

St. Bede's Weekly News



ST. BEDE'S R.C.V.A.
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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This Sunday is the **30th Sunday of Ordinary time** in the Gospel. Luke tells us the story of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. The Pharisee believes that he is so good because he follows rules and prays when he should. He believes that the Tax Collector cannot possibly be good at all.

Year 3 helped us through their liturgy to share the message that we should be humble, not show off and certainly not judge others. Thank you Year 3. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we looked within ourselves before looking and commenting on other people's mistakes?



During week commencing 11th November, we are going to have drop in sessions for parents at the start of the day.

When you bring your children into school you are very welcome to come into their classroom and see what they have been doing since the beginning of September.

Please see **Important Dates** below for details.

Also there are planned parents consultation sessions when you can speak with your children's teacher. Your child's teacher will send a letter with regard to this.



★ IMPORTANT DATES ★

Friday 25 th October	Break up for Half Term
Monday 4 th November	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 5 th November	Back to School
Tuesday 5 th November	Melva performance and workshops for KS2
Sunday 10 th November	2.30pm Remembrance service at Bedlington War Memorial – meet at Salvation Army to be part of the parade.
Monday 11 th November	8.40am – 9.10am Year 3 & 4 class drop in session
Monday 11 th November	Representatives from school attend service at War Memorial
Monday 11 th November	Nursery parents evening
Tuesday 12 th November	8.40am – 9.10am Year 1, 2 & 5 class drop in session
Tuesday 12 th November	3.15pm First Holy Communion session at Church
Monday 12 th November	Nursery parents evening
Wednesday 13 th November	8.40am – 9.10am Reception & Year 6 class drop in session
Saturday 16 th November	5.30pm Mass for First Holy Communion children at Church
Monday 18 th November	Year 1 & 2 parents evening
Week beginning 25 th November	Bikeability Course for Years 5 & 6
Tuesday 26 th November	Year 4, 5 & 6 parents evening
Tuesday 10 th December	3.15pm First Holy Communion session at Church
Wednesday 11 th December 10am	Nursery & Reception Christmas Production
Wednesday 11 th December 2pm	Nursery & Reception Christmas Production
Thursday 12 th December 2pm	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Production
Thursday 12 th December 10am	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Production
Friday 13 th December	School trip to panto
Saturday 14 th December	5.30pm Mass for First Holy Communion children at Church
Monday 16 th December 10am	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Production
Monday 16 th December 2pm	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Production
Tuesday 17 th December 2pm	Year Y5& 6 Christmas Liturgy
Tuesday 17 th December 5.30pm	Year Y5& 6 Christmas Liturgy

The Reception admission portal at the Local Authority opens on the 1st November 2019. This is for children who are due to **begin Reception Class in September 2020** (the current nursery class age children). Applications to St Bede's are to be made through the portal at

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1.aspx>

If you wish for your child to attend St Bede's, which I hope you do, you will also need to complete a supplementary form. This can be found attached to the School Admissions Policy. Please call school if you have any queries.

I will be holding an information session for the Nursery parents after half term to help with any queries about the process, as it can be quite daunting. I will send letters directly to Nursery parents for this.

This week in particular we have noticed an increase in children not wearing full uniform or having correct PE kits.

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform and kit when they return. Trainers are not a part of the school uniform. Thank you.

Thank you very much to the Friends of St Bede's for organising the School Disco last night, the children had so much fun.

We raised a fabulous amount of £484!!

Friends of St Bede's welcome any support for future events that they put on for your children. Please contact Mrs Barratt in the School Office if you think you can help in some way.

An update on the 'Bikeability' course that we are offering to Years 5 & 6. This is a course provided free of charge for all Year 5 & 6 pupils. It is carried out during the school hours through the day. If your child does not have a bike they can still take part as there are ways to loan bikes.

Please complete the forms sent out last week so that we can assess whether it is viable to hold the course.

Additional information can be found at <https://bikeability.org.uk/>

Attendance at School is so important for your child's development. Please see below the attendance for the last half term.

Overall attendance - 96.24%

Reception - 96.62%

Year 1 - 95.92%

Year 2 - 96.94%

Year 3 - 96.53%

Year 4 - 96.92%

Year 5 - 96.68%

Year 6 - 94.07%

If your child is ill then they do have to stay at home to recover, It is your responsibility to contact the School Office to let us know the reason for your child's absence as soon as you possible on 01670 822389 or email:

admin@st-bedes.northumberland.sch.uk

A reminder that dogs should not be on either of the school sites. St Benet Biscop also has a NO dog policy. This is to safeguard all users of the schools. We hope that all users will respect this.

PARKING

Please think before you park.

We are receiving an increased amount of calls from residents about inconsiderate parking. This not only causes disruption to residents but it poses a safety risk for our children and St Benet Biscop's students.

DO NOT use the school car park at drop off and collection times, there are just not enough spaces and exiting can be very dangerous.

Please also do not use the back lane of Ridge Terrace.

We have been informed that the Police have told residents to photograph cars that are causing issues around their homes. We hope that this will not happen to anyone in our community.

Aldi Stickers

We have completed one chart and are very rapidly on our way to completing a second chart for the Aldi stickers. Please keep bringing the stickers in for a chance to get sports kits. Thank you for your support.



On Sunday 10th November, St Bede's will be joining the annual Remembrance Parade down Front Street. Any members of our Community who would like to be part of this town's memorial service, please meet at the Salvation Army Church at 2:30pm on Sunday 10th November.

Some school representatives are also going to meet at the War Memorial on the 11th November for a service at 11am. If you are available it would be great for you to join us.

We are excited about putting up our curtain of poppies outside own main entrance when we return to school. There is still room for more poppies if the knitters are still busy.



Today we have said goodbye and good luck to Mrs McGuire. She has helped us at St Bede's for 5 years and has made a great impact upon many children. We wish her well in her new role as HLTA in another primary school.