

ST BEDE'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

8th January 2021

A very Happy New Year to all of you. Granted it wasn't the beginning of the school year we anticipated but nevertheless we extend our very best wishes to you all. It was wonderful to welcome back all of the children in school on Monday. They really are a credit to all of you. Thank you for your patience, support and understanding as we once again have moved very quickly to online learning. A further letter will be sent to you outlining systems and procedures in place for remote learning.

We will get through this – We are stronger together.

Best wishes,

Mrs Brown, Mrs Bennett & Miss Ellis



Faith Space

In a world that continually changes, where we cannot predict what will come next, our one constant is the love of God. While we may not know when we can next go to shops or playgrounds or even see our families, God is completely reliable. When all of life seems to be unsteady and unpredictable, you can count on God to remain the same. We were due to hold our first live liturgy of 2021 to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany on Wednesday. However, in its place, a video liturgy was uploaded to Google Classrooms for you to share at home – and we shared it in school too. The Epiphany is an important celebration as it shows us that the Wise Men knew that the baby Jesus was the Son of God and should be worshipped. It reminds us that God humbled himself to come down into our world. What gifts do you have in your life? How are you a gift to others?

Upcoming feasts: The Baptism of the Lord – 10th January; Peace Sunday – 17th January

Nursery

Well what a start to the New Year! It was lovely to see you all on Monday nevertheless.

It has been lovely to see all your efforts at home on google classroom, we really have been impressed with everyone's work. We are very lucky that as we begin our learning about the season of winter, we have been blessed with snow, frost and ice to enhance our learning!

It has been fantastic to see you working scientifically at home, investigating the frost and ice and even carrying out an experiment with ice!

Thank you for your continued support and efforts at home in this unprecedented time.

Mrs Gribbon and the Early Years Team.



Reception

Happy New Year everybody and what a different start to the New Year it has been! Although we are not able to all be together in school, it is wonderful to see so many of you working hard on google classroom.

We have been so impressed with your phonic knowledge, particularly when writing your New Year's Resolutions. You have been so positive when expressing the hopes you have for the year ahead.

In our new RE topic this week and discussed and explored the meaning of the word 'Celebrations.' I loved hearing about your memories of the celebrations you have had with family and friends.

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times. We appreciate all your efforts with home learning.

Stay safe and take care.

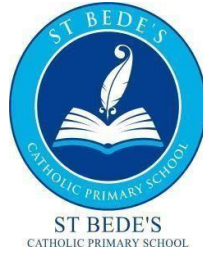
Miss Brown
and the Early Years Team.



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Year One

Happy New Year everyone and welcome back to school after what I hope was a lovely Christmas break. Thank you for making me feel so welcome, I already feel like part of the St Bede's family. In Maths, we have revisited our learning on the value of numbers up to 20. We have been learning how to add on to a number mentally or by using a number line. The children have shown me their great maths vocabulary when explaining their answers. In phonics we have been recapping sounds we have previously learned and finding different ways to make the same sound. As scientists, the children have been learning all about the changing seasons. We have focused on the season of winter and observed what the weather has been like this week. We all agreed it was icy and cold yesterday! In RE we learned about the Feast of The Epiphany where the Wise Men brought gifts to baby Jesus, we thought about what gift we would gift to Jesus and why we give gifts to people. We have also begun our new topic - *Special People*. We have thought about people who are special to us in our family, school and community. Whether working in school or at home, the children have amazed me with their resilience and determination. I am really looking forward to getting to know them more over the coming weeks. Stay safe.

Miss Ellis and the Year 1 team.



