

St. Bede's News



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

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It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week. Hearing their exciting stories about what they have been up to has been great.

This Sunday sees the end of the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord in Matthew's Gospel. John the Baptist did not see the need for Jesus to be baptised because Jesus was sinless. Jesus however thought this was important because he wanted to be a part of the community. He wanted to show an example to follow.

How do we as adults show the correct example to follow?



Earrings

Please ensure that your child removes their earrings before coming to school. They are not a part of school uniform and this is for safety reasons. We have plastic retainers in the School Office that can be purchased for 10p.

Reading, reading, reading

Becoming a fluent and engaged reader is the door to many areas of learning for children. They are able to develop knowledge of words, understanding of social situations, factual knowledge and many more areas.

Reading also can be used for mental wellbeing, it allows the reader to escape the stresses of everyday life.

Please ensure that your child reads every day so that they can become a fluent reader for pleasure.

★ IMPORTANT DATES ★

Tuesday 14 th January 2020	3pm – 4:15pm	Mini Vinnies Club
Friday 17 th January 2020	9am – 10am	Year 1 Liturgy (School Hall)
Monday 20 th January 2020	In school time	Reception & Year 6 - Heights & Weights
Tuesday 21 st January 2020	In school time	NSPCC Speak out Assemblies
Friday 24 th January 2020	10am - 11am	Year 5 Mass
Friday 24 th January 2020	In school time	NSPCC Workshops (Years 5 & 6)
Tuesday 28 th January 2020	3pm – 4:15pm	Mini Vinnies Club
Friday 31 st January 2020	9am – 10am	Year 2 Liturgy (School Hall)
Monday 10 th February 2020	In school time	Years 5 & 6 - Ghost Production (St Benet Biscop's School)
Tuesday 11 th February 2020	3pm – 4:15pm	Mini Vinnies Club
Friday 14 th February 2020	9am – 10am	Year 3 Liturgy (School Hall)
Friday 14 th February 2020	3:05pm	Last Day of Spring 1 Term
Monday 24 th February 2020		Back to School for Spring 2 Term
Tuesday 25 th February 2020	3pm – 4:15pm	Mini Vinnies Club
Wednesday 26 th February 2020	10am-11am	Whole School Mass
Friday 6 th March 2020	9am – 10am	Year 4 Liturgy (School Hall)
Tuesday 10 th March 2020	3pm – 4:15pm	Mini Vinnies Club
Friday 13 th March 2020	10am - 11am	Years 2 & 3 Mass
Friday 20 th March 2020	9am – 10am	Year 5 Liturgy (School Hall)
Tuesday 24 th March 2020	3pm – 4:15pm	Mini Vinnies Club
Friday 27 th March 2020	10am-11am	Year 1 Mass
Friday 27 th March 2020	9am-10am	Year 6 Liturgy (School Hall)
Friday 3 rd April 2020	10am-11am	Whole School Mass
Friday 3 rd April 2020		Last Day of Spring 2 Term
Monday 20 th April 2020		School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 21 st April 2020		Back to School for Summer 1 Term

Please note 'Important Dates' events will be added as & when they are booked

The NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme is visiting our school soon to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

They will be delivering their **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme this term. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6.

Their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe. programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools.

Talking about the Underwear Rule with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes *'The Underwear Rule'*, a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/

PE Kits

Please make sure that your child has a full PE kit in school at all times. PE is a part of the curriculum and is essential to healthy living. There appears to be too much time spent looking for spare kits in school.

Also if you have any spare white t-shirts and black shorts we would be grateful for donations – especially the older children's sizes.

To celebrate the week of Christianity 2020, Churches Together in Bedlingtonshire have organised a quiz night to be held in St Bede's Church Hall on Friday 17th January at 7pm. The evening consists of a shared supper including bring your own beverages.

In addition to this there is an ecumenical service of Songs of Praise at St Bede's on Sunday 19th January at 4pm. All are welcome to attend.

Please speak to Mrs Johnston if you would like any further information.

