

# St. Bede's Weekly News



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This week is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. In the Gospel from Luke we learn how Mary was told by an Angel that she was to have a child named Jesus and how when she visited her cousin Elizabeth the baby leapt in her womb and filled Elizabeth with the Holy Spirit. She then proclaimed "yes, blessed are you for believing the promise made to you by the Lord" At this time of year we should reflect on our promises made to the Lord and each other.

The Statement to Live By for the last two weeks has been that **simple things can make us happy**. This is a wonderful message especially at this time of year; it would be lovely for the children to continue this over the holidays and appreciate all small gestures with the goodwill that they are shown

The portal for Reception applications for Sep 2019 opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> November via the Northumberland County Council website and will close on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. Please make sure all applications are completed before then as they will be unable to accept any after this date.

This is a copy of a **letter** that the teachers all read **to the children** this week. I thought you may want to read it so that you know our expectations for homework over the holidays.

Dear Children,

At St Bede's we have very high standards and we need to make sure that all children learn and never give up, Stick at it Stu helps us with this. Because of this I am giving you all HHH (headteacher holiday homework).

**Headteacher Holiday Homework** - All children have to in addition to their daily reading do this homework every day.

You have to make sure that you make one small step in your family life. We all have families that are made up in different ways, some of us live with different people to who our friends live with but they are still our family. Some of us have families that live in other homes but they are still our family. You have been tasked to help out and see how many things you can do. Have a competition with the people in your family. Who can do the most small steps?

Give a cuddle, share a smile, say a kind word, just be there, give someone space if they want it, listen to others, giggle with others, cry with others if you need to, tidy your room, empty the kitchen bin if you are big enough, get breakfast for someone, do the dishes, let someone else choose what to watch on the TV There are many, many more things that you can do - just think. When you return to school in 2019 I will make sure that the teachers assess you on your HHH to see if you have passed.

Above all have a very happy, holy Christmas and make sure you share, relax and giggle loads.

See you in the New Year, Love Mrs Worrall

During **assembly this week** the children reflected upon Christmas and what are the important things. They watched a short drama where a girl had decided that she did not want to share Christmas Day with a family friend and retreated to her bedroom. She realised that this was not what made her happy throughout the day. She appreciated that the true reason for Christmas is the important part that is quite often crossed out of the word when “xmas” is used. Christ is the reason, so we should bear that in mind, we should try to be Christ like, do what Christ would have done, welcome people into our lives, show love, and care for our communities.



Mrs White & Mrs Hart have requested that if you could collect any clean plastic bottle tops they would be very grateful as they are making a curtain for the Reception class outdoor “stage” Thank you.



Dear Parents & Carers,

As you know I have been absent from school for some time this term – I know I won't have 96% attendance at the end of the year! Thankfully I now have a prognosis and will be receiving treatment early in the New Year. I am hoping that this will solve the problem in the long term. Stepping back has allowed me to reflect upon our wonderful school without the busyness of the day to day running. I have been able to appreciate how every member of the community plays their part in moulding the school. Children, staff, governors, volunteers, the parish and you the parental body, all work so hard to create the loving and caring place that we have become. Things have not fallen apart without me which shows that we are a team. Thank you for your contribution and I look forward to continue to work with you in the New Year.

Therese Worrall

*On behalf of the staff of St Bede's I wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas time and look forward to seeing you all on our return on the 7th of January*

