

St. Bede's Weekly News



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Everyone at St Bede's would like to wish you all a happy and holy Easter time. The children have worked so well this term and they deserve a good rest. We would like the children to enjoy the holidays with their loved ones. Reading together is the only "homework" that we would like completed.

Thank you for all of your support this term.

Holy Week begins on Sunday the April 14th with Palm Sunday.

On Palm Sunday, we celebrate the first joy of the season, as we celebrate Our Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem where he was welcomed by crowds worshipping him and laying down palm leaves before him. Jesus' triumphant return to Jerusalem is only one side of the story though by now many of the Jews are filled with hate for Our Lord. They want to see him stoned, calling Him a blasphemer.



Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when he established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion. It also commemorates His institution of the priesthood. The holy day falls on the Thursday before Easter and is part of Holy Week. Jesus celebrated the dinner as a Passover feast. Christ would fulfil His role as the Christian victim of the Passover for all to be saved by His final sacrifice.

The Last Supper was the final meal Jesus shared with his Disciples in Jerusalem. During the meal, Jesus predicts his betrayal. The central observance of Holy Thursday is the ritual re-enactment of the Last Supper at Mass. This event is celebrated at every Mass, as part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but it is specially commemorated on Holy Thursday.



Good Friday is the day on which Catholics commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Catholics are joined by almost all other Christians in solemn commemoration on this day. According to the gospels, Jesus was betrayed by Judas on the night of the Last Supper, commemorated on Holy Thursday. The morning following Christ's arrest, he was brought before a powerful Jewish cleric he condemned Jesus for blasphemy saying that He was the Son of God. From there, Jesus was sent to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of the province. Following some time deliberating and passing Jesus back and forth trying to renege responsibility. Eventually bowing down to pressure from the crowds Pilate reluctantly agreed to execute Jesus and sentenced him to crucifixion.



Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Sunday, and marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year. As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead.

A uniform reminder for when the children return after the holidays.

School uniform consists of

- red sweatshirt or cardigan
- white shirt
- School Tie (clip on or elastic)
- black or grey trousers or shorts, skirt or pinafore dress or red and white checked dress
- sensible black school shoes NOT trainers
- PE kit is required consisting of a white T shirt, black shorts and gym shoes. Please remember to have PE kit in school at all times.
- No jewellery is to be worn in school including earrings, wristwatches may be worn
- St Bede's also discourages extreme hairstyles and parents are requested to use simple hair accessories to tie children's hair back when needed.

Thank you to all those that bought tickets for the St Oswalds Easter Raffle, **together we raised an incredible total of £230**

The winning ticket numbers were:

841 Heatley-1st Prize

44 Mann-2nd Prize

228 Gladwin -3rd Prize

Thank you to the Friends of St Bede who have given each of the children an Easter Egg.



Thank you so much for the bottle tops sent in. Reception has been able to create a wonderful curtain for their outdoor area. We have enough now so no more are needed. Thank you

These are the dates for the summer assessments that we have to report to the Department for Education it is important that your child is in school so that an accurate measure can be reported.

Year 1 - Phonics screening check throughout week commencing **Monday 10 June 2019**

Year 2 - tests that support teachers assessment are throughout **May 2019**

Year 6 – SATS throughout week commencing Monday 13th May

Holy Week and Easter Masses and Services will follow the same pattern as last year ...

Palm Sunday 13th / 14th April

5.30pm Vigil Mass at St Bede's, Bedlington

9am Mass at St Robert's, Morpeth 11am Mass at St Robert's, Morpeth

Holy Thursday 18th April 7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Robert's,

Good Friday 19th April 3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, St Robert's

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Holy Saturday 20th April 8.00pm Easter Vigil at St Bede's, Bedlington

Easter Sunday 21st April 9am Mass at St Robert's, Morpeth

11am Mass at St Robert's, Morpeth

IMPORTANT DATES

6th April	4.15pm First Holy Communion Session followed by Fruit of the Vine Mass
23rd April	Teacher Training day
24th April	Return to school