

# St. Bede's News



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Are you giving up or giving more?

This week we have seen the beginning of Lent. The children were brilliant at Church on Ash Wednesday when we reflected on what is to come during the coming 6 weeks. Fr Peter asked them and the adults present to establish what is being given up in preparation for Easter and what is going to be offered.

What are you doing during Lent?



Our Mini Vinnies group have decided to support Mary's Meals charity during Lent. They would like us to provide school back packs and contents for children in developing countries. The equipment can be pre used if in good condition. If you have any of the following items that you would like to donate please send them into school so that we can follow our Christian mission of helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

If you wish to find out more about Mary's Meals please speak to one of our Mini Vinnies or see the website

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

## ★ IMPORTANT DATES ★

Week Commencing – Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020	Information has been sent out	<b>Parent/Carer Classroom Drop in Sessions</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2020		<b>World Book Day</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	9am – 10am	<b>Year 4 Liturgy (School Hall)</b>
Week Commencing – Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Information has been sent out	<b>Parent/Carer Evening Appointments</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	3pm – 4:15pm	<b>Mini Vinnies Club</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	3pm – 4:15pm	<b>First Holy Communion Session at Church</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	10am - 11am	<b>Years 2 &amp; 3 Mass</b>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	5:30pm - 6:30pm	<b>Mass for First Holy Communion children at Church</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	9am – 10am	<b>Year 5 Liturgy (School Hall)</b>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	3pm – 4:15pm	<b>Mini Vinnies Club</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	10am - 11am	<b>Year 1 Mass</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	9am - 10am	<b>Year 6 Liturgy (School Hall)</b>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	3pm – 4:15pm	<b>First Holy Communion Session at Church</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020	10am - 11am	<b>Whole School Mass</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020		<b>Last Day of Spring 2 Term</b>
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	5:30pm - 6:30pm	<b>Mass for First Holy Communion children at Church</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020		<b>School Closed – Teacher Training Day</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2020		<b>Back to School for Summer 1 Term</b>

\*Please note 'Important Dates' events will be added as & when they are booked\*

## Reminder

Please do not bring dogs onto school premises; this includes the grounds of St Benet Biscop.

Thank you



Thank you to those of you who have respected the request to not use the school car park to drop off and collect children. This minimises the risk that a child may be hurt.



You may have seen on our social media accounts that Bedlington is hosting a craft festival in March. The Festival of Arts in Bedlington (FAB) begins on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. We are joining with the community to show some of the crafts that we do at St Bede's. It would be lovely for as many of our families as possible to get involved to. Please see <https://www.facebook.com/festivalofartsbedlington/> or <https://www.facebook.com/bedlingtoncreatives/> for more information.

Some of the events are...

- FAB Launch event - 4pm on Friday wearing yellow or red and countdown to launch the very first Festival of Arts Bedlington. Choose a spot along FRONT STREET and count down from 100 to launch.
- Family Photo Challenge in partnership with Laird's House Bedlington
- The Great Bedlington Bake Off & Tea Party - Venue; Bedlington Community Centre On the final day of the festival (Sunday 22 March), we are inviting you to bring us your most creative cakes to help us celebrate in a giant tea party for the whole community!
- Creative Garden designers age 11 and under to design, draw and colour something really special for Laird's House Community Garden. You can drop off your entries at Bedlington Community Centre or Laird's House during opening hours by Mon 16 March. Please include the name of your Garden, your name, age and parent's detail on the back of your entry.



After the Easter holidays we are changing the school lunch provider and the meals will be cooked by the catering staff at St Benet Biscop. The food will be transported to our kitchen in the same way as the present time and there should be very little change apart from using a different system.

Menus will be advertised and you will be able to pre-book the meals. The payment system will be a new one and we are working hard to minimise any disruption to you. We will keep you updated as we have more information.

**Over recent weeks the staff in school have been reflecting upon the reading opportunities for the children. The younger children have had an injection of new books into the reading scheme and those who receive Read Write inc sessions in school will have a home reading book that reflects the one they use in class. They will also be given an additional book to supplement the specific phonics book. The children will have these books for a week with the idea that they can read it but also discuss with the adults at home the content. The aim is that they fully understand the book not simply read the words.**

**When children no longer need to access Read Write inc sessions, their reading books will change to be on the Accelerated Reader programme. This is a system where the children complete an online quiz once they have read their book to check their comprehension and understanding of the text.**

**In addition to the children being able to read and explain their book, we want the children to develop an enjoyment for reading. You can help with this at home by sharing time with your child reading and discussing the books that you have at home. If you would like your child to bring additional books home, please speak to their class teacher as we have many books in school that can be borrowed. Your child will also be receiving a book token today which they can exchange for a free World Book Day book or they can use as a £1 book token.**