



## St Bede's RC Primary School



Dear Parent,

This week is the first week of Advent. This means "Coming" and is the time of preparation for the coming of the Messiah. In this lead up to Christ's Birth, we think about how we can improve ourselves ready for the arrival of this most powerful of babies.

We are very good at getting our houses ready for Christmas, how are we at preparing our hearts? Talk to your children about their Advent Promise and share yours.

There is a school mission in St. Benet's this week and we pray for its success.

Mr Groark

### Parent Governor Election

The following were elected Parent Governors, to serve on the New Governing Body which will be active from January

Sarah Legge  
Edmund Murphy

### Book Week

Thank you so much for your support of the book fair. We are now able to purchase £200 worth of books.



### Tree planting

As part of Northumbria in Bloom, some of the children planted some trees in ground near Morrisons. They got chocolate while they were there but did not share it with their Headteacher.

### Pop Up Shop

Well done to everyone who helped at the Pop up shop and a particular thanks on my behalf, to the choir for representing St. Bede's.

### Big Writing

Your children may have mentioned to you about Big Writing. This is a technique that we are using in school to develop the standard of writing across the school. There are a number of elements namely modelling by the teacher, VCOP, guidance on Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation. Please talk to your children about the writing that they are doing, this is a key area for development for us and we need your help.

### Maths Resources

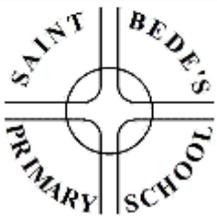
We have purchased some new maths resources for school, which will give us a comprehensive and corporate approach to the teaching of maths. There will be significant opportunities for the children to work on activities at home. Please keep up this support. We will be organising a day next term where you as parents, can come and learn alongside your child. Best brush up on the tables.....



**Every body Every night** - This is our reading slogan

### Advent Mass

The Advent Mass was a real joy and the prayerful atmosphere was wonderful. Thank you to Fr Chris, there will be another Whole School Mass on 19th December



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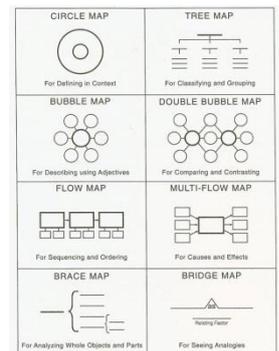


## Christmas Productions

The Christmas production rehearsals are in full swing. Please help to ensure that your children know their lines and can shout them from the top of the stairs. If you live in a bungalow please contact the school and we will make alternative arrangements.

## Thinking Maps

We have introduced Thinking Maps into school. These are eight graphic organisers to enable the children to capture their thoughts, improve content and understanding. The maps relate to Defining in Context, Describing, Comparing and Contrasting, Classifying, Sequencing, Cause and Effect, Whole to Part and finding analogies. The maps stem from the work of David Hyerle and will be used all classes, all subjects and will enable the children to become metacognitive about their work i.e. think about the kind of thinking that they are doing.



## Ofsted

The Governors are meeting regularly, aided by the Diocese and the Local Authority to ensure that the school is doing everything it can to raise standards.

## This Week

### Monday

The three of us who didn't get the message from the facebook page that it had been cancelled turned up and made some plans for a January Family night Entitled "The Bede's Factor".

This organisation will be key in driving the school forward and bonding our community together. Raising much needed funds is important, but having a vibrant community which comes together to have fun and achieve things is even more so. Please try and bring your skills and ideas to the next meeting. Don't leave it to others to get involved and make a difference.

### Thursday

Very Important Visitor- He wears red and needs a shave. Hope you've been good!!!!

Y5 are having a Safety Workshop with someone called "Dangerous Dave". Hopefully he does not live up to his billing.

### Friday

Thanks to Mr. Lee-Alliston, we have a Pantomime in school. This year it is Dick Whittington and I have already been out and made sure that we have plenty of Kit-e-Kat in.

I have booked these Pantomimes in my previous schools and I know what generous donation this is.

**EVERYBODY EVERY NIGHT**