Year Two

Welcome back and 'Happy New Year'. Thank you for all of your kind gifts and lovely messages, they were very much appreciated. Our learning this week has been a mixture of teacher led sessions for the children in school and 'Google Classroom' sessions supported by family members at home. We have been reading texts about the Victorian times and learning about the life of George Stephenson. The children have practised making notes to help them write a non-chronological report about George Stephenson. In RE, we have shared a lovely worship to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, with the children completing some further reading on this special event. We have discussed which gifts we would have to offer to Jesus and how they would be special. In

maths, we have been learning to measure in cm and in m, comparing different lengths of objects. We have also been solving missing number puzzles for addition and subtraction questions. The children have also enjoyed creating algorithms to direct someone around a route in their house or classroom. Next week, we are starting some live lessons and we look forward to seeing and teaching you in this way. Take care and stay safe from the Year 2

Team.



Year Three

We have started to read our novel, '*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.' Using skimming and scanning skills to find key information about the different characters. Children have been inspired to write vivid descriptions about the character 'Edmund' from the novel.

In maths, children have been reviewing the methods of column addition and subtraction this week. They have applied their learning to a range of questions and have even solved codes using these methods!

In RE, we have started our new topic 'Journeys.' The children have explored the big question 'Is life a journey?' We have created a class journey as children have shared important events from their own lives.

Geography is driving our learning this term and, this week, the children have used their mapping skills to locate some of the world's volcanoes.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Stainthorpe and the Year 3 Team.

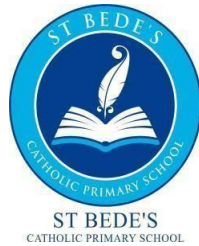


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Year 4

It was lovely to welcome everyone back on Monday, albeit for only one day! We have continued to delve into our novel, 'Leon and the Place Between.' Children have been applying inference skills to answer questions about the text. They have discussed and explained some of the language choices made by the author and the effects these have on us as readers. Children were then inspired to write detailed character descriptions.

In maths children have revisited place value, addition and subtraction and rounding and applied these skills to a variety of problems that require them to use their reasoning skills.

In RE, we have investigated our big question 'What makes a community?' We have discussed the definitions of community and responsibility.

Children have been learning about different shading techniques in art this week.

We hope you all stay safe and we wish you all the best.
Year 4 team.



Year Five

This was not the start to term that we were hoping for! We can't wait until we can all be together in school again.

In our maths lessons we have been continuing to work with fractions and have started to explore the links between fractions and decimals, including problem solving and sorting activities.

For our English, we have been using the music video for *Titanium* by David Guetta as an inspiration for writing. The children have produced some excellent pieces of work. We have started a new topic in RE, called Community, in which the children will be thinking about how we can help and contribute to our local Parish community.

This half term in science, we are learning about famous scientists and inventors. In this week's lesson, we found about David Attenborough's life and work and wrote our own script for a nature documentary.

We have been impressed by the children's attitude and hard work this week, both those in school and those learning from home.

Year 5 Team



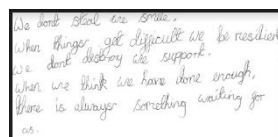
Year 6

What a first week back! This week the children have proven to be resilient, adaptable and have maintained their positive attitudes. In Maths, we have been reinforcing our knowledge of fractions: simplifying; adding and subtracting; and problem solving. We have been reading excerpts from 'Children's Classics' (Holes by Louis Sachar and The Graveyard by Neil Gaiman) as part of our focus on the skill of inference. We have applied this to our writing by describing characters from 'The Graveyard' using ambitious vocabulary to create fantastic imagery. Our new RE topic is also linked to reading with a big question 'Are books enriching?' We have explored the purpose and value of different types of books before looking at the Bible and creating a Code of Conduct.

Children have considered 'better' and 'bitter' words before writing their own poems entitled 'Choose.' Children have been learning about some of our great Impressionist Artists with a particular focus on Monet, one of the founders of Impressionist movement. Children have created some stunning artwork in the style of Monet. Our home learners have written some incredible fact files about famous scientists such as Edward Jenner, Michael Faraday and Rosalind Franklin. Rosalind was never credited for her work on DNA as two men stole her work and went on to receive the

Nobel Peace Prize!

Mrs Bennett,
Miss Walker
and Mrs Winn



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