

ST BEDE'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We cannot believe we have reached the end of our penultimate week of this term. Included in our newsletter this week is a message from Canon Turnham detailing worship times and procedures for attending worship over the Christmas period. Please find below important dates and information relating to activities taking place next week:

Monday 14th December – if your child would like to bring in Christmas cards for the children **in their class only, this is the latest date by which they should be brought to school.** The cards should be in a bag clearly labelled with your child's name. Cards will be quarantined and handed out on Thursday 17th December;

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas lunch – this is non-uniform day and children can come in their own clothes. It is PE for Years 1 to 6 and children can wear their own sports clothes;

Friday 18th December – each class will have a Christmas party on the afternoon. Children should bring a clearly labelled plate of party food and a drink. This is not for sharing with anyone else in school. **Please bring foods that do not require refrigeration or storage in a cool place. Children can wear their own clothes if they so wish. It will not be a PE afternoon.**

Friday 18th December – NPCAT will be posting a Christmas video that all schools have contributed to – look out for that on the NPCAT Facebook page at 6:30pm and will appear on the NPCAT website later at 7pm

In addition, each class will be producing a short Christmas liturgy for you and this will be uploaded to google classroom at the end of the term. Please note all children will be involved. **Please be reassured only those children for whom we have received the 'Images and Video' consent from parents will appear on the liturgy posted on google classroom.**

Now please enjoy reading about all the wonderful learning that has taken place this week. Have a restful weekend and continue to keep safe.

Best wishes from Mrs Brown and the Senior Leadership Team.

Faith Space

Next week, our faith outreach will be provided by Y4 following their virtual worship with the rest of school (Monday 14th December)

Check the website (underneath the 'Our Faith' tab) for our virtual worships and reflections. The Year 4 virtual worship will be the final one for this term.

<https://stbedes.npcat.org.uk/faith-outreach/>

As always, we continue to remember the request from the Bishops' Conference to pause and pray daily at 6pm for an end to the pandemic and those affected by this ongoing crisis.

Upcoming feasts: Our Lady of Guadalupe – 12th December; 3rd Sunday of Advent – 13th December; St. John of the Cross – 14th December

Dear children and families,

I expect that like me you are looking forward to Christmas even though it will be a bit different this year because of the restrictions we have to bear now. In Redcar and Marske Christmas is usually marked by many families coming to Mass either on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day in one of our three churches but this year numbers will be limited because of the Covid 19 precautions. I thought that it might help if I let you know about the Christmas Services now:

Sunday 20 December

4.00 pm Carol Service with Readings – Live Streamed only

Christmas Eve

4.00 pm Mass in Sacred Heart Church

5.00 pm Mass at St Augustine's Church

6.00 pm Mass at St Bede' Church

7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church – Live Streamed

Friday 25 December – Christmas Day

8.30 am Mass at St Bede's Church

9.30 am Mass at Sacred Heart – Live Streamed

10.30 am Mass at St Augustine's Church

We must book to attend Mass and booking for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will take place between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm on Saturday 19 December. Please telephone 01642 292552

If coming to Mass in person would not be right for you and your family or there is not enough room it will be possible to share in three of our celebrations on the Parish YouTube Channel which is: 'Blessed Nicholas Postgate, Redcar and Marske. The Live Streamed celebrations will be the Carol Service on Sunday 20 December at 4.00 pm, Mass on Christmas Eve at 7.00 pm and on Christmas day at 9.30 am.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all our children and their families for the way you have responded with great care and cheerfulness to the challenges of the last year in school and to all members of staff for constantly making extra efforts to continue to provide excellent education in a safe school environment despite all the challenges.

Like you all I am hoping and praying that the year ahead of us will be a good one and I wish you all the best for the New Year as well as for Christmas

Best wishes

Canon Derek Turnham

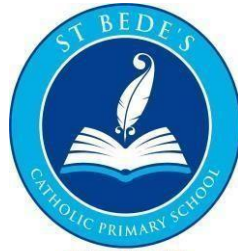
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Nursery

During this second week of Advent, children have been learning about the meanings of the candles. We have talked about the colour purple and counted the purple candles on the advent wreath. Children have explored the words hope and love. They have shared with us the times when they have experienced hope and love in their own lives.



We have also discussed what we are looking forward to at Christmas time.

Children have designed and started making baubles for the beautiful Christmas tree in the playground. They have considered the colours often associated with Christmas. They have applied their fine motor skills to making Christmas wrapping paper using simple repeating patterns.

Thank you for your continued support.



Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Gribbon, Mrs Robinson
and the Early Years Team.



Reception

In the second week of Advent, we have read together the Christmas story. Inspired by the images, we used our imaginations to verbally describe what it must have been like for Mary and Joseph when they stayed in the stable. We then went on our own journey to the St Bede's stable in the prayer garden. We discussed how we thought Mary and Joseph would have felt as people arrived to see Baby Jesus. Fantastic vocabulary was used by the children – 'puzzled' and 'confused' -when they described the arrival of the shepherds. A mischievous elf had left the numbers 0-10 in the outdoor learning area! Their challenge was to put the numbers in order and to calculate one more or less from a given number. In English, we have continued to work on our rhyming skills to match words that rhyme with sun and moon.



