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Dear Parents

As the summer has officially begun please be aware of the need to ensure that your child has a hat and sunscreen on days when the weather is expected to be sunny. Alternatively the oily nature of the cream and the hat will protect the children against the worst that Northumberland can throw at them.

This weekend the Church celebrates Corpus Christi. This is the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. It is very odd to be in a school that is not celebrating First Holy Communion. We have had a fallow year; Father Chris and I are looking for Catechists for support with the preparation for next years Year 4 pupils beginning in Autumn 2015. Please contact Father Chris or myself if you feel you could offer this.

Lunch Chaos Thank you for all of your co-operation over the failure of the kitchens at St Benet's yesterday. They had a fire extinguisher explode, injuring a member of staff and contaminating the food. On a positive note, the member of staff is recovering and we now have a contingency plan for any such occurrences, namely five loaves and two fish. Seriously in future as we did yesterday we would purchase bread, ham, cheese, biscuit and juice and make sandwiches on the premises.

I want to acknowledge the efforts of the staff yesterday in ensuring that all the children were fed and no learning time was lost. Well done.

I will also be exploring with Governors the possibility of re-equipping our kitchen and cooking on our premises.

Online Payment Please see attached letter. As of 8 June we will be trialling online payment system through School Gateway. This can be done online through www.schoolgateway.com or through the school gateway app.

We are only trialling this on a 30 day basis, so it is very much a 'use it or lose it situation' – (cost to school of 32p for debit cards, 16p for credit cards per transaction) but we are responding to a desire from parents to pay for trips and dinner money online.

Payment by Cheque Please note **ALL** cheques must now be made payable to St Bede's Primary School. Thank you.

Friends of St Bedes I am happy to announce that Friends of St Bedes are going to provide the school with 15 – 30 tablets for use in class. I am sure that you will see that having this kind of instant access to apps and the internet will be a great leap forward for our children. Please help support Friends of St Bedes by attending meetings, donating prizes and coming to events. They are helping build our wonderful community and improving the education of our children. DON'T LEAVE IT TO OTHERS – GET INVOLVED.

UNIFORM As we are phasing in our 'New Uniform' we will be introducing shirts and ties from September. This will be available from – Emblematic and Tesco from 1 July.

Kindles If your child uses a kindle to read on they are welcome to bring it to school, but please recognise that this is at the parent's risk.

Twitter Our school Twitter feed is now active and can be found at @stbederced

Sports Next Week On Wednesday 10 June some of Year 5 and Year 6 will be representing school at Monkton Stadium Athletics competition. On Thursday 11 June some of Year 3 and 4 will be representing school in a Tennis Competition.

Murder, Power and Political Intrigue No not a fly in the wall documentary about the staff room at St Bede's. Year 6 are busy working on a production of Shakespeare's Macbeth. This will be performed on Thursday 25 June 1.30 to 2.30 and also in the evening 6.00 to 7.00pm.

In addition to this the Year 6 children are having an apprentice competition to design tickets, posters and programmes. The winning group will be taken on a 'business lunch' to a famous American Restaurant with Golden Arches!

Next Year's Term Dates

<u>Holiday or occasion of closure</u>	<u>Date on which school will close</u>	<u>Date on which school will reassemble</u>
<u>Teacher Training Day</u>	Tuesday 1 September	
<u>Teacher Training Day</u>	Wednesday 2 September	
Summer 2015	Friday 17 July 2015	Thursday 3 September 2015
October Mid-Term 2015	Friday 23 October 2015	Monday 2 November 2015
Christmas/New Year 2015/2016	Friday 18 December 2015	Tuesday 5 January 2016
<u>Teacher Training Day</u>	Monday 4 January 2016	
Spring Mid-Term 2016	Friday 12 February 2016	Tuesday 23 February 2016
<u>Teacher Training Day</u>	Monday 22 February 2016	
Easter 2016	Thursday 24 March 2016	Monday 11 April 2016
Summer Mid-Term 2016	Friday 27 May 2016	Monday 6 June 2016
Summer 2016	Wednesday 20 July 2016	Wednesday 7 September 2016
<u>Teacher Training Day</u>	Monday 5 September 2016	
<u>Teacher Training Day</u>	Tuesday 6 September 2016	

Class Arrangements for next year

Morning Nursery	Mrs Hart	Year 4	Ms Middleton
Reception	Mrs Elvin	Year 5	Mr Sandy
Year 1	Mrs Worrall and Mrs Jackson	Year 6	Mrs Young
Year 2	Miss S Collins		

We hope to be opening an afternoon session for Nursery beginning in September. If you or if you know of anyone who would be interested, please either contact myself or the school office.

Damian Groark
Headteacher