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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy week of SATs for most of our children, and I have been really proud of their attitude and that of the teachers who constantly expect highly of our children.

We celebrate Ascension this weekend. Where Christ goes to heaven body and soul and leaves both the Disciples and ourselves with the mission to spread the Good News.

**Governor of the week - Edmund Murphy** My name is Edmund Murphy. I have the privilege of being a parent governor at our school and have been since February 2013.

I am a Senior Environmental Health Officer at Durham County Council where my role includes the enforcement of housing standards in the private rented sector and some aspects of public health. Away from work I love spending time with my daughter and family, walking our two dogs, playing badminton and having the very occasional afternoon or night out with friends. I was going to say I enjoy football but being a Newcastle fan that is virtually impossible at the minute!

St Bede's is a very special place and I am excited about the potential our school has. I hope to be able to contribute in some way towards St Bede's development and I'm sure with continued hard work from staff, governors, parents and children that potential will be realised.

**Year 5 Liturgy** Well done to Year 5 this morning who led us on a liturgy around Ascension. You have truly found your voices.

**Glaston Bede** We will be holding our own 'Festival' on 15 July at 12.00 noon. Classes will perform songs and parents are invited to bring picnics etc. don't be surprised if your child won't share with you the song that they are learning. Mud wrestling will be optional. More details will follow later.

**Thank you to parents** A huge thanks to Mr Kemmish and Mr Freeman who have been sorting a 'Mud Kitchen' table and building raised beds in Nursery. Sometimes it's best not to ask what happens in Nursery and Reception.

**Attendance Week** Next week we will be having a concerted effort with attendance and punctuality. Mrs Stoddart from Northumberland County Council will be on the gate. Your child's attendance at school is vital for their progress.

**Sports Day** If you are booking a date off from work we will be having traditional races from 1.30 on 6 July. As with any event held in the British Summer the reserve date is 7 July. During the morning children will take part in a carousel of events in House teams.

**Macbeth** Year 6 will be working with Craig Dugan our Choir leader to produce a musical performance of Macbeth. Keep your diary free for 25 June, there will be two performances in the school hall, one at 1.30 and one at 6.00 in the evening. Tickets will be available nearer the time.

'There's more intrigue in this play than at St James''.

**5p Bus** Many thanks to everyone how helped us raise £177.05 for the 5p bus Good Shepherd Appeal.

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