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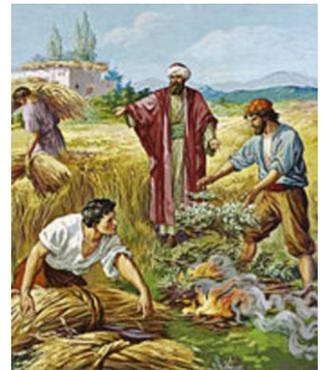
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Dear Parent/Carers

This Sunday is the **26th Sunday of Ordinary Time** and the Gospel tells us the story about the man who asks his sons to help him. One son says he will help but doesn't and the second says he will not help but then does. The mission from the Gospel is to reflect upon our actions. What are we actually doing to help others? Have we, as adults ever promised to do something but then not fulfilled it? How can we move forward from this? I certainly have to have an examination of my conscience on this topic.



Year 5 led us in the Liturgy this morning and their liturgical dance was very moving as a prayer – give us food for thought.

This week's **Statements to Live By** is; *'I can laugh and have fun'*. Again this statement is so important to our mental wellbeing. As well as ensuring that your children have fun themselves please as adults show them that we can too.

Thank you for the response to the **panto**. My fairy Godmother (Mrs O) said we can go as we now have enough responses, I think she also said that we have to leave by 12 o'clock! If you have still not responded please do so at the beginning of next week as the Tyne Theatre would like us to confirm numbers next week. Please speak to me about payment if this is an issue for you.

If you have a child in Year 6 at the moment the admissions portal to apply for a place in a school for Year 7 will close on the **31st October** please remember to register.

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Mr Todd from St Benet Biscop was speaking to me yesterday about the positive results from students in the summer with their exam results. This is wonderful news.

The choir should have brought a letter home on Wednesday with regard to the silver anniversary of the church building. Mrs D'Arcy and I would love to have a representative of the primary school at the celebration on Friday 20th October. Mass begins at 7pm with a 'do' in the Church Hall afterwards. All members of our community are very welcome.

Miss Rowley and the Year 3 children were so excited about **beginning swimming** on Wednesday this week and Miss Rowley reports that the children were confident and extremely well behaved on the bus and in the pool – well done Year 3!

This week the Year 3 & 4 also welcomed Sarah from Education Group to lead a workshop on the **Egyptians**. The children had a wonderful time off timetable learning a dance, performing for an audience and then doing some artwork in the afternoon. I hope you were able to watch the dance – sadly I missed it but have seen the video footage and I am immensely proud.



Mr Philips along with Fr Peter and the parish catechists are beginning the programme for **First Holy Communion** preparation. They have planned an initial meeting for 11th October after school. All Year 4 children will receive a letter to explain this but if your child is in Y5 or Y6 and have not previously received the Sacrament and would like to prepare for this please speak to either Fr Peter or Mr Philips. Also should you know of any Catholic children not in a Catholic school who would like to prepare for First Holy Communion please send them Fr Peter's way.

The attendance figures for last week are showing a decline sadly.

Target is 96%	
Whole school	94.3
Nursery	89.1
Rec	93.3
Year 1	94.7
Year 2	99.3
Year 3	98.7
Year 4	89.3
Year 5	90.3
Year 6	98.0

It is so important that if a child is well they are in school even one day can impact their learning. Well done to Year 2, 3 and 6 who achieved the target

Finally, you will be receiving a ballot paper for the role of **parent governor**. Please take time to read the election statements from both candidates along with the information on the role of parent governor. This information should allow you to make an informed judgement on who you feel would make a positive contribution to the further development of St Bede's RCVA Primary School. The Governing body that we have at St Bede's is a very effective one as it regularly challenges me and other staff on the performance of the school and therefore on the quality of the Catholic Education that we provide for your children. I hope that the new addition to the governing body will be able to add to this support and challenge.

Please ring or catch me around school if you have any queries about school life.

Yours sincerely,

Therese Worrall
Headteacher