

# St. Bede's Weekly Newsletter



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The **Statement to Live By** this week has been "*I stand up for people being treated unfairly*". In assembly on Monday when the statement was introduced the children showed great understanding of this essential life skill.

The set-up of **Glastonbede** will be slightly different this year and the definite position of the staging has not yet been decided. Safety has to be the priority and some positions in the school grounds are better than others. If the stage has to be positioned on the school yard then seating will be set up for spectators. If it is safe to have the stage on the grass then, as in the past, spectators will be able to sit on rugs and camping chairs. Plans are also dependent upon the weather, we have been lucky every year so far that the rain has held back. Can we be lucky for Glastonbede IV? Everyone is welcome into the school grounds from **12 noon on 18<sup>th</sup> July** and family can eat their picnic with their children on field with entertainment beginning at 1pm. Following the performance there will be stalls set up around school for you to peruse and an ice cream van should you wish to buy a lolly to cool down!



We have a **busy week** coming up including the Sports afternoon today. Next week Year 6 will perform their version of Carmen, they will celebrate moving to the next chapter in their school career with an assembly on Thursday and then spend time together in the evening. The whole school will celebrate and showcase their talents during Glastonbede on Wednesday and we will all have our final Mass of the year on Friday.



This week in the 'God Stuff' (to coin a phrase that I've heard said) I invite you all to reflect a little on the speed of life and how we can take some time for ourselves to recharge. Whilst at Mass last Sunday the priest was encouraging the congregation to think about the second reading from St Paul's letter to the Corinthians. We were asked to think about any weaknesses we have, faults we show, mistakes we make. Why do we try to hide these things? Why should we hide them? The reading says that '*For it is when I am weak that I am strong.*' Corinthians 12:7-10. True Christianity celebrates all about each other, mistakes are forgiven and we continue to grow as part of God's family. Listening to these wise words helped me reflect upon Mass attendance, I as many Catholics, have grown up knowing the obligation for Mass attendance but in recent years this has felt less like an obligation to the Church but an obligation to me as a person. It is a time when I am able to listen to God through the readings and the homily and reflect on my life but also selfishly it's a time to have for just me and God – to recharge my batteries and know how to tackle the week ahead with my weaknesses out on view to everyone.

You can give yourself that time too and you don't even have to be a Catholic, everyone is welcome. Please see the diocese website for all Mass times in the area <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/churches07/churchtowns.php>



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### Holiday club details

Mr Foster will be running the Summer Holiday camps with Premier Sports from 13<sup>th</sup> August to 24<sup>th</sup> August. The times for the clubs are 9am-3pm and sessions cost from £8.75 per day. For further information and discounts for early bird bookings please go to [www.camps.premier-education.com](http://www.camps.premier-education.com) or call 01953499040



### Green Token Scheme.

Friends of St Bede's have acquired a position on Asda Blyth's Green token scheme. If you are shopping at Asda please don't forget to pop a token into the Friends of St Bede's charity slot. First prize wins £500 and the two runners up get £200 each which will greatly benefit our children.

Early in the new academic year there will a meeting for parents of the children wishing to make their First Holy Communion next year. Any baptised Catholic who is in Year 4 or above next year will be able to begin the programme. If you would like any further information at this time please speak to Fr Peter or Mrs Worrall.

### *Carmen tickets*

*Tickets are still available for Carmen available from the school office for £1 or on the door on Monday times of the productions are 2pm-3pm and then again at 6pm-7pm*



I would like to thank the Friends of St Bede's for all their hard work this year raising funds and organising events for your children. This year they have donated funds to help purchase the staging as well as Easter eggs and various other items. So thank you Friends!

Also I would like to thank the volunteers that come into school to hear the children read. This is very much appreciated.



### Summer Raffle

Could any remaining raffle tickets both sold and unsold please be returned to school on Monday to allow time for the Friends of St Bede's to fold them. Thank you.



Congratulations to our Year 6 Netball team they have shown great skill and team spirit throughout the season and they came a fantastic 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league. Well done girls!



### A reminder about the safety of all of our children.

Children in Year 4 or below should be brought into school by an adult and supervised until the class has been taken into school by an adult. Concerns have been raised that some young children are being left on the yard unsupervised. Thank you for your assistance with this.