

St. Bede's Weekly Newsletter



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This Sunday is Trinity Sunday and Matthews Gospel sends out the message that Jesus wanted his disciples to go out and make disciples of everyone else. On Monday in Assembly the children and I discussed how we can do this, how we can go out and spread the Word of God. Can we as adults show that we are behaving as we should?

The **Family Fun Day** last week was a wonderful success. Thank you so much to all who attended and played a part in the event. It showed how St Bede's extended family can have fun together. Miss Rowley is ready to organise another one next year – watch this space.



The Statement to Live By - this week we have been '*understand what trust means*'. The children have been able to speak about how it is important that we can trust someone and also how important others know we can be trusted.



This week we have welcomed the **new Nursery and Reception** parents in for an informal meeting about arrangements for next year. It was great to meet with you and I hope that you found the meeting informative. Please contact school should you have any further queries.

There are still spaces for Nursery in September so if you know of anyone who has a child of nursery age next year please get them to call the office.

Fr Peter mentioned on the parish newsletter last week that the children who are making their **First Holy Communion** are expected to attend confession before the 23rd June. Confessions are held every Saturday morning from 11am – 12noon at St Roberts Morpeth and 5pm at St Bede's. Please make sure that your child receives this sacrament again before the receive Holy Communion.



As you may have seen on our social media accounts, yesterday I attended a conference on **mental wellbeing in school**. The day was so beneficial and I have so many things buzzing around in my head now. These things will play a big part in the continued development of our school family.

Some headlines I took were:-

- The primary school years are crucial for forming our children's mental health
- Children having a voice and feeling they have a voice is crucial
- The mental wellbeing and coping strategies of adults around children affect their mental wellbeing and coping mechanisms
- Adverse Childhood Experiences stay with the children – we can't change what has happened but we can change how we deal with the future
- We as adults must learn and use social media so that we know what the young people are doing – this is their world and we need to understand it.

I will keep you updated on future plans and how we can work together for the benefit of our children.

First Holy Communion Day arrangements.

- *After the children's session at Church on the 12th June we will meet with parents to discuss how the day will be organised.*
- *The photographer will be in Church from 9am ready to take individual photographs; they will take a group photo at 9.30am and then pack up. After the Mass you will be able to take your own photographs.*
- *A First Holy Communion breakfast for the children will be provided by the Parish and School in the Church Hall following Mass. This is usually finished by noon.*
- *Teas and coffees will also be available for family and friends.*
- *There will be reserved seating in the church for the immediate family members.*

If you have any other questions at this time please do ask.

As we come to the final half term of the year I wish to share with you an additional aspect of the '**Poverty Proofing the School Day**' action plan. As a school staff, we wish to emphasise with you that buying staff presents at the end of the school year is certainly **not** an expectation.

We understand and are very grateful and humbled that some parents wish to show their gratitude; however we also appreciate that this can be a struggle for some families so please do not add any additional stress for yourselves.

Please make sure that your child is reading at home every day – all year groups. Practise is so important and this is how we learn.

Dates for the next half term will be sent out separately. If you have not received a copy please see the school Website or call the office.

Call out to any budding sponsors. Mr Wright would like to provide the school sports teams to have tracksuits when they attend events. Does anyone know of a business who would like to sponsor our kit? Please speak to the office, Mr Wright or Mrs Worrall if you think you can help in any way.