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On Friday or over the weekend you should have received your child's end of year report. It has been such a pleasure to read through the reports; it has reinforced for me what amazing children we have at St Bede's. Thank you for your support of school; working together we have been able to help all of the children develop during this turbulent time.

Included in the report envelope is a form please do complete and return this to provide us with feedback on your child's year at school.



Mrs Worrall
Headteacher

We are hoping to hold a sports day on **Wednesday 7th July for Years 1-6 and Thursday 8th for Nursery and Reception.**

We have decided following DfE guidance that we can welcome parents onto the school site with very tight restrictions. There can only be **one** adult per child and your space must be booked in advance. Unfortunately we will not be able to allow flexibility on this.

The spectating area will be set out and parents must stay socially distanced in the area.

A Google Form will be sent out so that you can book a place and also provide your details for tracking and tracing needs.

Timings for the days

Wednesday 7th July

Year 1 – 9 – 9.45am

Year 2 - 9.50 – 10.35am

Year 3 – 10.40 – 11.25am

Year 4 – 11.30 – 12.15am

Year 5 – 1.15 – 2.00am

Year 6 – 2pm – 2.45am

Thursday 8th July

Nursery – 1.30 – 2pm

Reception – 2.15 – 2.45pm

Spectators will enter the school site via the Catholic Row gate and exit via the Ridge Terrace gate.



On Tuesday 29th June we will be taking part in Mission Together's, Day of Many Colours. This is a day for the children to celebrate their belonging to God's Universal Family. We are asking the children to come to school brightly dressed in whatever colour they like – the more the better. We are **not** fundraising just celebrating our wonderful world. Throughout the day the children will be focusing on a continent when working in class. We anticipate this to be a fun packed day where the children learn so much more about our world.

Nursery and Reception are looking at Oceania

Years 1 & 2 are looking at Asia

Year 3 & 4 are looking at the Americas

Years 5 & 6 are looking at Africa.

Pupil Absences

Please could we remind parents/carers that if your child is off school you must contact the School Office with a reason for absence. You can either ring after 8am, email the office –

admin@st-bedes.northumberland.sch.uk or send school a text message via School Gateway.

This is for safeguarding reasons, the School Office will keep trying all contacts until contact has been made. Thank you.



We have, over the past week seen a slight increase in positive covid test results with different members of our school community. Unfortunately our Nursery children and staff are at the moment isolating. There are some children throughout school also isolating as a member of their household has tested positive.

This has come as a clear reminder for me that we are still not 'out of the woods'. It would be lovely to be able to relax more, however with regards to school life the measures are still very much in place. Having parents on site outside under very strict controls for sports day and leavers assembly are the only luxuries at the moment.

I ask you to continue to be mindful that the children are remaining as safe as they can, please stick to the everyday measures we have in life so that transference of the virus has the least possible chance.

If your child shows any symptoms of the virus please book a PCR test

(<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/essential-worker>) and isolate. It is wonderful that lateral flow tests are available to everyone now but with symptoms it should be a PCR.

Staff changes this summer

Since you have now received information about your child's teacher next year I can share with you that we will be sadly saying goodbye to some of our staff.

- Mrs Behic, our Year 4 teacher has been offered a wonderful opportunity with her family, to live and work abroad for a while. We hope that this is just what the family needs after a trying sixteen months.
- Miss Mullen has been working with us as an academic mentor since October 2020. Her contract is now coming to an end and we wish her all the best of luck for the future.
- Mrs Nelless, who has worked at St Bede's for ten years now, has decided to retire from work. During the last half of her time with us Mrs Nelless has been our SENDco. We wish her all the best wishes for the future and know that she is going to love having time to spend with her family especially her granddaughter.
- Mrs Wilson has been working with us since September to cover staff absence. During her time here she has supported St Bede's through tricky months and her passion to help Year 3 flourish has provided the children with great steps in their progress. We wish her all the best for the next chapter in her career.
- Mrs Young, following a period of time away from school, has decided that this is a time for her to move to new pastures, and look towards new opportunities in her teaching career. She wishes the pupils, the parents and the school the very best of wishes for the future. St Bede's thanks Mrs Young for her time at the school and send best wishes for the future.

Should you wish to share any good luck messages with the staff please feel free to send them via the school office.

Activities for the end of the school year

We are hoping to provide the children with different activities as we move towards the summer break. We have taken the decision to keep these activities on the school site to reduce contact with others.

Hopefully next year we can resume offsite visits where the children can gain hands on experiences of our region.

A fun day on Friday 9th July is being planned where the children will carry out various activities including having a picnic provided by school and a mini Glastonbede where they can watch each other perform on stage. If there is any way to share this virtually we will. However performance laws have to be adhered to so the choice of music would be greatly reduced if we wanted to put it on our social media accounts. The priority will be for the children to have fun not whether we can stream it.

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

We hope to be able to share the leaver's assembly with parents on Thursday 15th July starting at 10.30am. If the weather remains fine, we know that we can safely host 2 adults per child. The yard will be organised so that social distancing is possible. Adults coming onto site will need to follow strict measures in place.

A separate letter will be sent out to Year 6 parents. If there is poor weather though it will be cancelled at short notice.



Dates for remainder of the school year

Week of 21st June - Year 6 children competing in Lego Robotics Tournament

Friday 25th June - 'Through the classroom window' newsletter and video created by children sent to parents

Monday 28th June - Children begin 3 week transition period with new teacher

Tuesday 29th June - 'Day of Many Colours' Children will be exploring the different continents of the world and our responsibility as global stewards. Children come dressed in their favourite colours – non uniform needed

Saturday 3rd July - First Holy Communion Masses at Church

Wednesday 7th July - Sports day with the support of NUFC Foundation –Following DfE guidelines we are delighted that we will be able to invite parents in for bubble sessions. Information to follow shortly

Friday 9th July - End of year fun day Friday for all children including picnic provided by school and mini Glastonbede for children.

Weekend of 10th July - End of school camping and outdoor water sports weekend for Year 6

Thursday 15th July - Leavers assembly – outside hopefully with parents

Friday 16th July - School breaks up for Summer Holiday