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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is the 6th Sunday of Easter this weekend and in the Gospel Jesus prepares the disciples again for the His return to Heaven. He tells the disciples that God will send a helper, The Spirit, to be within each one of them. Year 3 this morning shared a wonderful Liturgy with us. It was very moving and sent out the simple message of loving one another, using the Spirit within us and allowing it to work. Please see our Twitter feed for the spiritual liturgical dance that they performed. I was certainly moved by it.



The Wednesday Word explains the Gospel more fully and allows you to share time with your child.

The **statement to live by** this week has been *I try to forgive people when they hurt me*. On Monday we discussed this in assembly and the children were very understanding of the need for forgiveness. They were able to express how having a lack of forgiveness can leave you feeling down. How readily do we forgive as adults?

Our **British Value** this week has been '*We respect other's views*'. The Philosophy for Children(P4C) sessions in school, please help the children with understanding this.

Friends of St Bede are holding a disco on Thursday 25th May, tickets are on sale from the office. Nursery to Year 2 disco will be between 5-6pm but children must be accompanied by an adult. Year 3 to Year 6 disco will be held at 6.15-7.15pm, children can be left unaccompanied but must be collected by an adult at the end of the disco.



Unfortunately I have had to say no more **Fidget Spinners** in school. A child was accidentally hurt this week and therefore I am now removing that risk by requesting that they are not in school. Thank you for your understanding.

I would like to remind you also that any toys, gadgets or expensive items that the children bring into school are **brought in at the risk** that they may be damaged or go missing. This includes Jo Jo Bows, watches, footballs.....

We have noticed recently that the **some skirts are becoming rather short**, this is either that the girls are growing quickly or that parents are as good with laundry as I am! Please check with your daughter and decide if their skirt is an appropriate length – we ladies need to keep our modesty!

This week we have hosted some very informative meetings with parents....

On Monday Mrs Young explained to her parents what the ins and outs of the **London trip** will be. This sounds like a wonderful opportunity for the children. Thank you to all the parents who attended and to the staff and the volunteer who are going to accompany the children on this trip.

On Tuesday we welcomed the parents of our **September Nursery class**, again thank you for joining us and I look forward to a strong fruitful relationship with you.

Wednesday saw the welcome meeting for the **new Reception class**, it was lovely to see familiar and new faces. I can't believe that it is a year since most of those faces were at the new nursery meeting. Parents at both EYFS meetings got to meet Mr Philips who will be our Deputy Head in September – I hope he made a good impression.

And yesterday afternoon the Parish Catechists and I met with the parents of the **First Holy Communion** children to discuss the arrangements for the 17th June. I will be sending out the information from this meeting to all parents. It would be lovely to see many members of our community at the Mass on the 17th June, it begins at 10am. This Mass is a big celebration for the Parish and school, sharing in this wonderful sacrament and the next step for the children in their faith journey.

Important Dates -

26 th May	School closes at 3.05pm for half term
30 th May-2 nd June	Holiday Club
5 th June	School re-opens at 8.50am
5 th – 7 th June	Year 6 London trip
12 th June	Phonics Screening Year 1
17 th June	First Holy Communion 10am St Bedes Church
7 th July	Teacher Training Day
11 th July	Nursery Sports Day
13 th July	Sports Day (Parents PM only)
18 th July	Glastonbede (Parents PM only)
21 st July	School closes at 3.05pm for summer
4 th September	Teacher Training Day
5 th September	School returns



As ever should you need to discuss any issues then please contact me.

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