Have a great weekend!
Miss Brown, Mrs Robinson
and the Early Years Team.



Year One

We have had a fabulous week in Year 1. In English, we have created our own dinosaurs, describing their features, what they eat and where they live. We extended and improved our sentences using 'and' to include additional details.

In our maths topic – geometry - the learning focus has centred on 3D shapes and their properties. Children were set the challenge of exploring the learning environment to discover as many 'real' 3D shapes as possible! They thoroughly enjoyed this learning task and were amazed at what they discovered!

This week, in RE, we have continued learning about Advent and the meaning of the Christingle. We had some enthusiastic learners who went home and created their own, giving detailed information to their parents about what the Christingle represents. Super work!



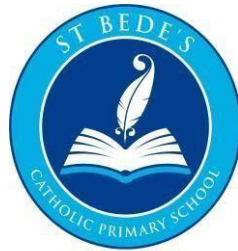
Have a wonderful weekend!
Miss Cooper and the Year 1 Team

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Year Two

How impressed we are with our hard-working children as we come to the end of another busy week of learning in Year 2. In maths, the children have been making measures for right angles and learning how to check the size of angles in 2D shapes. In English, we have read a poem telling the children not to use the word 'said.' They have used ambitious synonyms for 'said' in their own writing. In RE, we have shared and retold the stories of the Annunciation and the Visitation, learning how special Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is.



In history, we have been comparing modern day houses with Victorian houses. We discussed the items the Victorians would have used for keeping clean and compared these to what products we use today. In science, we have learnt the importance of both a healthy diet and regular exercise. The children have tested out some of their fitness ideas on each other during PE.

Stay safe from Year 2

Year Three

This week in English, the children have finished reading and analysing our novel 'Stig of the Dump.' We have applied inference and prediction skills to write alternative endings for the story. Children have also used a range of vocabulary to describe the novel in a book review to recommend the book to others.

Types of angles have been the focus of our learning in maths. Children have been using technical vocabulary to describe a range of angles. Through practical activities, they have explored the types of angles that can be found in our classroom.

In history this week, we have explored the topic of the Druids as part of 'The Stone Age to the Iron Age' learning. The children have written fantastic letters from the perspective of a Roman soldier to illustrate the differences in lifestyles between the Romans and Druids.

In RE, we have continued our topic of Advent. The children have retold the story of the Annunciation and the role of the shepherds in the events surrounding the birth of Jesus.



Have a wonderful weekend.
Miss Stainthorpe and the Year 3 Team.

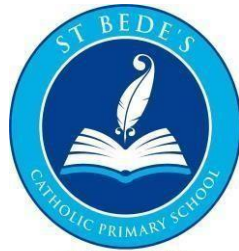


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Year 4

What wonderful learning has taken place again this week in Year 4!

Children have been transported to a mystical world with Leon whilst reading '*Leon and the Place Between.*' The wonderful illustrations have inspired us to write predictions about what might happen next. In maths, we have been learning how to use a protractor to accurately measure acute, obtuse and right angles.

During our second week of Advent, in R.E, children have suggested how we can prepare for the coming of Jesus.

In science, the children have investigated the differences in pitch – how high and low sounds are made. Roman architecture has been the focus of our history learning as children explored the designs of Roman baths and the intricacies of their heating systems. Linking their history

learning to art,

children have modelled and painted clay pots in the style of

the Roman era.

Best wishes

from the Year 4 team.



Year Five

As always, the children have worked very hard this week!

In maths, we have been identifying equivalent fractions, and simplifying, comparing and ordering fractions. This has included challenging fractions problem solving activities from Picture Maths and NRich.

For our English lessons, we have been using a short film called '*Coming Home,*' to inspire our writing. The children have been applying a variety of sentence openers and figurative language to write setting and character descriptions.

In our final history lesson on the Second World War, we have been thinking about why we commemorate certain key events that happened in WW2. In RE, we have created a Jesse Tree for display in class and have been thinking what the Annunciation and Visitation tell us about Our Lady's faith and beliefs.

For science this week, we have been learning how the Earth rotating on its axis results in night and day as we turn towards or away from the sun.

Have a lovely weekend!

Year 5 Team



Year 6

In this second week of Advent, children have been reflecting on the word 'Hope.' In class discussions, they particularly focused on the importance of having hope and concluded hope is important in helping us during significant times of distress. They linked this to their own experiences during lockdown. Children wrote their own messages of hope onto 'hope' angels and placed them on the Christmas tree. Inspired by Katherine Rundell's '*The Book of Hopes,*' children created detailed pencil sketches using a variety of lines, shapes and tones to represent their hopes. In maths, we have applied our knowledge of times tables to adding and subtracting fractions and to solving word and reasoning problems. In English, we have planned a short story entitled 'Over the Top' which combines our learning of trench warfare in history and the events we have read in our class novel 'Private Peaceful.' During this time of Advent, children have analysed Scripture from the Prophet Isaiah and artwork about the expectations on Mary. Children are using the Gospel from John about 'The Incarnation' to discuss how the Word became human.

As part of our current partnership with Teesside Lions, we have developed our defense strategies - the arm bar, the triple threat and how to retreat – in basketball.

Have a peaceful weekend

Mrs Bennett, Miss Walker, Mrs Winn and Mrs Nevison



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