

ST BEDE'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

18th December 2020

With your incredible support; your commitment and partnership with all involved in school, we have managed to ensure continuity and consistency whether on google classroom or in the school building and during the period of lockdown from March to July... the list goes on. It has been an extremely difficult and sad year for us all and one which has touched us in one way or another but rest assured you have been in our thoughts and prayers every day and will continue to do so as we journey into 2021.

Finally...the pupils! What a joy to teach; what a resilient group of children and...what a credit to you. Each and every one from nursery to year 6 – a star!

We cannot thank you enough for all your kind messages and your support – it is a huge part of what makes our St Bede's family so special.

We thought you might like to know we were joined this morning by a special person bearing gifts. The pupils were so excited to hear the tinkle of bells to signal the arrival of Father Christmas. Thank you to Father Christmas (plus Friends of School!!!) for the selection boxes.

Each class has prepared a short liturgy that will be shared on google classrooms later today (every child has played a part and will only appear on google classroom if your consent to sharing images online has been given).

We would like to wish you a peaceful, Holy and relaxing Christmas with your family.

Best wishes from Mrs M Brown, Mrs H Bennett and all the staff and governors of St Bede's.



[Faith Space](#)

Year 4 led our virtual worship this week, focussing on the joy that comes from the Lord. They reminded us that, although happiness comes and goes, joy is forever – even in our darkest days. Thank you for sharing this with us so beautifully.

Check the website (underneath the 'Our Faith' tab) for our virtual worships and reflections – bi-weekly, there will be a post shared with you from the children in one of our classes. The next virtual worship to be shared with you will be week commencing 11th January and it will be from Year 3. The link can be found below:

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

While our Christmas festivities (both at home and at school) may not be our usual celebrations, we remember that the first Christmas was the most simple of all. From all of us at St Bede's, may we wish you a happy, holy and safe Christmas.

Upcoming feasts: 4th Sunday of Advent – 20th December; The Nativity of the Lord (solemnity) – 25th December; St. Stephen – 26th December; The Holy Family – 27th December

A reminder from Canon Turnham of the upcoming worships over the Christmas period:

Sunday 20 December

4.00 pm Carol Service with Readings – Live Streamed only

Christmas Eve

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

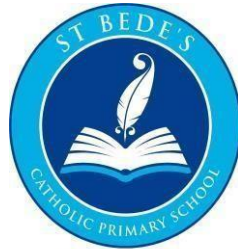
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Nursery

Our children have been so excited this week in the lead up to Christmas. We have used our fine motor skills to make cards and create Christmas decorations for our Christmas tree.

In this third week of Advent, children have practised their pencil control when drawing pictures to represent the Christmas story. They have used images to sequence and re-tell parts of the story.

Children have spent special moments with Mrs Robinson - reading and sharing stories with her.

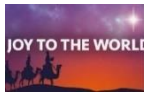
The children have thoroughly enjoyed performing some Christmas songs and these will be posted on the google classroom today.

We would like to thank you all for your support this term. Thank you so much for your generous gifts and your kind messages.

We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas with your families.



Mrs Gibbon, Mrs Robinson
and the Early Years Team.



Reception

What a fantastic last week of term we have had in

Reception! The children have embraced preparing for Christmas by making cards and calendars for loved ones. We have continued to discover and learn more about the Christmas story. The children have applied their learning independently by sequencing pictures; labelling the characters in the pictures. They have written a sentence to tell people about the special news that the Christmas story brings!

We prepared to say goodbye to Mrs Robinson this week and to wish her a very happy retirement. She will be so missed by all- children and staff alike. We have enjoyed sharing precious memories together and wish her all the best for the future!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas. We would like to thank you for your generosity. We have been overwhelmed by your cards and gifts. Take care and see you in January!

Miss Brown
and the Early Years Team.



Year One

Well Year 1, what can I say? This term you have all settled in beautifully and have embraced the fast paced learning of Year 1. Watching you all grow in confidence, ooze enthusiasm and develop into mature Year 1 children this term has been so wonderful to see and you have made our Year 1 team very proud!

You have all worked so hard with your letter formation. It is clear to see the progression in writing through the way you apply your knowledge of punctuation (capital letters, full stops and question marks). Seeing your confidence grow in maths has been fantastic and we are so impressed that you are all now able to explain your



answers- this is such a fantastic skill!



