

30.4.21

In this Sunday's Gospel, John relays the story of when Jesus describes himself as the vine and we are the branches, God the Father is the gardener. In this Gospel we learn how if we follow the teachings of Jesus then our branches will bear fruit.

Today teachers have talked with the children about ways that we can show we are bearing fruit, please encourage your children with this by celebrating with them when they are helping others.



FIRST AID

We have recently reviewed our procedures on reporting to you any minor accidents in school. If your child has needed first aid attention during the day you will receive a white slip with the details on. This may either be via your child or passed on directly from a member of staff. In the exceptional circumstances when we feel a direct conversation is needed we will make a telephone call to you. Please look out for the slips in the bags of the younger children.

Attendance sadly has dipped slightly since the return after the Easter holidays. It is even more important to have the children in school every day after the lockdowns that the children have experienced.

Well done to Year 1 who nearly managed 100% both weeks. Hopefully next week all classes will have high attendance rates again.

	Whole School	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
23.4.21	96.8%	98.5%	97.4%	99.6%	95%	96.4%	95.1%	96.2%	95.8%
30.4.21	97.1%	94.4%	97.5%	99.6%	96.3%	98.6%	95.9%	97.5%	97.4%

It is important that children have water bottles in school every day so that they remain hydrated throughout the day. Please ensure that there is only water in the bottles, thank you.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos this year are going to be taken throughout the school day on **Wednesday 5th May.**

Unfortunately this year, due to Covid, it will only be individual child photos, there will be no class or sibling photos.

Thank you for ensuring that your child is not wearing earrings in school. This is a safety measure so that we can minimise the risk of injury if there are any knocks or bumps between children.



So far the Friday afternoon arrangements have worked well and you have kept us informed of your needs. The arrangements below will remain for the rest of the academic year. Towards the end of the year you will receive an update on timings for the new school year.

Children are collected between 2pm-2.15pm

Those parents who are unable to collect the children at 2pm due to work commitments are asked to contact admin@st-bedes.northumberland.sch.uk a week in advance to let us know what time before 3.45pm their child will need to remain at school.

Holiday club

We are providing a club on Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th June. This will be a combination of sessions provided by the NUFC Foundation and school let sessions.

Please email the admin account by Friday 7th May to secure a place.

Timings of the club 7.30am – 6pm

Cost £25 full day

£15 half day with lunch included.

Parents of Year 6 children please keep an eye out for a letter arriving in the post from St Benet Biscop in the near future. The letter is with regards to provision that they are putting in place for transition at the end of the Summer holiday period. They are planning to have the new Year 7 cohort in school without other students there so that they feel more secure when they begin properly in September. There is also a transition day planned in July for the Year 6 children. Details will follow later.

Once again thank you so much for following our safety guidelines around the school site. It is so heartening to see that so many of you are putting the welfare of our community above the inconvenience of increased walking and wearing of face coverings. We all look forward to the day that measure can be relaxed again.

A reminder for those who are unsure:-

Face coverings are to be worn around the school site by visiting adults.

Also please do not arrive at school before 3.30pm as there is a 15minute window for collections.

Arriving before 3.30pm will mean that adults need to walk through the students from St Benet Biscop leaving school.

B 'n' T Club

We recently altered the notice period for B 'n' T club booking so that we can ensure that we have the adequate staffing. Bookings must be made and paid for 48hrs before the session required and also there is no availability on a Friday afternoon for afterschool care.

It has been wonderful seeing an increase in the use of the club and we have now increased the staffing for breakfast club.