



28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Mark's Gospel this week shares the story of when the children came to see Jesus but the disciples would not allow them near. Jesus said 'Anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.'

During liturgy this morning the children were able to explain how they thought this meant that children believe and trust in God. Adults can sometimes not be true believers and even sometimes they are too 'judgy' of other.

- Do we try our best as adults to look past our initial thoughts on someone and look at the 'inside person'?
- Do we say to ourselves 'What would Jesus say in this situation?'

This week's *Statement to Live By* encourages us all to enjoy life. **I can laugh and have fun.** This is a lovely statement to live by and one we have enjoyed fulfilling this week – we all need to have fun!

This week we have been updating some fencing at the back of school along Catholic Row. The 'no man's land' that continually becomes overgrown is now being incorporated in the school grounds. Thank you for your understanding while the work was being carried out. Eventually some of the old fencing will be removed.

Some children in Year 4 will be beginning their preparation for First Holy Communion this Saturday at 4.15pm at church. If you have any queries about these sessions contact Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen at St Bede's presbytery. Please keep our children in your prayers.



Due to the possibility of falling debris from the presbytery roof the footpath has been cordoned off over the past few days. Please continue to remain vigilant on Catholic Row and do not go behind the cordon.

**Also on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October Catholic Row and the church carpark will not be available for use by cars.** Repair work is going to be carried out and to ensure the safety of others the area will have a cordon. It would be advantageous to avoid using the entrance on Catholic Row even as pedestrians. Please use the free car parks in the town centre on Tuesday. Thank you

A reminder that the online portal for admissions into Year 7 is open on the Northumberland website <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx#onlineschooladmissionapplication> the portal for Year 7 intake closes on the 31<sup>st</sup> October. This means that the parents of our Year 6 children need to apply for a place for their child for next academic year. If you have any queries please call the school office.

### Uniform and PE kits

Please ensure that your children have the correct uniform on every day. This includes their footwear and jewellery (earrings are not to be worn in school).

It is also important that the children all have the correct PE kit in school at all times.

The PE kit is a white T shirt, black shorts and gym shoes.

In the October half term Premier Sports are again providing a Holiday Club at St Bede's. They have listened to feedback from yourselves and school and have extended times of the sessions each day. The club will begin at 8.30am and finish at 4.30pm although a fault on the website indicates that it finishes at 4 we can confirm that it is a 4.30 finish. Please visit <https://www.premier-education.com/> for further details.

Our school vision is **St Bede's is a community of faith love and respect**. This vision includes all members of our community and how we behave towards each other. Unfortunately over recent weeks we have seen a lack of respect at times when tensions are high. Aggressive conversations are not the best. As adults we can become quite passionate about our children but please remember that the staff of St Bede's also want the best for the children. We will help you but a little respect in how we speak to each other goes a long way. Thank you.

This week letters were sent out for our annual trip to the pantomime (Oh no they weren't! Oh yes there were!) This is increasingly a highlight day in the Christmas festivities. We are aware that this can sometimes be a strain on home finances. Please feel free to pay in instalments if this will help ease some of the financial strain or alternatively pop into the office where we will be able to offer some support in this matter.



A reminder that St Bede's is a part of Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people who may be exposed to aggressive adult behaviour at home.

Should there be a call out for police to a home where children could be affected; the child's school is notified the following day.

The information is given in strict confidence to a school's Key Adult to enable support to be given dependent on the needs and wishes of the child.

At St Bede's Mrs Worrall is the key adult, should you wish to discuss this initiative with her please do make an appointment.

The soft start to the morning continues to be successful. The benefits have been advantageous for both parents and the children. The doors continue to be opened at 8.40am when the children arrive in school and prepare themselves for the day. At 8.50am when the bell sounds the classroom doors are closed. With the exception of Nursery children arriving at school after this time must enter via the main office. Please do not knock on classroom doors as the teachers are then busy with the children.

### There will be NO choir next week



Thank you for the responses to the survey on out of school child care provision. We will update you when we have more information.

If you have still not completed the survey please use this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MLN5GWF>