This week, our learning about Christmas and the coming of Jesus has been linked to art. We have been immersed in the making of cards, calendars, and decorations. We have listened to the words and joined in with some Christmas carols. Christmas dinner was a wonderful occasion!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the children and staff in KS1 who have been a joy to work with this term. Thank you to our parents for all your support. Your kind words, messages and thoughtful cards and gifts are greatly appreciated! The dedication of the St Bede's staff and the children has been outstanding and it has been a joy to be part of the team, so thank you everyone!

I hope you all have the BEST Christmas ever, you all certainly deserve it!

Miss Cooper's final piece of homework - put on your pyjamas, get a hot chocolate, relax and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Warm wishes from Miss Cooper and the Year 1 Team

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Year Two

What a wonderful final week of learning to this term. Children have been applying a range of concepts learnt throughout the autumn term to solve reasoning and word problems in maths. We have been impressed with the way children have used their reading retrieval skills to answer comprehension questions. We have made lanterns in the style of stained-glass windows to help us retell the story of the nativity. In our discussions, we have talked about the different visitors who travelled to see Baby Jesus.

Our calendars for the new year are finished and look fantastic! We have also been busy writing special messages and making cards for the adults who are leaving our school this week (we will really miss them all).

The cards include detailed drawings of the nativity scene.

Have a very happy and holy Christmas
from Year 2.

Year Three

Inspired by an image from the short film *'Lily and the Snowman,'* children applied their observational skills and inference skills to make predictions about what would happen next in the film. Despite there being no snow in our final week, children have recalled their own experiences to enable them to write detailed instructions about how to build a snowman. They have applied their knowledge of imperative verbs and organisational devices to their finished pieces.

Children have combined all their previous learning in maths (place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division) this week to solve problems for Father Christmas!

As we approach the end of the third week of Advent, the focus of learning in R.E has seen children retelling the role of the Wise Men in the events surrounding the birth of Jesus. The children have written thoughtful prayers from the Wise Men to Jesus. Throughout the week, Year 3 have let their creative juices flow to make calendars and cards linked to 'Hope.'

We send Mrs Roughley our very best wishes.
Have a wonderful Christmas from the Year 3 Team

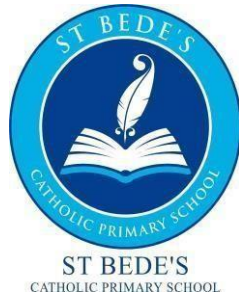


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Year 4

What a wonderful final week!

In English, children have been applying key reading skills, including making inferences, predicting what might happen next and giving explanations for the choices they have made. Inspired by a Christmas advert, children made inferences about the characters and explained the choices made by the director.

Learning activities in maths have combined all the concepts taught this term: place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division as well as geometry.

Symbolism has been the focus of our learning in R.E this week. Children discussed the meaning behind the gifts brought by the Wise Men. Children have learnt that the colour white represents the coming of Christ's light into the world. We have been very impressed with the range of detailed zentangle designs used to make calendars – we

hope you are too!

Have a fantastic holiday.

We wish
you all the best.

Year 4 team.



Year Five

We have had a lovely last week of term in Year 5!

In maths, we have continued to apply our knowledge of fractions, solving challenging problems. Using our reasoning skills, we have compared and ordered fractions with different denominators.

For our English lessons, we have written a short story to accompany the film 'Coming Home,' applying a variety of grammatical features - varied sentence openers, pathetic fallacy and figurative language.

In this third week of Advent our learning in R.E. has been about how Advent is not just a time to look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus, but also a time to prepare for His second coming.

In science this week, we have been using time zone maps to calculate time differences and to work out the relative times in different countries. We have also been learning about the phases of the moon and why they occur.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a

Happy New Year!

Year 5 Team



Year 6

In our final week of this autumn term, children have amazed us with their reverence and thoughtful words in the prayers they have written asking God to bring an end to the pandemic. Children have made a display entitled 'Year 6 Tree of Hopes' (their choice) on which all their wonderful prayers and artwork have been proudly placed.

In this third week of Advent, children have been reflecting on preparations for the coming of Jesus. In class discussions, children particularly focused on expectations and different ways that they can prepare their hearts for this very special time of year. Children then used these discussions as a scaffold to plan a worship, incorporating all our previous learning from the RE topic – 'Expectations.'

There have been some competitive doubles games in PE as children have showcased their tennis skills! They have shown sportsmanship and dedication during this unit of learning, which has revealed some extraordinary talent – watch this space!

The children have put together a short liturgy and you will be able to view this on google classroom later today.

Thank you so much for all your messages and gifts.

Our warm wishes to you and your families.

Mrs Bennett, Miss Walker, Mrs Winn and Mrs Nevison



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