fern for fantastic work all week.



## YEAR 3

Thank you all so much for all your hard work again this week. You have embraced Google Classroom and it has been a delight to see the learning that is taking place at home.

Stars of the Week are Poppy and Miles for going the extra mile in everything they do.

Your illustrations, prayers and reflections during Holy Week have been fantastic. You have really embraced the relevance of the special days of Easter.

We have really enjoyed watching your ideas and plans develop with regard to the IT project, 'Let's Get Digital.' I think we may have some future designers and engineers in Year 3!

Poppy inspired the whole class to write 500 word stories just before school closure happened. Poppy entered the BBC 500 Word Stories competition. She has just heard that out of 135,000 entries, her story has been selected and has been put through to the next round of 5,000. We are all extremely proud and wish her well for when the next selection process happens in May. A little bird has told me that Poppy has also entered another writing competition to try and win £500 worth of books for school. What a thoughtful gesture. Thank you.

Mrs Bennett and Mrs Winn



## YEAR 4

Once again, we have had another productive week of learning in Year 4, whether children have been working in school or at home. Our Maths learning has been about measuring areas of shapes. We have had some wonderful writing of diary entries. Children have been continuing to research the history of the local area with a special focus this week on the introduction of the railways and the effect that had on the community.



Hello, and my name is Matthew and I'm writing to talk about where I would like to go in the future. I've always been a person about Canada, as it is one of my favourite countries.

Firstly, one reason why I would love to go to Canada is because it has luxurious sights and waterfalls and massive cliffs and I would also like to go sightseeing. I also want to see some of the wild life. This includes:

1. Penguins
2. Polar bears
3. Mooses
4. Snow Foxes
5. Wolves
6. Kioties

I would be especially excited to see the mooses because they are my favourite animal.

Also I would like to go to Canada because you get a lot of snow and you are able to ski in the mountains. This would be good because I am very good at skiing and I can show off my talents.

Furthermore, I would like to go to Canada because you get to buy a big house, which has hot tubs, pools, nice views and if you're lucky enough with a balcony as well. You can also take big walks up the Jasper mountains which looks over huge reviews.

Overall I think Canada is a great place which I find interesting. Hopefully I'll get to go one day.

I hope you are doing well and I can't wait to see you.

Yours sincerely,

## YEAR 5

Well done Year 5 for the great effort in all your work this week! I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing all of your work and seeing all the fantastic artwork you have created at home. We appreciate all your hard work and effort. Please stay safe and enjoy your Easter holidays! I hope you have a relaxing and fun week ahead.

This week's Year 5 Worker of the Week is Max M. Max has shown brilliant perseverance with all of his work this week. Max has also created a lovely Lenten cross and a fantastic design for a new bridge crossing for the River Tees! Well done Max!



## YEAR 6

What a week in Year 6!

We have moved onto a new concept in Maths - ratio and proportion! It's a challenge but we are seeing some great results. We have also begun sharing our class book 'Holes' again. Some of us missed our daily story time, so we are using the Google Classroom to share our reading. The rest of our learning has been around observing the live webcam feeds in Edinburgh Zoo. We have produced stories, newspaper articles, diaries, documentary scripts, fact files, maps, sketches, designs and even a penguin rap!

On TT Rockstars, Year 6 beat Year 4 by a mere 64 points. They are currently beating Year 5 but there is still time as this battle will not be decided until next week. Keep up the fantastic work Year 6!

Once again, picking the worker of the week has been a challenge; however, one person has stood out in the effort that he has put into his work. It is obvious to see that our Worker of the Week in Year 6 has enjoyed the 'Zoo Project' and may have discovered a new career as a documentary writer.

### **Year 6 Worker of the Week is James!**

We are immensely proud of all of our Year 6 children and are impressed with the work that has been handed in.

Suggested activity for next week - take some time to enjoy the quiet outdoors. Just sit in the garden or somewhere outside and listen and observe. It's not often we take this time so focus on what you can hear and see. When you go home see if you can sketch an image of something that caught your eye (maybe a flower, a tree or a view), or try to recreate the sounds that you heard with things in the house.

Stay safe

Miss Lyne, Mrs Roughley, Mr Townley and Miss Walker.

